



Armchair Travel: now boarding at your Library.

With a New Year upon us, we make resolutions and plans, and dream dreams about everything we wish to achieve in the coming days. Many of us plan to travel—to popular sites, to faraway places, to unfamiliar destinations. We imagine enjoying a morning cup of coffee in a seaside town; or having an afternoon picnic in a state park; or dining under city lights. Using Library resources, these dream scenarios can be experienced in real time, or from the comfort of your armchair.

If you want to plan a vacation that takes you away from the routine of your daily life, a vacation that involves planes, or trains, or automobiles, the Library has the latest travel guides to use as you plan your itinerary. *Frommer's, Fodor's, Lonely Planet, Rick Steves,* and *Let's Go* are just some of the many travel-planning resources that the Library has on hand to help you decide where you want to go, where you might stay, and what there is to see and do once you arrive. Library computers are available for you to do everything from making your hotel reservations, to booking your flight, to printing your boarding pass. Everything you need to plan for a satisfying travel experience away from home begins at the Library.

On the other hand, if the time is not right for leaving the homestead, you can still visit other destinations—take in the beautiful countryside of another country, breathe in the refreshing sea air from the deck of an ocean liner, or go on safari through the wilds of distant jungles—all from the comfort of your armchair! The Library has an abundant collection of fiction and non-fiction works that depict the travel experience in such vivid detail that the riches of tourism can be experienced vicariously—a trip you can take at any time, and with no cost.

And finally, don't forget the wealth of opportunities that are available locally—the beautiful parks, beaches, vineyards, theaters, and historical sites—all just waiting for you to discover and explore. There is a multitude of printed material on hand about these areas of interest located on the Long Island kiosks in each library building. And are you aware that the Library has Museum Passes that provide for free admission and discounts at more than a dozen metropolitan-area museums? See the back of this newsletter for more details and speak to a Reference Librarian to learn how you can reserve a pass for a future visit. So, start your travel adventure... call or visit your Library!



FOR CHILDREN

Museum Cove

In the **Fish Hatchery Fun**

Fish Hatchery Fun

(N) Tuesday, March 12, 3:00 p.m. Children in grades K-2 (NENJ962)
4:00 p.m. Children in grades 3-5 (NENJ963)
 Come meet some real New Yorkers! An educator from the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium will bring living examples of freshwater fish, amphibians, and reptiles that are native to New York State. Participants will have an opportunity to see the animals and learn about their habitats and more. (30 min.) Registration begins February 26 at either library or online.

Coming Soon! Thanks to a generous donation from The Friends of the Library, you will soon be able to visit the **Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium** free of charge with a **Museum Pass**. There are tours, presentations, workshops, and fishing scheduled all year 'round at the Hatchery.

Books a Poppin'

(N) Fridays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 10:00 a.m.
(EN) Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:00 p.m.
 Children birth-5 years not yet in kindergarten with adult; siblings welcome

Stop by for these drop-in storytimes. We'll read stories, sing songs, share rhymes and fingerplays, and have fun in this interactive program for families. (30 min.) No registration required, however space is limited.

Open for Discussion: Crunch

(EN) Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.
 Children in grades 4-6 with adult

Children's Librarian Lisa Herskowitz will lead a discussion of Leslie Connor's timely story. (75 min.) Registration is underway at either library or online. After you register, please pick up a copy of the book in the Children's Room to add to your personal library. (NENJ944)



Sing and Play

Children 1-3 years with adult; siblings welcome

Sing songs and rhymes while using scarves, bells, balls, and hoops that engage children in musical and physical activity to reinforce early literacy skills and foster a love of language. (30 min.) (NENJ964)
East Northport: Mondays, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. February 25, March 4, 11

Understanding Early Intervention

(N) Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.

Child psychologist Dr. Dawn Plumitallo, director of the Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center, will present a program introducing the Early Intervention and CPSE evaluation process. Suffolk County offers evaluations and therapy at no cost to those children under five years of age who qualify. There will be time for questions. (90 min.) Registration begins February 5 at either library or online. (NENJ956)

Scrabble Club

(EN) Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.
 Children in grades 3-6

Stop by the Library to play Scrabble and make new friends! Scrabble is not only fun to play, but it boosts language, math, spelling, and social skills. No prior knowledge of the game is necessary. (45 min.) No registration required.

Chess Club

(N) Thursday, February 14, 7:00 p.m.
 Children in grades 3-6

The game of chess is thought to have originated 1500 years ago. Evolving into more than just a game of leisurely enjoyment, chess teaches children foresight, builds self confidence, and sharpens the ability to focus. All skill levels are welcome, but a basic knowledge of the game is required. Join us for a fun night of cerebral calisthenics! (45 min.) No registration required.

Story Parade

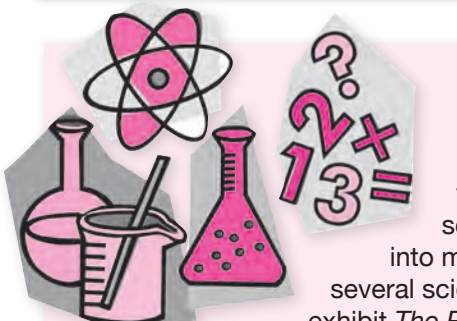
(N) Wednesdays, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 4:00 p.m. (NENJ968)
(EN) Thursdays, February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 4:00 p.m. (NENJ969)
 Children in grades K-2

A creative, hands-on activity enhances this storytime that introduces school-age children to a wide variety of literature. (45 min.) Registration begins February 13 at either library or online.

