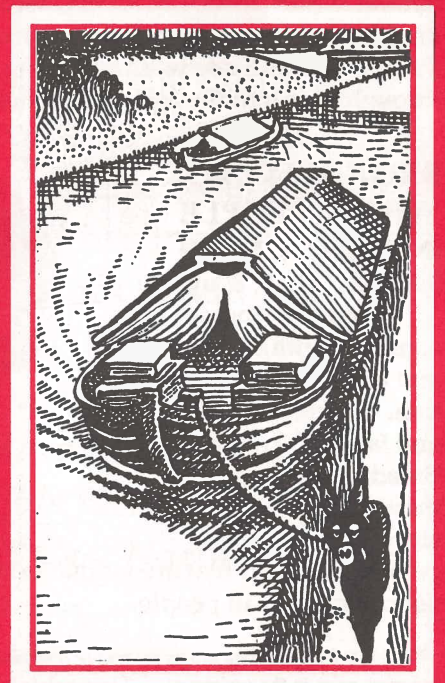
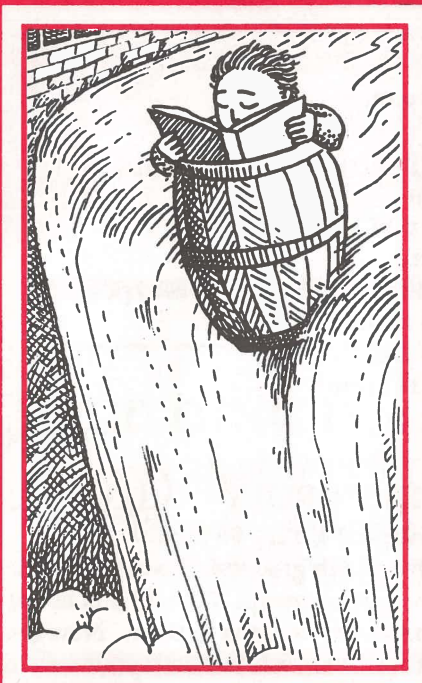
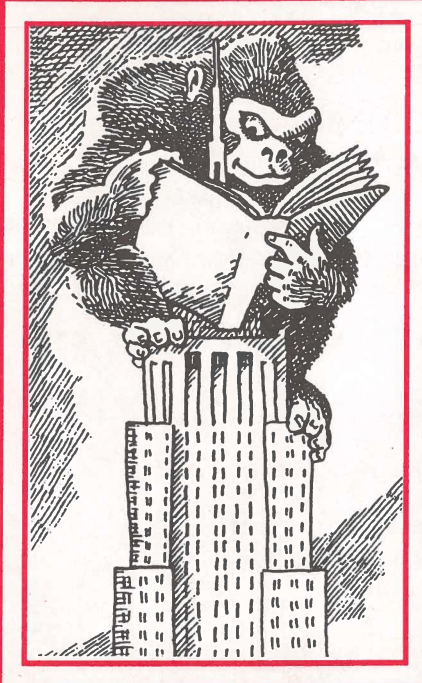


# NEWSLETTER

July 1992

*Hey kids, collect 'em all!*



**Summer Reading Club Stickers**



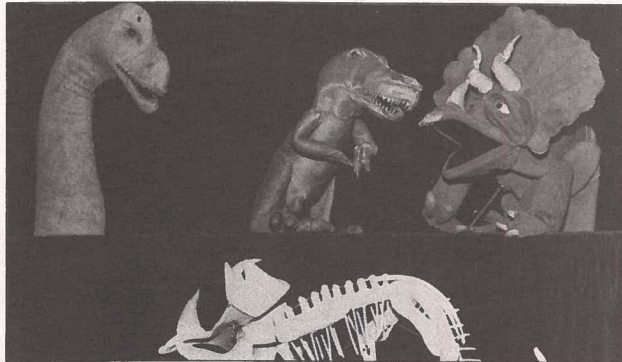
# NEW YORK'S READING COUNTRY

## "EMPIRE STATE SHOWS"

### ★ ROBERT'S TALL FRIEND: A STORY OF THE FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

(N) Thursday, July 9, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 1 & up

Vivian Farrell presents a dramatic narration from her book. This delightful story, combining fact and fantasy, is about a boy who has a 168-foot lighthouse as his own tree house.



