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Enriching Valley Stream lives

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Valentine's Day books are on display in the Children's Room, and the Adult Room stocks many romance books for adult readers:

Rom-coms by authors such as Emily Henry, Ali Hazelwood, Abby Jeminez, Tessa Bailey



Historical romances such as *Bridgerton* or *Outlander* and more

Romantasy novels by Rebecca Yarros, Sarah J. Maas, S. A. Chakraborty, and more

Spicy romances by Ana Huang, Katee Robert, etc.

Series romances such as Harlequin Presents and Harlequin Special Editions

Join us in celebrating Valentine's Day by attending a program or by reading about romance and love!

Mamie Eng
Library Director

As you know, Valentine's Day will be observed this Saturday. The day was named after St. Valentine, and in the 5th century, Pope Gelasius declared that it would be celebrated on February 14th.

Valentine's Day became associated with romance and love in the 14th century, and the first commercial valentine cards were produced in the 1880s. Esther Howland from Worcester, MA, is considered to be the "Mother of the American Valentine."



Children's Librarian Ms. Kunz will be holding a Valentine's Day craft program on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 4pm, for Children, Grades K-6. There are still spaces open for the program so click here to register:

<https://valleystreamlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/craft-along-valentines-day/>

In addition, Teen Librarian Ms. Kenney will be challenging teens to compete in Teen Valentine's One-Minute Challenges on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 6:30pm. Register at:

<https://valleystreamlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/teen-valentines-one-minute-challenges/>

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST 2026

100 YEARS OF HONORING BLACK HISTORY

Essay Contest Prompt

In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History established Negro History Week to shed light on the accomplishments of Black Americans. In 1976, the week was expanded to a month and was nationally recognized for the first time by President Gerald Ford as Black History Month.

For one hundred years the contributions of Black Americans to our nation's history have been celebrated during the month of February. Why is it still important to celebrate and observe Black History Month?



Winners will be selected from each of the following groups:
Early Elementary - K to 3rd Grade
Elementary - 4th to 6th Grade
Junior High - 7th to 9th Grade
High School - 10th to 12th Grade
Return essays to the Children's Room or email to kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org by Saturday, February 28, 2026

Contest prizes graciously provided by Green Acres

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LIBRARY CLOSED



**Monday
February 16, 2026**

Library reopens on
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

GRATIS

CLASES BASICAS DE ESL PARA ADULTOS QUE HABLAN ESPAÑOL



**LOS JUEVES
10:00-11:30 AM**

Temas Incluidos
Alfabeto • Pronunciacion •
Conversacion Basica • Lectura

**February 12, 2026
February 26, 2026**

**March - June 2026 -
Dates to be announced.**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Registration is for all classes in the series. You are encouraged to attend as many classes as possible.

If you have any questions, send an e-mail to hwmlcontact@hotmail.com.

CONNECTING WITH



If you are enrolled in Medicaid and you or your family are looking for support with food, transportation, or housing, a representative from the Friedberg JCC will be available on to help you!

Case Manager Paige Worley will be available at library on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, from **3-5pm**, to help you get connected to the services that are right for you. Navigation includes: housing, nutrition, employment, education, and transportation.

Friedberg JCC is a contracted partner of HEALI, Long Island's Social Care Network. To learn more about services available, visit <https://healiny.org> or call 516-505-4434.



For more information about Friedberg JCC, visit <https://friedbergjcc.org/program-guide/>.

Fiber Crafters Get-Together

**Saturday,
February 21, 2026
2:00-3:30 pm**

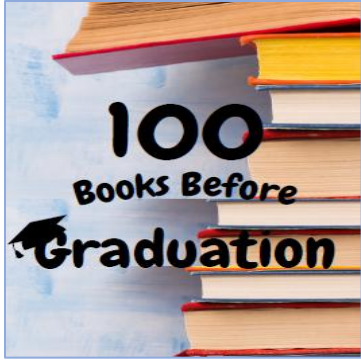
Children's Room



All fiber crafters (knitters, crocheters, needle-workers, 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 REGISTER link [here](#) or on the library events calendar.



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

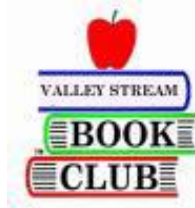


tinyurl.com/VS100Books

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

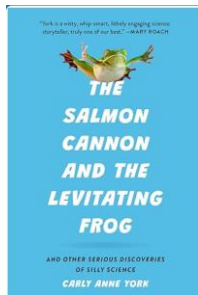
VALLEY STREAM BOOK CLUB RECORDINGS



The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library hosts the Valley Stream Book Club via Zoom each month, usually on the last Tuesday of the month, from 7:30-8:30 pm (ET).

Usually, the author of the book that is being discussed joins the meeting via Zoom. Recordings of most of the meetings are available on YouTube.

