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HENRY WALDINGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
*Enriching Valley Stream Lives*

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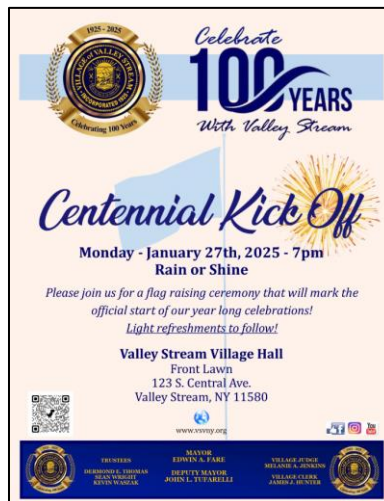


Only a few more days before we start a new year! It seems that 2024 year flew by. And we are almost midway through another decade – a decade that began with the COVID pandemic in 2020.

Did you know that the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream will be celebrating its Centennial during 2025? Mayor Fare and the Valley Stream Centennial Committee have plans for various events and special momentos to mark the occasion.



On Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, there will be a Kick-Off Ceremony on the Village Hall Front Lawn when the Centennial Flag will be raised.



All are welcome to attend this momentous occasion – light refreshments to follow!

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library will be holding several events as part of the Village Centennial throughout the year. First up, the library is asking its patrons to vote on what their favorite books are from January 6 to April 5, 2025. The vote will be conducted in the library and online, and the results will be announced during the week of April 6-12, 2025, which is National Library Week.

You can participate in this survey of **Valley Stream's 100 Favorite Books** by submitting your vote at the library or by clicking on this link to submit your vote online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DVrC8zZ7aZ>

Votes can be anonymous, but if you provide your name and contact information, you will be entered to win a raffle prize at the end of the survey period. Get ready to vote starting next week.

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

## Take the Winter Reading Challenge

There is still time for you to participate in the Winter Reading Challenge! Patrons, young and old, can complete a challenge card and submit it by January 18, 2025. Prizes and raffles for all winter challenge participants!

As a special treat, Children's Librarian Ms. Kunz has planned a Hot Chocolate Party for all children who complete the challenge, so start reading now!

The image shows three overlapping challenge cards. The top card is the 'Adult Winter Challenge' with instructions to complete 6 categories. The middle card is the 'Teen Winter Challenge' with instructions to complete 3 tasks. The bottom card is the 'Children's Winter Reading Challenge' with instructions to complete 8 tasks. Each card has a grid of tasks with checkboxes and a space for a signature and date.

Contact Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) if you would like to have the PDF of your challenge card emailed to you.

## 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 January 2025, the library will offer virtual computer classes on Microsoft Excel basics.



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](mailto: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.



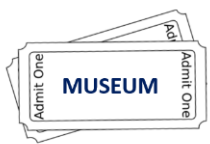
So, grab a WIP (work-in-progress) and join us!

To register, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



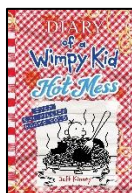
In addition, the library now offers discount codes to a variety of local attractions, including Splish Splash, Adventure Park, and the Wildlife Conservation Society zoos and aquarium. **Get 20% off on admission tickets to the Bronx Zoo!**



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](mailto: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!

## NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSINGS



**Tuesday, December 31**  
**Library Closes at 1:00 pm**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**  
**Library Closed**