*Puppets to Go*

### ★ PUPPETS TO GO presents THE LAST DINOSAUR

(N) Thursday, July 16, 3:30 p.m. Gr. K & up

This original and exciting story begins in a natural history museum. Upon discovering a time machine exhibit, a young boy accidentally activates the machine and begins a fascinating journey back through time into the age of the dinosaur.

### ★ BROADWAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(N) Thursday, July 23 3:30 p.m. Gr. K & up

A colorful program complete with costumes and audience participation. Characters both new and familiar from popular Broadway shows and movies present through story and song the personal feelings that are unique to the individual yet common to all people.



*Dayle Friedman, entertainer*

★ Tickets for Thursday programs will be available in both buildings one week prior to the performance. These tickets will be honored until 10 minutes before showtime. At that time seating will be made available to district library patrons on a first come, first served basis.

### CHEFETTES

(N) Monday, July 13, 2:30 p.m. Gr. 1-3

Registration begins July 6. Fee: \$1.00

(EN) Thursday, July 30, 2:30 p.m. Gr. 1-3

Registration begins July 23. Fee: \$1.00

### KINDERMUSIK BEGINNINGS

(N) Thursdays, July 9, 16 & 30, 11:00 a.m.

Ages 18 months - 3 years with parent/caregiver

A child's musical instincts are encouraged and fundamental skills begin to develop in this three-part workshop. Registration begins July 2.

### PAJAMA STORYTIME Ages 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-8

(N) Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:15 p.m.

(EN) Fridays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 7:15 p.m.

### MOTHER GOOSE

Ages 18-30 months with parent/caregiver

(N) Tuesday, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2:15 p.m.

Registration begins June 30.

### MIDTOWN MOVIES Gr. K-6

(N) Thursday, July 2, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

*American Tale: Fievel Goes West* 75 min.

(EN) Friday, July 3, 3:00 p.m.

*101 Dalmations* 79 min.

(EN) Friday, July 10, 3:00 p.m.

*Fantasia* 119 min.

(EN) Friday, July 17, 3:00 p.m.

*Benji the Hunted* 90 min.

(EN) Friday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.

*Jetsons, The Movie* 84 min.

(N) Thursday, July 30, 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

*Beauty and the Beast* 84 min.

(EN) Friday, July 31, 3:00 p.m.

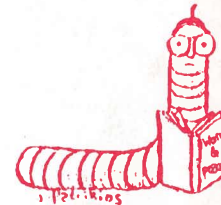
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### BOOK WORMS:

#### A YOUNG REVIEWERS' GROUP

Tuesday, July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 7:00 p.m.

Attention incoming 5th and 6th graders! Please join us for our new summer book reviewers' group. We will talk about the books that you've read and your reactions to them. New books will be displayed at each meeting. A newsletter with your own reviews will be published at the last session. Come join the fun on Tuesday nights! Refreshments will be served. Register beginning July 7.



### "BIG APPLE" WRITING WORKSHOP

(N) Wednesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Aug. 5, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 4-5

A unique concept in creative writing pairing talented high school students with budding young authors. Registration began June 24.

## "COOPERSTOWN CRAFTS"

### "SOUTH STREET SEAPORT" SEASCAPE PAINTING

(N) Monday, July 6, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 3-4

Fee: \$1.00 Registration begins June 29.

(N) Monday, July 20, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 5-6

Fee: \$1.00 Registration begins July 13.

### "GREENWICH VILLAGE" BEADED NECKLACE

(EN) Tuesday, July 7, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 3 & up

Fee: \$1.00 Registration begins June 30.

### DESIGNER T-SHIRT

(N) Friday, July 10, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult

Fee: \$1.00 Registration begins July 3.

### SEAPORT VILLAGE BLACKBOARD

(EN) Tuesday, July 14, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 1-3

Fee: \$1.00 Registration begins July 7.

### CREATE A SEASHELL FRAME

(N) Friday, July 17, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 3 & up

Registration begins July 10.

### FASHION PAINTING

(EN) Tuesday, July 21, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 2 & up

Registration begins July 14.

### MS. MOUSE

(N) Friday, July 24, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult

Fee: \$1.00 Registration begins July 17.

### ARTISTRY ON CERAMIC TILE

(N) Monday, July 27, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 4 & up

Fee: \$1.00 Registration begins July 20.

### BEADED BRACELET

(EN) Tuesday, July 28, 3:30 p.m. Gr. 3 & up

Registration begins July 21.