At last month's meeting, Carly Anne York discussed her recent book, *The Salmon Cannon and the Levitating Frog*. The link to the recording on YouTube is: <https://youtu.be/dG0zPJOj0gM?si=HxJ58XgJsSFIORXG>



Tween Anime and Manga Club



Join the library's **Tween Anime and Manga Club** - it is the perfect place for tweens who love everything anime and manga!

Are you ready to dive into the fantastic world of anime and manga? Whether you're a seasoned otaku or just getting started, our club is the perfect place for tweens who love everything anime and manga!

The next meeting of the Tween Manga and Anime Club will be on **Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:30 pm.**

This program is for children in grades 5 to 8. Registration is required – you can register on the library's calendar of events.



For questions, contact Librarian Trainee Ms. Mendez at hwmlrefdesk@nassaulibrary.org.

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Successfully Navigating College Admissions *ZOOM Workshop*

Zoom Presentation for
Teens & Parents
Free to Attend



Successfully Navigating College Admissions

Wednesday, February 25th 7:30-8:30 PM EST



- Current Admissions Trends
- Changing SAT/ACT Environment
- Importance of Community Service
- What Admissions Officers Look For
- College Visits
- Timeline
- Reducing Stress Around the Process

Come Join Us!

Led by Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper,
partners at Stand Out For College, LLC
www.standoutforcollege.com



Scan QR Code to Register

For questions or to register, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at hwmcontact@hotmail.com or [click](#) on the REGISTER button on the Calendar of Events listing for the event.

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.

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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.



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.

The library has added Wonderbooks from the Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney, the Dog Man graphic novels by Dav Pilkey, and many more popular titles.



To find out what Wonderbook titles are available, go to the library website at www.valleystreamlibrary.org and type in "wonderbooks" in the search box for the Valley Stream Catalog.

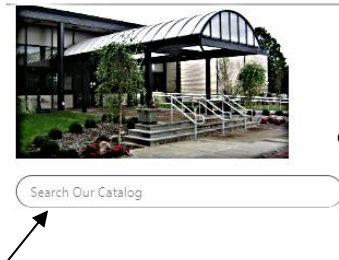


There are hundreds of titles available.

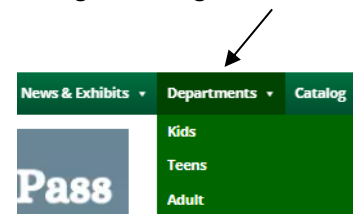
CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY WEBSITE

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

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*
- *Town of Hempstead Monthly Calendar of Events*
- *Your Local Kids Source*



View the Night Sky



This image of the moon was taken by a patron using the library's telescope.

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library has an Orion 4.5 StarBlast Reflector telescope available for loan for a 7-day loan period to Valley Stream adult library cardholders in good standing. The telescope was donated to the library by the Amateur Observers' Society of New York.

The loan package comes with instructions on how to use the telescope, moon map, constellation and celestial finder, and *Constellations* pocket guide.



To borrow the telescope or further information, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com.

New Online Resource



<https://landing.brainfuse.com/authenticate.asp?u=main.valleystream.nassauhn.ny.brainfuse.com>

On demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning. Brainfuse HelpNow eLearning for all ages and levels.

HelpNow's features include:

- **Homework Help** Interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests.
- **Skills-Building** Choose your topic to receive real-time help.
- **Personalized eLearning Tools** My File Sharing, My Session Replay, My Tutoring Archive, My Tests Archive, and more!
- **24-Hour Writing Lab** Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.
- **Homework Send Question** Submit homework questions for expert guidance.
- **Adult Learning Center** Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship prep, MS Office Essential Skills Series, and more!
- **Foreign Language Lab /Spanish-Speaking Support**

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!

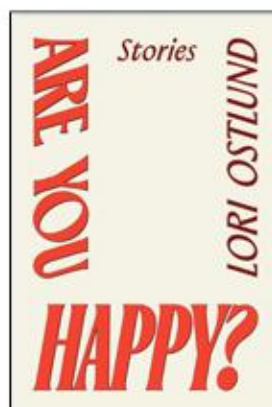
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Valley Stream Book Club Virtual Author Visit & Zoom Book Discussion

Are You Happy?
by Lori Ostlund

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026
7:30 pm**



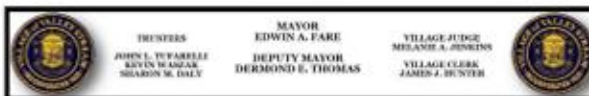
Author Lori Ostlund will join the meeting via Zoom.

Nine exquisite stories that explore class, desire, identity, and the specter of violence that looms daily over women and the LGBTQ+ community. In prose that is evocative and restrained, unpredictable and masterful, Lori Ostlund offers a darkly humorous and compassionate examination of America's preoccupation with loneliness, happiness, guns, and violence.

For questions or to register for Zoom information, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at hwmcontact@hotmail.com
or click on the register link on the library's events calendar or
<https://valleystreamlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/valley-stream-book-club-virtual-12/>

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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.