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

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CLOSING



**Monday,**  
**January 20, 2025**

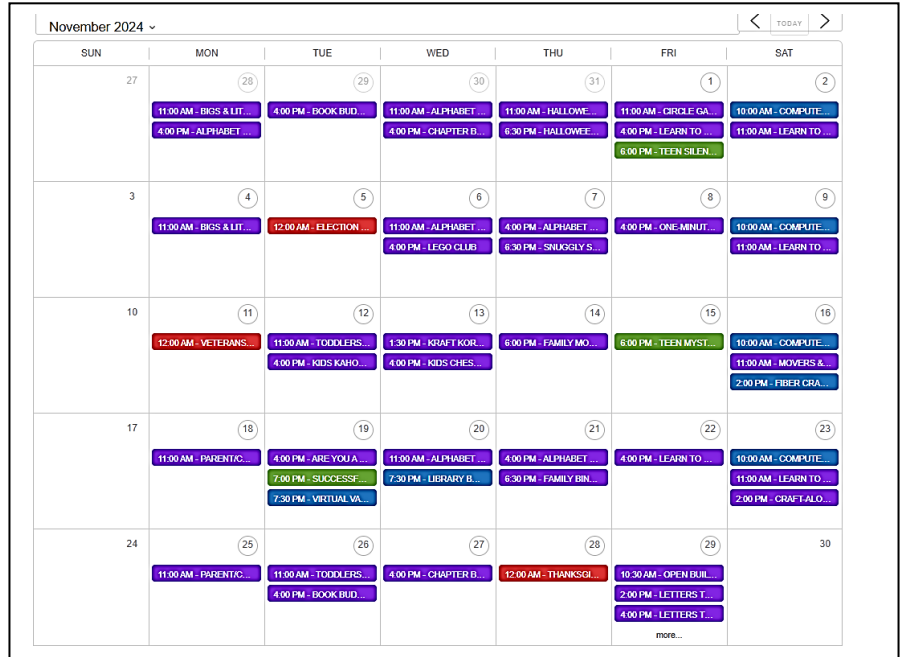
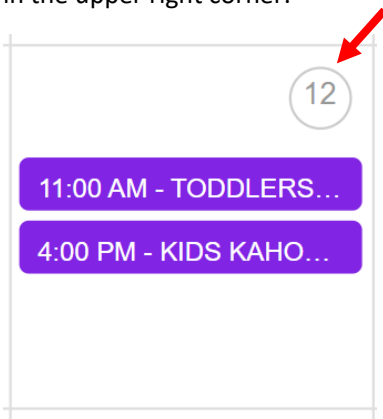
**Library reopens on**  
**Tuesday,**  
**January 21, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

# 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.

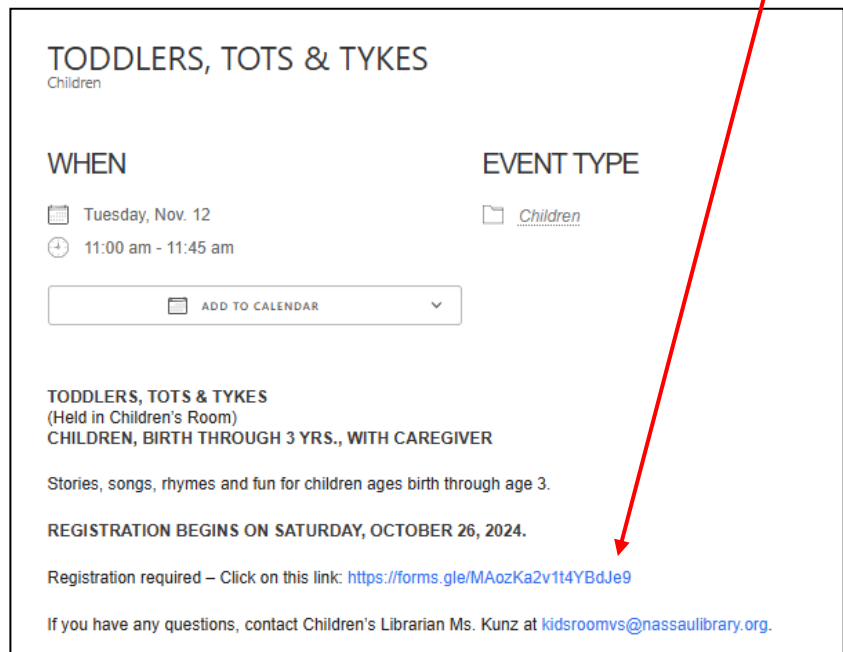
To see all the events on a particular day, click on the circle in the upper right corner:



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!



## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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](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.

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## Maximizing Social Security & Retirement - Timing, Taxes, Health Care & More -

### *At What Age Should I Apply for Social Security?*

This seems like a simple question, but the answer is far from simple! In fact, for Married Couples, there are 100's of different Social Security Timing Strategies to choose from - **if you qualify!** The difference between the best and worst strategies can be well over \$150,000 of **Lost Income over your Lifetime** – and that's if you **ONLY** live to "Normal" life expectancy. *What if you live longer than normal?* And what if you are **Divorced or Widowed?** How does this all affect YOU?

### *... But What About Income Taxes?*

Did you know that up to 85% of your Social Security income can be taxed, BUT that it **may** be possible to **Lower Your taxable Social Security** amount substantially just by making a few simple changes to your financial picture? And these changes may also lower some other taxes as well.

### *... And What If I Get Sick?*

You will face **18 Different Risks** during your Retirement - and **Health Care Risk** ranks right up there at the top of the list! We'll discuss methods of **Providing Care If YOU Need It** – while also Protecting the Care-Giver - and the Assets You **BOTH** will need for Income!