REGISTRATIONS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ARE FOR CHILDREN ENTERING THE SPECIFIED GRADES IN THE FALL OF 1992.




# Northport-East Northport Public Library

## Calendar of Events

### July 1992

**New York is Reading Country**  
**Summer Reading Club Hours**  
**Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Exhibits</i>			<b>1</b> Registration begins for (YA) Be A Working Photographer Registration begins for 55/Alive Mature Driver Course on 7/13 & 7/20 Free Blood Pressure & Weight Check (N) 1-3 pm; (EN) 3:15-4:30pm <i>**"Big Apple" Writing Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i>	<b>2</b> Ticket sales begin for Book-A-Trip to Clark Garden on 7/29 <i>Tickets available for Robert's Tall Friend on 7/9</i> <i>Registration begins for Kindermusik Beginnings on 7/9</i> <i>Movie: American Tale: Fievel Goes West (N) 11 am &amp; 3 pm</i>	<b>3</b> Medicare/Medicaid Assistance (EN) 9 am - 12 noon by appt. <i>Registration begins for Designer T-Shirt Workshop on 7/10</i> <i>Movie: 101 Dalmations (EN) 3 pm</i>	<b>4</b> Independence Day - Library Closed
<b>5</b> Library Closed	<b>6</b> Free tickets available for Summertime Shakespeare As You Like It on 7/24 <i>Registration begins for Chefettes Workshop on 7/13</i> <i>**"South Street Seaport" Seascape Painting Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (N) 7:15 pm</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Registration begins for Seaport Village Blackboard Workshop on 7/14</i> <i>Registration begins for Book Worms beginning on 7/14</i> <i>**"Greenwich Village" Beaded Necklace Workshop (EN) 3:30 pm</i> <i>*Mother Goose (N) 2:15 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Creative Writing Workshop (N) 7 pm</i>	<b>8</b> <i>**"Big Apple" Writing Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> A Natural Look at Long Island State Parks (N) 7:30 pm (YA) Be a Working Photographer (EN) 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> <i>Tickets available for The Last Dinosaur on 7/16</i> <i>*Kindermusik Beginnings (N) 11 am</i> <i>*Robert's Tall Friend: A Story of the Fire Island Lighthouse (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Dynamic Dramatics (N) 7 pm</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Registration begins for Create a Seashell Frame Workshop on 7/17</i> <i>Movie: Fantasia (EN) 3 pm</i> <i>*Designer T-Shirt Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (EN) 7:15 pm</i>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> Library Closed	<b>13</b> <i>Registration begins for Seascape Workshop on 7/20</i> <i>*55/Alive Mature Driver Course (N) 10 am</i> <i>*Chefettes (N) 2:30 pm</i> (YA) Be a Working Photographer (EN) 3:30 pm <i>Pajama Storytime (N) 7:15 pm</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Registration begins for Fashion Painting Workshop on 7/21</i> <i>*Mother Goose (N) 2:15 pm</i> <i>*Seaport Village Blackboard Workshop (EN) 3:30 pm</i> <i>*Book Worms (N) 7 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Creative Writing Workshop (N) 7 pm</i>	<b>15</b> <i>**"Big Apple" Writing Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> Long Island Landscapes: Part I (N) 7:30 pm	<b>16</b> <i>Tickets available for Broadway for Young People on 7/23</i> Medicare/Medicaid Assistance (N) 1-4 pm by appt. <i>*Kindermusik Beginnings (N) 11 am</i> <i>*Puppets To Go presents The Last Dinosaur (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Dynamic Dramatics (N) 7 pm</i> Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N)	<b>17</b> <i>Registration begins for Ms. Mouse Workshop on 7/24</i> Medicare/Medicaid Assistance (N) 9 am - 12 noon by appt. <i>*Create a Seashell Frame (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>Movie: Benji the Hunted (EN) 3 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (EN) 7:15 pm</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Library Closed	<b>20</b> <i>Registration begins for Artistry on Ceramic Tile on 7/27</i> <i>*55/Alive Mature Driver Course (N) 10 am</i> <i>**"South Street Seaport" Seascape Painting Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (N) 7:15 pm</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Registration begins for Beaded Bracelet Workshop on 7/28</i> <i>*Mother Goose (N) 2:15 pm</i> <i>*Fashion Painting Workshop (EN) 3:30 pm</i> <i>*Book Worms (N) 7 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Creative Writing Workshop (N) 7 pm</i>	<b>22</b> <i>**"Big Apple" Writing Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> Long Island Landscapes: Part II (N) 7:30 pm	<b>23</b> <i>Registration begins for Chefettes on 7/30</i> <i>*Broadway For Young People (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Dynamic Dramatics (N) 7 pm</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Movie: Jetsons, the Movie (EN) 3 pm</i> <i>*Ms. Mouse Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (EN) 7:15 pm</i> <i>*Summertime Shakespeare: As You Like It (N) 5:30 pm</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Library Closed	<b>27</b> <i>Registration begins for Ballerina Bunnies on 8/3</i> <i>*Artistry on Ceramic Tile (N) 3:30 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (N) 7:15 pm</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Registration begins for August Mother Goose Series</i> <i>Registration begins for Cricket Clip Workshop on 8/4</i> <i>*Mother Goose (N) 2:15 pm</i> <i>*Beaded Bracelet Workshop (EN) 3:30 pm</i> <i>*Book Worms (N) 7 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Creative Writing Workshop (N) 7 pm</i>	<b>29</b> Book-A-Trip to Westbury's Clark Garden & Paddle-steamer Cruise departs 9 am <i>Registration begins for Fun with Preschoolers Series beginning 8/5</i> <i>**"Big Apple" Writing Workshop (N) 3:30 pm</i> Lyme Disease Support Group (N) 7 pm	<b>30</b> <i>*Kindermusik Beginnings (N) 11 am</i> <i>Movie: Beauty &amp; the Beast (N) 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm &amp; 5:15 pm</i> <i>*Chefettes (EN) 2:30 pm</i> <i>*(YA) Dynamic Dramatics (N) 7 pm</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Movie: No Deposit, No Return (EN) 3 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (EN) 7:15 pm</i>	