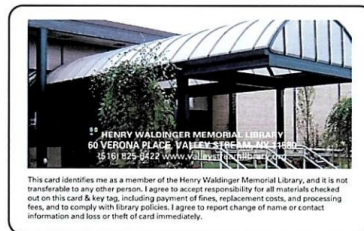
DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS STILL AVAILABLE

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 can be used to borrow e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines, plus to access online databases. Digital library cards **cannot** be used to borrow physical books and other materials.

Digital library cards are temporary with a **3-month expiration period**, so we recommend that you come in for a regular library card as soon as possible. A regular library card is good for 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

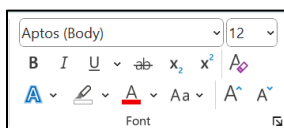


Do you want to find a job that really fits your skills and interests? Go to www.valleystreamlibrary.org, and under “Research and Homework Help,” select **JobNow** in the list of “Online Services,” to discover your dream job. Then explore career ideas by learning about job details, salaries, and more.

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.



February 14, 2026
Microsoft Word –
Indents & Spacing and Tabs

February 28, 2026
Microsoft Word –
Breaks, Line Numbers, etc.

Check the library’s events calendar for which topics will be covered each week and register for each class by clicking on the registration button at each 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.

SCRATCH MEET-UPS



Are you programming with SCRATCH?

Student volunteers Alisha and Zahbia will meet with children to review basic SCRATCH programming, to help if you have questions or are having problems with your coding, or to show you more SCRATCH coding tips.

Children should bring their own iPads if possible and have access to their SCRATCH account. If not, the library will have a limited number of iPads available for use.

The next meet-up is on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 1pm. That program is full. However, another session is being offered on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 11am. The registration link for this class is:

<https://valleystreamlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/stem-workshop-scratch-meet-up-7/>



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ?

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

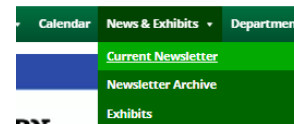


BookPage highlights the best new books across all genres chosen by its editors. Every book that is covered is one that they recommend to readers.

LIBRARY LINKS IS BI-WEEKLY



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



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

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Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 21, 2026
11:00 am



Performances by the
Valley Stream South High School
Cultural Society

Children, All Ages, with Parents/Caregivers

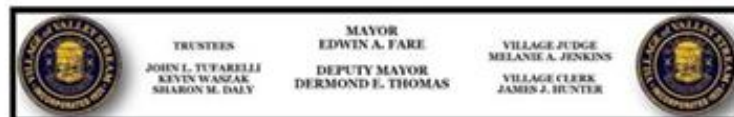
Registration Required.

Register for the event on the library's event calendar or click on this link:

<https://valleystreamlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/lunar-new-year-celebration/>

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2026 BOOK BUDDIES & CHAPTER BOOK CHAT

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.

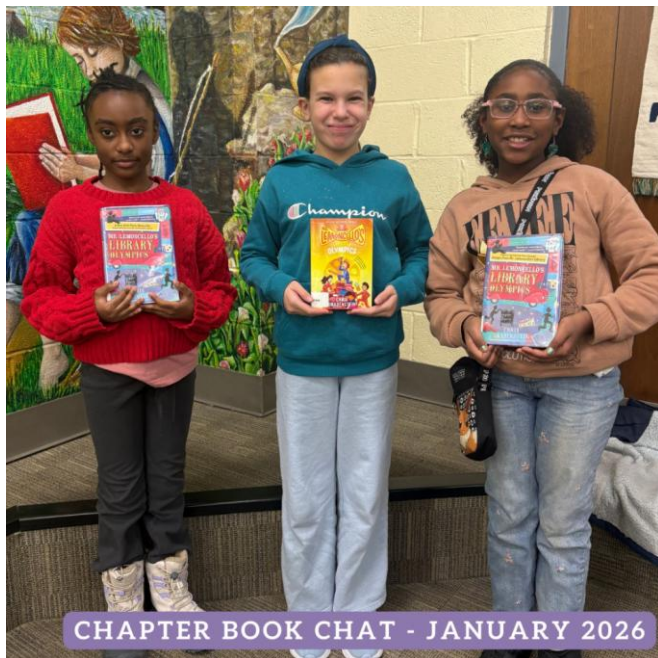
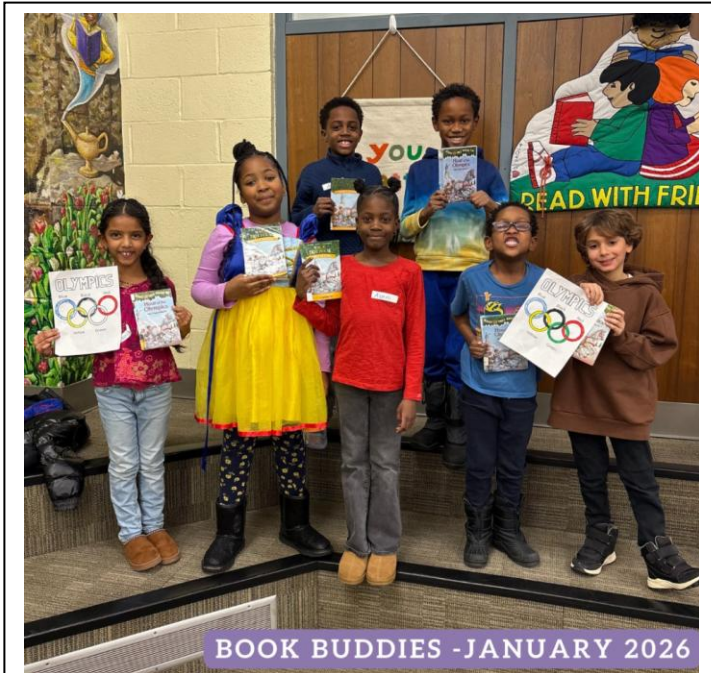