***Smart Decisions Require Good Information!***

***Congress Keeps Changing the Rules.***

***YOU Need to Know How these Changes might affect YOU – for Better or Worse! Please join us as we Discuss these Rules in Detail and Learn how they might influence YOUR Lifetime Retirement Income and Your Family's Wellbeing!***

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

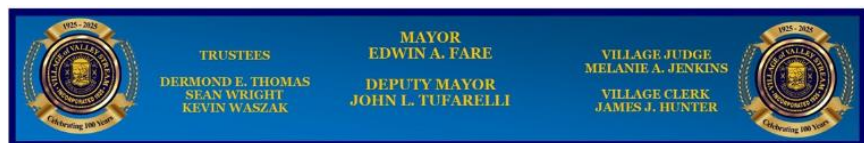
**6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**CHILDREN'S ROOM**

To register, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) or click on this link to register: <https://forms.office.com/r/LsaXpJXCNR>

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 a program.

Serving the residents of the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream and the Mill Brook Library District  
[www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org)



## 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](mailto: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!***

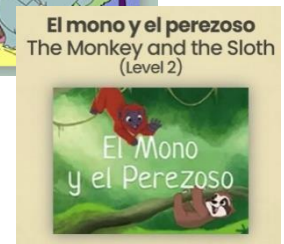
*Free Blockbuster Valley Stream* was launched in 2022 by the Castillo family to bring back the nostalgic days of video stores and give local residents a place to donate their unwanted movies. Located on Cornwell Avenue near the intersection of East Oxford Street, *Free Blockbuster Valley Stream* is filled 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)



## PARA SU INFORMACIÓN NOTICIAS Y CULTURA

¿Tienes gripe y resfriado? Echa un vistazo a estos recursos que pueden ayudarte a recuperarte de forma más rápida y natural.

El Centro Nacional de Salud Complementaria e Integrativa es un recurso que ayuda a curar dolencias. Los estadounidenses se ven afectados por el resfriado y la gripe cada año; protéjase con enfoques de salud complementarios como el té verde y las hierbas medicinales chinas.

<https://www.nccih.nih.gov/health/espanol/la-gripe-y-los-resfriados-en-detalles>



Have the flu or cold? Take a look at these resources that can help you recover faster and naturally.

National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health is a resource that helps with curing ailments. Americans are plagued by the cold and flu every year, protect yourself with complementary health approaches such as Green Tea and Chinese Herbal Medicines.

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING



**Wednesday,  
January 15, 2025  
7:30 pm**

**Children's Room**

Ring bell at Children's Room  
Entrance for admittance.

Registration link:

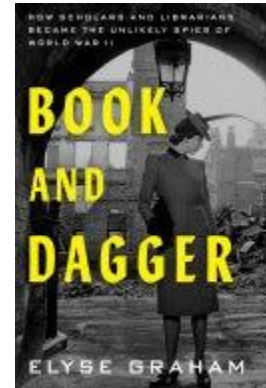
<https://forms.office.com/r/sEezC6auPP>

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

The Valley Stream Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, via Zoom to discuss *Book and Dagger*, by Elyse Graham. NOTE: The author will be joining the meeting via Zoom.



Elyse Graham draws on personal histories, letters, and declassified OSS files to tell the story of a small but connected group of humanities scholars turned spies. These unforgettable characters would ultimately help lay the foundations of modern intelligence and transform American higher education when they returned after the war.

To register for the meeting, click on the registration link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/utqKVwUiK7>

A copy of the book and the reading guide will be available to pick up at the Adult Reference Desk.

## 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](https://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



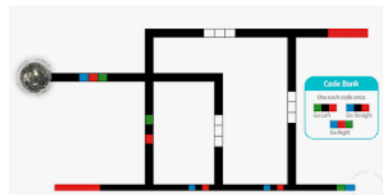
**Monday,  
January 27, 2025  
4:30 pm**

#### 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/Dm8YkHcFgN>



## 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](http://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](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.

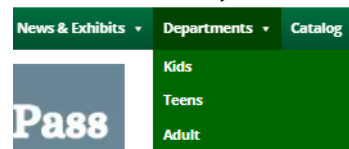
## CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY WEBSITE

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**

# LEARN TO CODE WITH SCRATCH



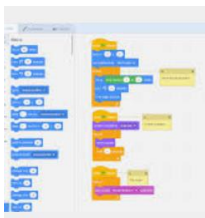
Learn basic coding with SCRATCH. The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is hosting a series of SCRATCH classes each month. Our student volunteer Ilanna will explain how SCRATCH works and help children make simple coding programs.