Note: Italic type indicates Children's Programs.

N = Northport Library

EN = East Northport Library

Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to district residents.

\*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Occupancy of our meeting room is limited.

# Young Adult Services

*invites you to*



## *Summer Reading Program for Young Adults entering grades 6-up*

Pick up your Olympic passport at the Northport or East Northport building.

### **BE A WORKING PHOTOGRAPHER:**

**Capture "A Day in the Life of East Northport" on Film!**

(EN) Wednesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. &

(EN) Monday, July 13, 3:30 p.m. Grades 6-up

Barbara Johnson, historical librarian, and Dick Fink, of the Huntington Camera Club, will prepare you for a working session to photograph 1992 East Northport. Your work will become part of the permanent historical collection of the library. Mrs. Johnson will fill you in on the history of the buildings, parks and stores that were once part of a thriving nineteenth-century farming community. Mr. Fink will show you how to zoom in on the special features of today's East Northport, how to use the day's light and other special tricks of the trade. Monday's session will be a field trip, when you take to the streets, camera in hand, and become a working photographer. Bring a 35mm camera, the library will supply a roll of film. Participants will receive an album of their photos and a selection of the photos will be on display at the festival on August 6. Registration is limited and begins July 1 at both libraries.

### **CALLING YOUNG AUTHORS:**

**A Creative Writing Workshop**

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 7:00 p.m. Grades 6-9

Discover and enhance your talents in this creative writing workshop. Final published works will be on exhibit at the olympic festival on August 6. Registration, which is limited, continues through July 7.

### **DYNAMIC DRAMATICS**

Thursday, July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 7:00 p.m. Grades 6-9

This series of workshops involves improvisation, pantomime, and stage movements. A performance featuring all participants will be a highlight of the olympic festival on Thursday evening, August 6. Registration, which is limited, continues through July 9.