There is a protective bumper around the Launchpad tablets, they can safely be used by children. There are learning games such as “A World of Letters” and “World of Adventure,” plus videos from kid favorites such as Clifford the Big Red Dog and Richard Scarry. The contents are vetted by educators.

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!





28th Annual Children's LEGO Exhibit

FREQUENT LIBRARY VISITOR PROGRAM

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.



Mid-January - February 2026

LEGO CREATIONS
by children of all ages welcome!

Reserve space for your work at the Adult Reference Desk.

LEGO creations will be on exhibit in the Adult Room Exhibit Cases of the library from Mid-January through February 2026.

Due to construction work that was going on in the library, the exhibit has been delayed to mid-January 2026.

Original LEGO creations by boys and girls of all ages may be submitted for display as space permits.

Creations can be no more than 9 inches deep or 36 inches wide. (DO NOT USE THE GREEN SQUARE LEGO BASE.) This is the maximum size that fits in show case.

The library continuing its **Frequent Library Visitor** program in 2026. 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. Twelve cards were submitted in 2024, representing **360 visits** to the library.

The winner of the 2024 Frequent Visitor Raffle was Phyllis S., and she received an Amazon gift card and other prize items. All other 2024 frequent visitors received a small prize for visiting the library throughout the year.

Winners for 2025 will be announced shortly!



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.

NEW LIBRARY EVENT CALENDAR

A new event calendar is now available for patrons to view our programs and events! This calendar is produced by Assabet Interactive and has features that will make registering for programs quicker and simpler. Registration confirmations and reminder emails will be sent to you automatically. Click on “Calendar” on the navigation bar on the library homepage to view the calendar.



MARCH 2025							PREVIOUS MONTH	TODAY	NEXT MONTH
VIEW: BY DATE-ORDERED LISTINGS BY MONTH: FILTER: BY CATEGORY BY BRANCH/PLACE									
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SEARCH		
						1 10:00–11:00 AM Computer Class - Microsoft Excel (VIRTUAL) REGISTER			
2 CLOSED Henry Wadlinger Memorial Library	3 9:00–9:00 PM Lego Club REGISTER	4 1:00–11:45 AM Toddlers, Tots & Tykes REGISTER	5 4:00–6:00 PM Kids' Chess Meet-Up REGISTER	6 9:00–11:30 AM Basic ESL Class for Spanish-Speaking Adults/Classes Basico de ESL para Adultos que Hablan Espanol REGISTER	7 6:00–6:00 PM STEM Workshop: Ozobot Fun REGISTER 6:00–7:30 PM Teen Movie Night REGISTER	8 11:00–11:45 AM Movers & Shakers REGISTER 1:00–2:00 PM STEM Workshop: Learn to Code with SCRATCH REGISTER			
9 CLOSED Henry Wadlinger Memorial Library	10	11 4:00–5:00 PM Craft-Along: St. Patrick's Day REGISTER 7:00–7:15 PM Successfully Navigating College Admissions in 2025 (VIRTUAL) REGISTER	12 11:00–11:45 AM Alphabet Soup: L is for Lion REGISTER	13 10:00–11:30 AM Basic ESL Class for Spanish-Speaking Adults/Classes Basico de ESL para Adultos que Hablan Espanol REGISTER 4:00–6:45 PM Alphabet Soup: L is for Lion REGISTER 6:30–7:15 PM Stuggly Stories REGISTER	14 4:00–5:00 PM Open Building Time REGISTER 6:30–7:30 PM Teen LEGO Night REGISTER	15 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Teens Volunteering: Couponing REGISTER 2:00–3:30 PM Fiber Crafters Get Together REGISTER			
16 CLOSED Henry Wadlinger Memorial Library	17 4:00–5:00 PM One Minute Challenges REGISTER	18 11:00–11:45 AM Toddlers, Tots & Tykes REGISTER 4:00–5:00 PM Poem-in-Your-Pocket Day REGISTER	19 1:00–2:30 PM Craft Corner REGISTER 4:00–5:00 PM Craft-Along: Spring REGISTER	20 10:00–11:30 AM Basic ESL Class for Spanish-Speaking Adults/Classes Basico de ESL para Adultos que Hablan Espanol REGISTER 6:30–7:30 PM Family Stage Night REGISTER	21 6:30–7:30 PM Teen Shredders Night REGISTER	22 11:00 AM–12:00 PM STEM Workshop: Learn to Code with SCRATCH REGISTER 1:00–3:00 PM Teens & Teens Saturday Crafternoon REGISTER			
23 CLOSED Henry Wadlinger Memorial Library	24	25 4:00–5:00 PM Book Buddies REGISTER	26 11:00–11:45 AM Alphabet Soup: M is for Mouse REGISTER 4:00–6:00 PM Chapter Book Chat REGISTER	27 4:00–6:45 PM Alphabet Soup: M is for Mouse REGISTER 6:30–7:30 PM Family Puzzle Race REGISTER	28 4:00–5:00 PM Kids' Robot Tzita REGISTER 6:30–7:30 PM Teen Heads-up: Guess Who? REGISTER	29			
30 CLOSED Henry Wadlinger Memorial Library	31 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Bigs & Littles Playtime REGISTER 4:00–5:00 PM Craft-Along: Eid REGISTER								