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

The next classes in January 2025 are:

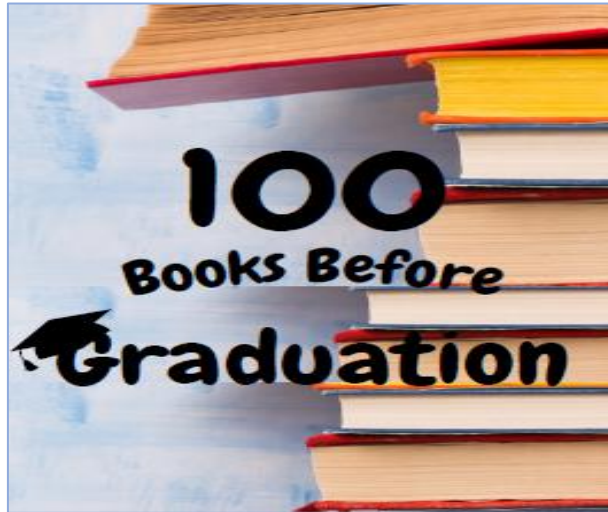
Saturday, January 4, 2025  
11:00 am

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



Saturday, January 11, 2025  
11:00 am

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



## 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](https://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](mailto: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](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! 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](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."

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• Government & Politics	• Life Stages
• Map Collection	• National Symbols

Available on library computers and at home from the library website.

**WORLD TRADE PRESS™**  
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# 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, NY



<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 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) or 516-825-6422 for further information.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

  
**BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN**  
 NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## NASSAU COUNTY TEMPORARY WARMING SPACES

These spaces will be activated  
 when the wind chill is at  
**32 DEGREES OR BELOW FOR  
 2 CONSECUTIVE HOURS OR MORE**  
 at the following locations:



**CANTIAGUE PARK ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**  
 480 W John Street, Hicksville  
*Open 9:00am-4:00pm. Anyone remaining after that time will be transported to Mitchel Field by MCPD.*

**MITCHEL FIELD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
 1 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale  
*Open 24 hours. Anyone in need of transport should call 9-1-1 and will be taken to Mitchel Field.*

**WANTAGH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
 1 King Road, Wantagh  
*Open 9:00am-4:00pm. Anyone remaining after that time will be transported to Mitchel Field by MCPD.*

If you see someone who may need shelter overnight,  
 do not hesitate to call the Nassau County Winter Homeless Hotline:  
**NASSAU COUNTY WINTER HOMELESS HOTLINE:**  
**1-866-WARMBED (866-927-6233)**

  
**BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN**  
 EJECUTIVO DEL CONDADO DE NASSAU

anuncia la apertura de  
**CENTROS DE CALENTAMIENTO  
 DEL CONDADO DE NASSAU**

**ENTRA Y  
 CALIÉNTATE**  
 en las  
 siguientes ubicaciones:



**OFICINA DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DEL PARQUE CANTIAGUE**  
 480 W John Street, Hicksville  
*Abierto de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. Cualquiera que permanezca después de esa hora será transportado a Mitchel Field por la Policía del Condado de Nassau.*

**EDIFICIO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DE MITCHEL FIELD**  
 1 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale  
*Abierto las 24 horas. Cualquiera persona que necesite transporte debe llamar al 9-1-1 y será llevada a Mitchel Field.*

**EDIFICIO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DE WANTAGH**  
 1 King Road, Wantagh  
*Abierto de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. Cualquiera que permanezca después de esa hora será transportado a Mitchel Field por la Policía del Condado de Nassau.*

Si ves a alguien que pueda necesitar refugio durante la noche, no dudes en llamar a la  
 Línea Directa para Personas Sin Hogar en Invierno del Condado de Nassau:  
**LÍNEA DIRECTA PARA PERSONAS SIN HOGAR  
 EN INVIERNO DEL CONDADO DE NASSAU:**  
**1-866-WARMBED (866-927-6233)**



- 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 fear for their 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



### [Winterfest 2024](#)

Enjoy this montage of some of  
most memorable Winterfest moments!



## *Centennial Kick Off*

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

Valley Stream Village Hall  
Front Lawn

# Building Permits online



**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 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting Plastic, Metal & Glass.

**APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT:**  
[WWW.VSVNY.ORG/BARRETT](http://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: [campbarrettva@gmail.com](mailto:campbarrettva@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 Thursdays, 1/23 - 3/27, 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*	Mondays, 1/27 - 4/7, 6:30pm to 7:30pm *No Class 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) 825-8571

Register online at <https://www.vsvrec.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



### 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.vsvrec.org](http://www.vsvrec.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!

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