# The Setting is Long Island (in fiction)

Anson, Jay. *Amityville Horror*.  
 Benchley, Peter. *Jaws*.  
 Berger, Thomas. *Houseguest*.  
 DeMille, Nelson. *Gold Coast*.  
 Dunne, Dominick. *The Two Mrs. Grenvilles*.  
 Eisenstadt, Jill. *From Rockaway*.  
 Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*.  
 Fox, Paula. *How Many Miles to Babylon*.  
 Hinkameyer, Michael. *Lilac Night*.  
 Hobson, Laura Keane Zametkin. *First Papers*.  
 Horowitz, Gene. *The Ladies of Levittown*.  
 Isaacs, Susan. *Close Relations*.  
 — — *Compromising Positions*.  
 — — *Magic Hour*.  
 Johnson, Sandy. *Walk a Winter Beach*.  
 Johnston, Velda. *The Fateful Summer*.  
 Koenig, Laird. *The Little Girl Who Lives  
Down the Lane*.  
 Kraft, Eric. *Her 'N' Lorna*.  
 Lancaster, Bruce. *The Secret Road*.  
 Lansbury, Coral. *Felicity*.  
 Lee, John. *The Ninth Man*.  
 Liederman, Judith. *The Pleasure Dome*.  
 McDermott, Alice. *That Night*.  
 McGonigle, Thomas. *Going to Patchogue*.  
 Mitgang, Herbert. *The Montauk Fault*.  
 Morrow, Bradford. *The Almanac Branch*.  
 Rattray, Everett T. *The Adventures of  
Jeremiah Dimon*.  
 Seton, Cynthia. *The Half-Sisters*.  
 Steinbeck, John. *Winter of Our Discontent*.  
 Tennenbaum, Silvia. *Rachel, The Rabbi's Wife*.  
 Vonnegut, Kurt. *Bluebird*.  
 Watson, Clarissa. *Somebody Killed The Messenger*.  
 Weinman, Irving. *Hampton Heat*.  
 Westermann, John. *High Crimes*.  
 Westlake, Donald. *Bank Shot*.  
 Whitney, Phyllis. *The Golden Unicorn*.  
 Witten, Barbara Yager. *The Isle of Fire Murder*.  
 Wolitzer, Hilma. *Silver*.  
 Wood, Clement Biddle. *Ocean Vu, Jog to Beach*.  
 Yates, Richard. *Cold Spring Harbor*.

— Adult Services —

## THE LURE OF LONG ISLAND

### A NATURAL LOOK AT LONG ISLAND STATE PARKS

Wednesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.

For a stroll in the woods, Long Islanders go to the dozens of state and county parks that curve along the streams and dot the shorelines. Enjoy a natural look at Long Island State Parks through the eyes of Gary Lawton, Regional Park Naturalist for the Long Island State Park Commission. All are welcome.

Garden Writer and Historian Ellen R. Samuels  
returns to present

### LONG ISLAND LANDSCAPES PART I: *From Farmhouse Dooryards to Country Estates*

Wednesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m.

Views of more than 250 years of Long Island landscapes including the manor houses of the early federal period and the great estates of the Gilded Age are part of a slide presentation. All are welcome.

### LONG ISLAND LANDSCAPES PART II: *Gilt Edged Gardens*

Wednesday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.

Period photos and paintings tell the story of the Long Island country house from 1890 to 1929. Rare flowers, marble staircases, polo fields, and outdoor theaters were only a few of the embellishments of the fashionable estates. All are welcome.



### MEDICARE/MEDICAID ASSISTANCE

(EN) Fri., July 3, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

(N) Thurs., July 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

(N) Fri., July 17, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Call 261-6930 to make an appointment in Northport, or 261-2313 to make an appointment in East Northport with AARP-trained representatives Tom Henry and Stu Goldblatt.



### 55/ALIVE MATURE DRIVER COURSE

Mondays, July 13 & 20, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

(half-hour break; please bring your lunch,  
beverages will be provided.

AARP's two-part course is open to anyone 50 years of age or older. Register June 1 at the Northport Library. There is a \$10 fee payable at registration.

### SUMMERTIME SHAKESPEARE ON THE LAWN OF THE NORTHPORT LIBRARY

Friday, July 24, 5:30 p.m.

"All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players."  
William Shakespeare

You don't have to go to Manhattan and fight the crowds at Central Park's Delacorte Theater to see Shakespeare in a sylvan summertime setting. The Arena Players Repertory Company brings to life *As You Like It*, a comedy compounded of many elements — kindness, good fellowship, good-will — set to some of Shakespeare's loveliest poetry. Free tickets will be available beginning July 6. This play will be performed on the lawn of the Northport Library. Bring your blanket! *Raindate: Friday, July 31.*

### LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

The Northport Library hosts monthly support group meetings for Lyme Disease sufferers and their families and caregivers, sponsored by the Long Island Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. These meetings are informal. This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, July 29 at 7:00 p.m.



*A Lure of Long Island*

BOOK-A-TRIP

to

Westbury's Clark Garden &  
Paddlesteamer Cruise

Wednesday, July 29, 1992

Departure: 9:00 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m.  
from the Middleville School Parking Lot.