Click on “REGISTER” for details and to register for the event. You must provide a valid e-mail address to receive automatic confirmations of your registration and to receive reminder e-mails (approximately 24 hours before the event).

You can filter the events by category – Adult, Teen, Children, Family, or Toddlers – or view the event listings in date order. For most children’s programs, parents or adult caregivers will be able to register up multiple children at the same time.

Let us know if you have any questions when registering for an event:

- Children’s Programs – kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org
- Teen Programs – Vsteens@nassaulibrary.org
- Adult Programs/General Questions – hwmlcontact@hotmail.com

MIFI X PRO SG HOTSPOTS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



The library is pleased to announce that Valley Stream library patrons can now borrow a MiFi X PRO 5G, an Inseego's 5G mobile hotspot, for a 14-day loan period! The MiFi X PRO 5G replaces the T-Mobile Franklin T-9 mobile hotspot that has served our patrons since 2020, so it was time for an upgrade!

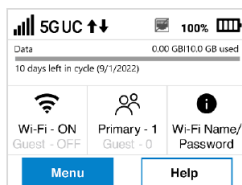
The MiFi hotspot is a device that you can use to connect a mobile-enabled device, such as a laptop smartphone or tablet, to the internet. It is portable, so you can connect your device almost wherever you are – at home, on bus or train, or in the park. **And when you are on vacation!**

Any device with Wi-Fi capability can connect to the MiFi. You can also connect via USB or Ethernet. The MiFi has two Wi-Fi networks, primary and guest, and lets you connect up to 32 Wi-Fi capable devices.

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 MiFi hotspot can accommodate up to multiple 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 MiFi hotspot is not returned on the due date.

The MiFi hotspot may be renewed for another 14-day period if there is no waiting list for it.



The original 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.

Patrons can take advantage of the MiFi hotspots when they have disruptions in their Internet service, when they are on vacation, or when they travel to an area where Internet service is spotty. Remember, there is no charge to borrow a MiFi hotspot (if you return it on time)!

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 MiFi 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.)

PLEASE NOTE: The library's MiFi hotspots are very popular around the holidays, so please call to reserve a MiFi hotspot in advance.

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:

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.



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.

During the past two years (2024-2025), the library received commissions from Better World Books totaling **\$800**, 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!



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.



FOR JOB SEEKERS



Did you know that the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library has online services available to Valley Stream library card holders to help job seekers look for jobs, to write resumes, to prepare for employment tests, and to improve office or technology skills?

The **Mometrix Test Preparation** site (see details in article to the left) will help job seekers to prepare for employment exams, such as ATI TEAS, NCLEX, and computer tech certification exams.

It also includes a section of employment resources, including how to apply for jobs online, job interview tips, common interview questions, updating your resume, and how to negotiate a job offer.

Another online service available is **JobNow** powered by BrainFuse (see page 7 for more information). provides live interactive online help combined with online resources to guide you through the necessary tasks to get a job.



If you want to explore different career options, try **Career Cruising**. This is an Interactive career guide featuring multimedia interviews with real people in every career, in-depth occupational profiles and information on colleges and universities.



Cypress Resume is a simple tool for you to create a professional resume in a matter of minutes. And it's FREE! Check it out at: <https://cypressresume.com/index.php?c=nassauvalleystream>



And try the **Computer Skills Center** in the LearningExpress Library to improve your office skills.



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."