Registration for the Road to Reading series programs begins February 7.

| — children & accompanying adult— no siblings please | | |
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| Mother Goose Rhyme Time Children 6-23 months with adult; no siblings Enjoy rhymes and songs with your young child in this program focusing on nursery rhymes. The natural rhythm of the language encourages an awareness of the sounds that are the building blocks of words and are so important for language development and early literacy. (30 min.) (NENJ965) East Northport: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. March 6, 13, 20 | Preschool Storytime Children 4-5 years not yet in kindergarten Children listen to stories, sing songs and rhymes that increase vocabulary and letter knowledge, and participate in hands-on activities to recreate the narrative elements of the story. (30 min.) East Northport: (NENJ966) Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. February 26, March 5, 12, 19 | Northport: (NENJ967) Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. February 27, March 6, 13, 20 |
| — independent program — | | |
| — for families — | | |

FOR CHILDREN



Focus on Science Programs

"Science, Technology, Engineering, Math" (STEM) refers to those areas of study which encompass a wide range of sciences. Our Children's Librarians incorporate STEM concepts into many of our program activities, and this month we feature several science programs. Be sure to check out the Museum Cove's exhibit *The Pond and Beyond! New York's Native Freshwater Fish, Reptiles and Amphibians* which provides hands-on learning experiences.

Registration for the following programs begins February 1 at either library or online.

Optical Conclusions

(N) Tuesday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.
 Children in grades 3-5

Explore the science of optical illusions while creating and experimenting with different objects that trick the eye. (45 min.) (NENJ959)

Whaddya Know About H₂O?

(N) Tuesday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.
 Children ages 4-5, not yet in kindergarten

Did you ever wonder why oil and water don't mix, or why you see your breath when it's cold outside? Explore the amazing properties of water. (45 min.) (NENJ960)

Traveling Science Museum

(N) Saturday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.
 Children in grades K-5 with adult; siblings welcome

With over 50 hands-on exhibits and experiments, families will have fun investigating science together. (60 min.) (NENJ953)

Salt & Pepper Science

(N) Tuesday, February 26, 4:00 p.m.
 Children grades K-2

Spice up your science skills while having fun experimenting with table salt and pepper. (45 min.) (NENJ961)

The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the Library and pick up the February bookmark by Julia Sledge. A reading list, compiled by our Children's Librarians, is on the back.



Cuddles and Hugs Storytime

(EN) Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.
(N) Friday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.
 Children with adult; siblings welcome

What better time than February to share heart-warming songs and stories? Come join us for this active family storytime. (30 min.) No registration required.

Book Swap

(EN) Friday, February 22, 4:00 p.m.
 Children ages 3-10 with adult; siblings welcome

Finished reading the books you received as holiday gifts? Have any other books in your home library that you no longer want? Go "green" and trade them for swap dollars to "purchase" pre-owned books anytime between 4:00-5:00 p.m. (60 min.) No registration required.

FOR TEENS

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Teen volunteer opportunities are open to students in grades 7-12. You may choose one volunteer opportunity in addition to Teen Advisory Board. Registration begins February 2 at either library or online.

Teen Advisory Board

(N) Monday, February 11, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

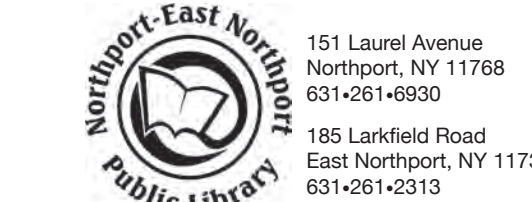
It pays to be smart about your finances. Join financial literacy expert Connie LoCascio of The Right Start Foundation to discuss the best practices in financial education for young people. (NENY419)

Chess Club Volunteers

(N) Thursday, February 14, 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Earn volunteer credit while you help children learn how to play chess. A basic knowledge of the game is required of all volunteers. (NENY421)

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Museum Passes

Art that inspires and engages . . . hands-on science that excites and educates . . . history that brings early Northport alive . . . plants and animals from here and around the world . . .

All of these and more await you and your family when you check out a Museum Pass for free admission to some of the New York area's most popular institutions. Museum Passes may be checked out by patrons with a valid Northport-East Northport Library Card. An adult must be present to pick up a Museum Pass. For more information about reserving Museum Passes and for specific information about each museum's location, hours, and restrictions, please visit the Library's website at www.nenpl.org and click on the **Museum Pass** link. If you need help making a Museum Pass reservation, please ask a Reference Librarian. Passes for the following museums are currently available:

- Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium***
Home to the largest living collection of New York State freshwater reptiles, fish, and amphibians.
- Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum**
Six thousand artifacts document the whaling and maritime history of Long Island.
- Cradle of Aviation Museum**
This popular museum is well known for its innovative installations and interactive exhibits.
- Guggenheim Museum**
An architectural icon, the Guggenheim Museum is devoted to the art of the 20th century and beyond.
- Heckscher Museum of Art**
The Heckscher's permanent collection spans 15th to 20th century European and American art.
- Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum**
A dynamic, interactive, and educational journey for all ages.
- Long Island Children's Museum**
This exciting museum features exhibit galleries where families can explore, learn, and play together.
- The Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages**
The museum's permanent collection numbers more than 40,000 items including 200 historic carriages.
- The Museum of Modern Art**
The MOMA's vast collection offers an overview of modern and contemporary art.
- The Museum of the City of New York***
Established in 1923, the Museum of the City of New York celebrates and interprets the city while educating the public about its distinctive character and heritage.
- Old Westbury Gardens**
The magnificent Phipps mansion is nestled amid 200 acres of formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds, and lakes.
- The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum**
This unique combination of mansion, marine and natural history museum, and planetarium is located on beautiful grounds overlooking Centerport Harbor.
- Walt Whitman Birthplace***
This historic site preserves the birthplace of American poet Walt Whitman.

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The **LIBRARY**

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