Cost: 39.00 per person (checks only; payable  
to Day Dream Tours; non-refundable)

Itinerary: Spend a delightful summer morning  
at the beautiful Clark Garden. Specialty  
gardens such as rose, day lily, fragrant  
herbs, a bog garden are featured. Full  
course lunch at the charming George  
Washington Manor. Afternoon narrated  
cruise of Long Island's Gold Coast aboard  
the Paddlesteamer Thomas Jefferson.

Register in person beginning July 2  
at the Northport Library.

Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders  
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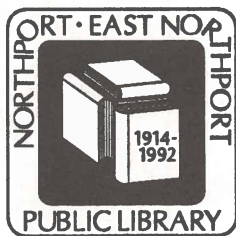
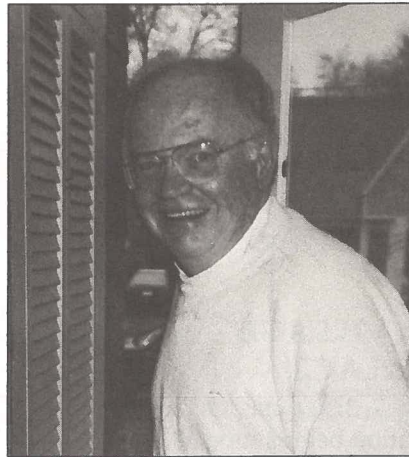
## Who's On Board?

Michael Glennon begins service as a library trustee forever grateful for the opportunities given to him when he was a child by the librarians of the Newark Public Library System. The rolling carts of books and the book talks those women brought to his classes at Sacred Heart Grammar School and the quiet summer afternoons spent reading whatever he wanted to read in the small branch library on Alexander Street are valued memories. Those librarians insured his love for books and his commitment to free public libraries.

Michael is the retired principal of The Wheatley School, the public senior high school of the East Williston School District. Before his ten years as the Wheatley principal, he served as an administrator in the Locust Valley and Port Washington Public Schools and for twenty-one years as a high school teacher of English in Newark and Cranford in New Jersey and in Northport. He has also taught as an adjunct instructor in English at Rutgers and at Stony Brook. Michael is most proud of the fact that his grandmother, his father, and he served for over one hundred years in public schools. His father, Frank Glennon, was a custodian and his grandmother, Ellen Burns Glennon, a matron in a school for handicapped children.

Michael is now a graduate student in English at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He holds degrees in English and Education from Seton Hall and Rutgers, and his special interests are Anglo-Irish literature and the New York Mets.

The Glennons, Michael and his wife Connie, have lived in their home on Oak Street in Northport since 1964. Their three children: Michael, Martha Crawley and Patrick all live in the Northport-East Northport district. Their dog Bear has been a resident of Oak Street for eleven years.



### Northport-East Northport Public Library

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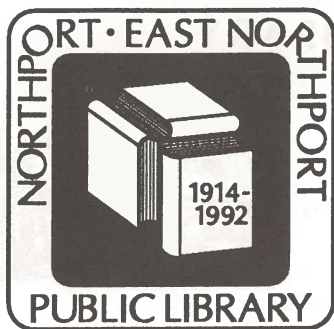
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9 to 9 Monday thru Friday  
9 to 5 Saturday

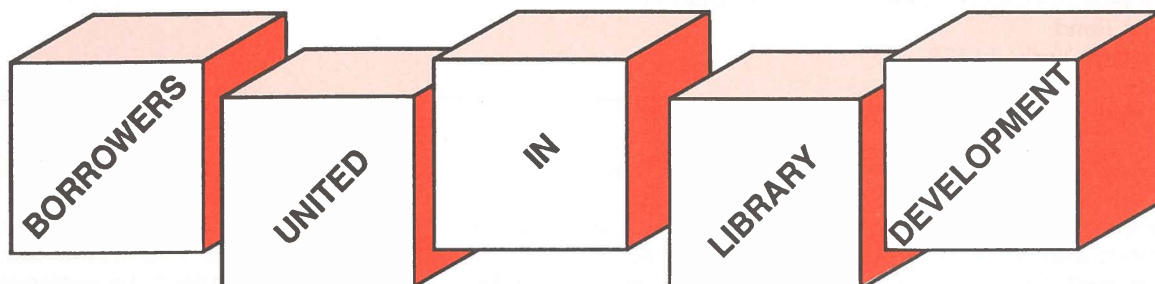
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**July 1992**

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# NEWSLETTER

Building Project Supplement



## **PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, January 10, 1991  
East Northport Public Library  
7:30 p.m.