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• Map Collection	• National Symbols

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

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GOOD NEWS
from the
Long Island Children's
Museum



Effective July 14, 2025, the Long Island Children's Museum changed its policy for its Library Family Museum Pass. It covered free admission for 1 Adult and 1 Child only, and there was a \$2.00 discount for each additional visitor.

Based on feedback from families who visited LICM with a library pass, the Long Island Children's Museum has modified the discount for additional visitors. Free admission is still only for 1 Adult and 1 Child, but families will now receive **50% off additional general admission tickets (up to four per visit)**.

In addition, the museum will only require one form of ID – a library card or a photo ID.

The Long Island Children's Museum pass is available to Valley Stream adult library cardholders (with all household members in good standing). Check at the Adult Reference Desk for availability of the pass.

NEW MUSEUM PASSES

The library is pleased to announce that it has added the American Airpower Museum and the Long Island Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame and Museum passes to its roster of family museum passes.

The American Airport Museum, located at 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, is dedicated to preserving, displaying, and flying, operational and static examples of America's legendary Airpower and ground vehicles. Its collection includes related displays, exhibits, interactive exhibits, and event programs.



Check the website at <https://www.americanairpowermuseum.com/> for hours, closings, special exhibitions & events. It is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:30 am-4:00 pm (Memorial Day thru Labor Day until 5:00 pm).

The Membership Pass covers free admission for 2 Adults and 2 Children (Ages 5-18). Children (Ages 0-4) are always FREE.

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame & Museum is located at 97 Main Street, Stony Brook. It is dedicated to the recognition,

honor, and preservation of Long Island's music and entertainment heritage. Since 2004, the organization has inducted over 120 music artists and related professionals who are now recognized at LIMEHOF.



The museum features displays of original musical instruments, famous awards, apparel, and other memorabilia from many of Long Island's favorite artists, including Billy Joel, Blue Oyster Cult, KISS, LL Cool J, Debbie Gibson, Louis Armstrong, the Stray Cats, and Run-DMC, among many others.

NEW EXHIBIT

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

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Check its website at <https://www.limusicalloffame.org/> for more information. The pass covers admission for 2 Adults & up to 3 children (Up to Age 18). Children, 12 and under, are FREE. It includes admission to the Billy Joel exhibit, the Hall of Fame exhibit, unlimited screenings in the movie theater, and events / concerts scheduled during normal business hours.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FAMILY MUSEUM PASSES

Updated August 2025

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 for 1 adult & 1 child ONLY

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.

DISCOUNT CODES

AVAILABLE FOR

Adventure Park at Long Island

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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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Year, New Job Let NYSDOL Help You Meet Your New Job Resolutions



If finding a new career is one of your new year's resolutions, let NYSDOL help you check it off your list in 2026. Whether you're looking for a new role or you want to move up in your career, we can help you enter the new year with confidence.

Update your resume and cover letter

Stand out to employers with a newly updated resume and cover letter. Our [free resume tools](#) include:

- Resume templates
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- Identifying your transferable skills
- Job application tips
- Cover letter and resume examples

You can also get personalized feedback through the Virtual Career Center, as well as assistance through our virtual resume workshops.

Create a job search plan

If you are ready to start your job search, the next step should be to create a job search plan. On our [Job Search and Networking page](#), you will find guidance on how to create a plan, how to network and market yourself to increase your chance of success in the job hunt, and a [downloadable resource guide](#) with detailed tips to help you effectively search for a new job.


Visit a career center

You can find NYSDOL career centers in every region in New York State. At a career center, you can get one-on-one personalized assistance with a career counselor to help polish your resume, practice interview skills, find training opportunities and career workshops, and find the best jobs to match your skills. Visit <https://dol.ny.gov/career-centers> to find a career center in your area.

Sign up for the Virtual Career Center

The Virtual Career Center (VCC) is New York State's premier online job search site, using AI-enhanced technology to provide job leads that match your skills and experience. Upload your resume and browse your top jobs in seconds. Connect with businesses directly and apply for positions that fit your skills. The VCC also lets you explore training opportunities. Sign up today with your NY.gov account or contact the VCC Customer Support Team at VirtualCareerCenter@labor.ny.gov for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS


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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](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Tax Law Society — VITA

The Tax Law Society — VITA at Hofstra Law Invites you to

File Your Taxes for Free!

Hofstra Law is hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance clinic. We file tax returns for qualifying taxpayers who made \$69,000 or less in 2025.

Saturday, February 21
Sunday, February 22
Saturday, February 28
Sunday, March 1
Sunday, March 8
Saturday, March 28

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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(Entrance to the Law School) from California Avenue, across from Joan Avinn Hall)

For information and appointments, please email vita@hofstra.edu.

What should I bring?

- Last year's tax return
- CDL or ID, Social Security Cards or ITIN cards for all family members
- All tax forms: W-2, 1098, 1099
- Information of all deductions/credits, e.g. childcare providers name, address, Social Security or Tax ID number
- Bank account number for direct deposit

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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 NCPD.