## **PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, February 7, 1991  
Northport Public Library  
7:30 p.m.

## **BUILDING PLANNING MEETING**

Monday, March 4, 1991  
Northport Public Library  
7:30 p.m.

## **PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD**

Monday, September 21, 1992  
Northport High School  
110 Elwood Road  
8:15 p.m.

In response to the Library's request (correspondence reprinted on reverse side) the School Board has invited the Library Trustees to address their meeting on September 21.

*Join us as we join the School Board to discuss the best possible future for the Northport-East Northport Public Library.*



# NORTHPORT – EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY



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NORTHPORT, NEW YORK 11768  
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185 LARKFIELD ROAD  
EAST NORTHPORT, NEW YORK 11731  
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July 16, 1992

The Board of Education  
Northport-East Northport Union Free School District  
110 Elwood Road  
Northport, New York 11768

Dear Northport-East Northport School Board Members:

We are calling on the Northport-East Northport School Board to participate in the strengthening of our partnership in education.

As we all know, we have a community which has a strong commitment to, and a sense of pride in, its library. Our level of library service, however, has simply outstripped the ability of our present buildings to handle it. The results of this heavy volume are obvious. Anyone who has visited the library recently shouldn't have to be convinced of the need for more space. There are not enough spaces for parking and not enough seats in the libraries, especially in the children's rooms. There is not enough shelf space for our collections, not enough aisle space for browsing and not enough quiet secluded space for serious study and research. Overcrowding and noise are common with "standing room only" on Sundays.

Severe lack of available space is only one restriction we face daily. Structural deterioration, inherent operational deficiencies of the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, accessibility requirements for the disabled, mandated code regulations to meet the electrical and telecommunication requirements of today's library technologies and the compromising of the general effectiveness of staff and public service work flow compound the problem. In short, the lack of space and the need for capital improvement have made our buildings inefficient.

How can this issue be resolved? A capital improvement project is too costly to justify the temporary fix-up it would provide. Our present Northport library building, which is almost 30 years old, can be somewhat expanded. A gift of property on Pulaski Road can be used for a new East Northport library to replace the present branch. We believe, however, that it would be economically unwise to relieve overcrowding this way given what we perceive as a unique opportunity for consolidated operations at a centralized location. The acquiring and maintaining of the library's extensive collections entails the bulk of the library's costs. A library building itself represents, comparatively, only a small portion of library tax dollars. Dividing, or duplicating our collections and adding staff to service two buildings is not the best way to provide library service. To operate with maximum efficiency a strong central library is the solution.

To accomplish this goal, approximately 3.5 acres of property are required. Over the past five years, we have researched every property option which might be available to us. Various parcels on Brightside Avenue, Larkfield at 5th Avenue, Larkfield between Clay Pitts Road and Cedar Road, Laurel Hill Road, Elwood Road at Route 25A, Elwood Road at Pulaski Road, Vernon Valley Road, and Bellerose Avenue have been studied and found unsuitable. Also, we have investigated the Dickinson Avenue School site on which there is adequate property to locate a single central library. Locating the public library adjacent to an elementary school would create a symbiotic relationship which would benefit the entire community.

If property, centrally located, could be provided by the School District, a single centralized community library could be developed and no additional cost would be incurred for land purchase. Furthermore, now is the best time to be building. With today's state of the economy, we can offer the community a building at a discount price and pay for it (through a bond issue with highly favorable terms) over the next twenty years when, presumably, the economy will be stronger. Finally, the disposition of our present library properties would be an additional benefit as other governmental agencies have expressed interest in their use. Additionally, there is also the potential use of these desirable sites by commercial enterprises. Many community agencies will reap the benefits of this vision which has been termed by respected community leaders as nothing less than a "win-win" situation.

We, as library trustees, must continue future development to provide appropriate facilities, which are affordable and effective. This will ensure that the library's service will continue to meet residents' needs. Your cooperation is most appreciated and we emphasize that without such cooperation, the benefits of this "single central library" plan will not be realized. We, therefore, request the opportunity to meet at your regular board meeting on September 21 to discuss the best possible future for our Northport-East Northport Public Library.

Very truly yours,

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