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 NCPD.

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)



NEW YORK STATE Department of Taxation and Finance

SCAM ALERT!

DO NOT ENGAGE!

Tax scam alert: Text messages pretending to be from official state tax and revenue agencies

Scammers are sending phishing text messages to taxpayers about income tax refunds. The Tax Department does **not** use text messages, email, or social media to request personal tax information.

To help spread awareness and safeguard sensitive information, please share this email with your family and friends.

What this scam looks like

These text messages request accurate payment information, supposedly so tax and revenue agencies can deposit money into taxpayers' bank accounts. See an [example of this scam text message](#), so you know what to watch out for.

What to do if you receive a text like this

If you receive a text message that appears to be from the New York State Tax Department:

- **block** the sender,
- **delete** the message, and
- **report** this scam to the Tax Department or IRS.

Report text message scam



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CENTROS DE CALENTAMIENTO DEL CONDADO DE NASSAU

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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)

VILLAGE UPDATES

The Delight of Painting

With Matt

The "Delight of Painting" is a unique art class designed for artists of ALL skill levels! In our judgement free, positive & relaxed environment, students are guaranteed to see tremendous artistic growth! The course focuses on classical paintings techniques made famous by the renaissance painters of western Europe. This course will build fine motor skills and boost self confidence!



COURSE DETAILS
Course is for artists ages 18+
Classes will meet at the Community Center.

COURSE SCHEDULE
Wednesday Section
6:30pm - 8:30pm
1/21/26 - 3/25/26
Thursday Section
4:30pm - 6:30pm
1/22/26 - 3/26/26

Course Fees & Registration
Register in person at the Community Center or online at bit.ly/vsvny
Resident Fee: \$110 for 10 classes
Non-Resident Fee: \$135 for 10 classes
Contact Matt Khan for more info: (917) 929-8110

ONLY acrylic paints will be used in this course!

Students must bring their own materials. (Please see supply list on back)

Supply Check List

We will be using **ONLY ACRYLIC PAINTS**. The names of the shades of color may vary among manufacturers. The colors listed below are essential. I highly recommend either of the 3 brands of paint shown below. These lines of paints are a great combination of affordability, performance and quality.

Naphthol Crimson or any deep red
Cadmium Yellow
Mars Black
Prussian Blue
Phthalo Blue
Sap Green
Titanium White
Van Dyke Brown or Raw Umber
Burnt Umber
Yellow Ochre or Yellow Oxide
Assortment of Artists Brushes
#2 Pencils & erasers
Table Top Easel
Small spiral notebook
2 Pre-stretched 16" x 20" white canvases



Complimentary palettes, paper towels and water containers will be provided for use during class!



Scan to Register!



"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.
- January 21st, 2026 - February 25th, 2026
- 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 of classes.
- Register in person at the Community Center or online at bit.ly/vsvny
- For more info, contact the instructor, Matt Khan, at (917) 929 8110.



Learn about famous pieces of artwork like The Girl with the Pearl Earring!

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

Develop hand & eye coordination!

And much more!

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VALLEY STREAM

SILVER THREADS

SENIOR ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

5 DAYS A WEEK

516-825-8571

WWW.VSVNY.ORG

VILLAGE UPDATES



Class	Days, Dates & Times
Cardio Kickboxing	Tuesdays, 1/6 - 3/10, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Chair Body Strengthening*	Thursdays, 1/8 - 3/12, 9:30am to 10:30am *Please bring resistance tubes with handles*
Chair Aerobics	Fridays, 1/9 - 3/13, 11:30am to 12:30pm
Chair Pilates	Tuesdays, 1/6 - 3/10, 9:30am to 10:30am
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays, 1/6 - 3/10, 11am to Noon Thursdays, 1/8 - 3/12, 11am to Noon
Chair Zumba	Wednesdays, 1/7 - 3/11, 10am to 11am
Gentle Aerobics/Flow Yoga*	Fridays, 1/9 - 3/13, 10am to 11am *Please Bring Your Own Mat
Pilates Mat	Mondays, 1/5 - 3/23, 9:30am-10:30am No class on 1/29 & 2/16 *Please Bring Your Own Mat
Tai Chi	Mondays, 1/5 - 3/23, 12 Noon-1pm No class on 1/29 & 2/16
Yoga	Mondays, 1/5 - 3/23, 6:30pm to 7:30pm No class on 1/29 & 2/16
Zumba	Thursdays, 1/8 - 3/12, 6pm to 7pm Saturdays, 1/30 - 3/14, 10am to 11am

Course Fees


Village Resident	\$62.50	\$46.87
Non-Village Resident	\$81.30	\$60.96

For more details call (516) 825-8571
Register online at bit.ly/vsvny

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AGES 7-12

JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

This workshop is designed for children ages 7-12 who are interested in learning various jewelry making techniques in a positive & supportive environment!

Class Details & Schedule

- This class is for children ages 7-12 & open to Village residents and non-residents alike.
- Classes will meet at the Valley Stream Community Center.
- There will be no refunds or make up classes.
- This is a 6 week program. Class will meet on Thursday afternoons on the dates below.
- January 22nd, 2026 - February 26th, 2026
- Classes will meet between 4:30pm - 5:30pm.
- The fee per student is \$60. A \$20 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 bit.ly/vsvny
- For more details, contact (516) 507-9824

Class Features

- Create trendy friendship bracelets.
- Learn various knotting techniques.
- Learn how to identify popular patterns.
- Charm bar with stainless steel chains.
- Design custom name items.
- Develop fine motor skills using jewelry making tools.
- Bag charms & jewelry to take home!

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Mindful Munchkins

Saturdays, March 7th - April 11th, 10am - 11am

Mindful Munchkins is a fun and engaging mindfulness group for children ages 4-8. Focusing on breathwork, creative activities, movement and stories, children will learn calming techniques that will build confidence and increase their focus.

6 Week Program

1 Hour Class per Week

Classes will be held in the Lake Room at the Valley Stream Community Center

Registration Fee: \$55 per child
Material Fee: \$20 is due to the instructor on the first day of class

There are no refunds OR make-up classes for missed sessions.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to avoid interrupting the class. This is a drop off group.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian upon signup

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For more information, please call (516) 825-8571

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SANITATION

During the week of February 9th, we will be collecting **Plastic, Metal, & Glass.** Agriculture pickup takes place on February 11th.

VILLAGE UPDATES

INC. VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM

CAMP BARRETT REGISTRATION



**MORNING CARE
HALF/FULL DAY
CAMP OPTIONS
FIELD TRIPS
TEEN/PURPLE
DIVISION**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT: STARTS ON SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4TH, 2025 AT 10 AM**

**CAMP BARRETT APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT:
WWW.VSVNY.ORG/BARRETT**

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 2026

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

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E-WASTE BULLETIN



To arrange for a special pick-up of electronic waste, please call the Sanitation Office at (516) 825-8108. There is a 5 item limit per household for any scheduled pick-up. Always call the Sanitation Office before placing any items at the curb. Failure to do so can cause injuries and accidents and may result in violations. Items may be placed at the curb no earlier than 6pm the evening prior to your scheduled pick up.

WE COLLECT

- Computers & monitors
- Computer peripherals
- Televisions
- DVD & Blu-ray players
- Video game consoles
- Laptops and cellular phones (batteries must be disposed of separately. See below.)

WE DO NOT COLLECT

- Lithium batteries
- Vehicle batteries



PROPER BATTERY DISPOSAL

The Town of Hempstead's S.T.O.P Program is a safe and environmentally friendly way to dispose of hazardous household materials.

Batteries must be disposed of safely in order to prevent fires and various other environmental hazards. With multiple scheduled events throughout the year, The Town of Hempstead's S.T.O.P Program offers a safe solution. Please visit the Town of Hempstead's website, or scan the QR code for upcoming S.T.O.P Program Events and to see a list of all accepted items.




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Mattress & Box Spring Disposal

Bedbugs have become a serious health issue all across Long Island and New York State. Bed bugs are adept at finding their way into luggage, purses, backpacks, and other personal belongings. Bed bugs and mattresses are closely linked, as mattresses and their surrounding areas are prime hiding spots for these pests. Bed bugs are attracted to humans as a food source, and their flat bodies allow them to easily hide in the seams, crevices, and folds of mattresses and box springs. Neighboring municipalities have instituted new policies for the disposal of mattresses and box springs. Our Sanitation Department is following suit.



Proper Disposal Guidelines



- To schedule a pick up, call the Sanitation Department Office at (516) 825-8108.
- You will be given a date and time of when to put out your mattress and, or, box spring.
- The mattress, and, or box spring must now be placed in a mattress disposal/storage bag and sealed prior to being placed on the curb for pick up.
- Heavy duty bags that new mattresses are delivered in can be used as long as they are sealed with tape.
- The Village will not provide mattress bags.
- Mattress disposal/storage bags may be purchased at local hardware stores, home improvement centers and various online retailers.
- Failure to follow this procedure will result in your items not being collected.

Valley Stream Sanitation Department

175 Arlington Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580
(516) 825-8108
valleystreamny.gov/sanitation

Dumping Hours:
7am-2pm, Monday to Friday







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Free FIREWOOD

The Village of Valley Stream's Department of Public Works is now offering free firewood for Village residents!

- Proof of Village residency required
- Each resident is allowed 25 pieces of firewood once every 2 weeks
- Firewood pick up takes place at 175 Arlington Avenue between 8am-2pm
- For more information, please contact the Highway Office at (516) 825-8494
- Firewood distribution will be ongoing while supplies last



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