

FOR ADULTS



(N) Sunday, April 10, 2:00 p.m.

Plaza Theatrical presents an exciting, fast-paced musical revue celebrating the words and music of Jerry Herman, creator of some of Broadway's greatest shows including *Hello Dolly!*, *Mame*, and *La Cage Aux Folles*. Free tickets are available now in both library buildings.

Current Events in Perspective

(N) Monday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

Michael D'Innocenzo, professor of history at Hofstra University, joins us to explore significant national and international developments. All attending are welcome to share their views.

Boater's Safety Course

(N) Mondays, May 2, 9, 16 & 23, 7:00 p.m.

The Neptune Power Squadron conducts this four-week course for boaters ages 10 and up. A fee of \$30 for adults (ages 16+) or \$25 for teens (ages 10-15) is payable at registration which begins April 9 at the Northport Library. Please bring your Library card and a check or money order only, payable to Neptune Power Squadron.

Defensive Driving

(N) Wednesday, April 27 & Thursday, April 28, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$35

Applications are available April 1 in both library buildings.



Book-A-Trip to Wave Hill & Woodlawn Cemetery Tuesday, June 21, 2005

Departure: 8:15 a.m. from the Laurel Ave. School parking lot (across from Northport Library)

Return: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$70 per person (checks only; payable to Northport-East Northport Public Library; non-refundable)

Itinerary: Our day will begin with a visit to Wave Hill, 28 acres of public gardens overlooking the Hudson River. Lunch at Mario's will be followed by a guided bus/walking tour of Woodlawn Cemetery, final resting place for many notable figures.

Ticket sale: Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. at Northport Library. Ticket limit: 2 per library patron on the first day of sale. Library card required for registration.

Do-ing Music: Pianist Evelyn Ulex

(N) Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

The Northport Arts Coalition, in cooperation with the Library, is pleased to present pianist Evelyn Ulex. Ms. Ulex recently performed with the Berlin Philharmonic and has captivated audiences around the United States as well as Europe. Among her accolades one reviewer noted, "She may be the reason the piano was invented . . ." The evening's program will feature works by Schumann, Debussy, and Villa-Lobos. Free tickets are available April 4 at the Northport Library.

Fireside Friday: TRI-M Music Honor Society

(EN) Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Members of Northport High School's chapter of the TRI-M Music Honor Society will perform a concert of chamber music. The Music Honor Society is comprised of the high school's most talented student musicians. All are welcome.

"Money: The Musical"

(N) Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. (rescheduled from January)

Primrose Productions' new show "Money: The Musical" takes a look at money and love, politics, business, and much more. All are welcome.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

(N) Fridays, May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10:30 a.m.

The Arthritis Foundation is sponsoring this seven-part workshop. Class size is limited. Register beginning April 16 at the Northport Library.

Computer Kindergarten

(EN) Tuesday, April 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Register April 2 at East Northport Library.

This hands-on workshop for the novice covers using the mouse and the Windows desktop, opening programs, and saving files. A non-refundable \$5 fee is payable at registration.

Computer First Grade

(EN) Thursday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon

Register April 9 at East Northport Library.

This follow-up to Computer Kindergarten introduces word processing and working with text and files. A non-refundable \$5 fee is payable at registration.

Microsoft Word—Intermediate

(EN) Tuesday, April 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

In this sequel to Introduction to Word, Computer Librarians will demonstrate borders and shading, tabs, pagination, and more. All are welcome.

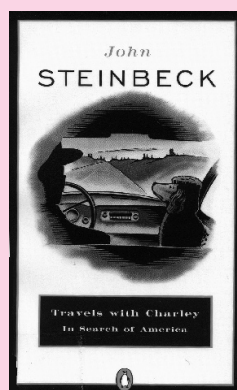


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Long Island Reads "Travels With Charley"

This April our Library will join public libraries throughout Long Island to read and discuss *Travels With Charley: In Search of America* by John Steinbeck.

In 1960, when he was almost 60 years of age, John Steinbeck set out to rediscover his native land. Accompanied only by his French poodle, Charley, he traveled the length and breadth of the United States. Considered one of Steinbeck's greatest works, *Travels With Charley* is perceptive, revealing, and delightful. Copies are available now in both library buildings.



David Houston presents "Travels with Charley"

(N) Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

John Steinbeck's classic is brought to life by actor David Houston in a dramatic radio style reading accompanied with music by American composer Aaron Copeland. All are welcome.

Book Discussion

(EN) Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Services Librarians will lead a lively discussion of *Travels With Charley*. Join us!

55/Alive Driver Program

(N) Monday, April 11, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Register April 2 at Northport Library.

(EN) Monday, April 25 & Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Register April 16 at Northport Library.

AARP's Mature Driver Program is open to Library card holders who are 50 years of age or older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP by check or money order.

FOR TEENS

Teen Volunteer Opportunity

(EN) Wednesdays, April 13 or April 20, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Earn volunteer credit by preparing crafts and activities for younger children. Please register for one session beginning April 1 at the East Northport Library.

Teen Chess Club

(EN) Thursday April 14, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Join chess expert David Leone, along with tweens and teens who like to play chess, at our monthly meetings. Open to all students in grades 5-12.

SAT Prep: Learning Express

Practice online for the newly formatted SAT exam with Learning Express, a free test preparation database available at the Library. Learning Express provides immediate scoring, answer explanations, and individualized analysis of results.

For Students & Tutors

For the convenience of students and tutors, the Library's meeting rooms are reserved on selected afternoons during the school year. A monthly schedule is available at the Reference Desk in both library buildings.

FOR CHILDREN

The Newbery Medal Club

(N) Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Children in grade 3 and up; adults welcome

Join our Newbery Medal Club which will meet once a month throughout the year to discuss new books. You will be among the first to read the new books of 2005.

Pajama Storytime

Children ages 3 and up with parent

(EN) Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

(N) Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

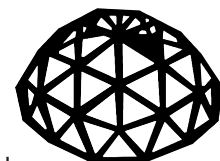
Children may wear their PJs and bring their teddy bears to this evening storytime. All are welcome.

Geodesic Dome

Children grades 4 & 5

(N) Saturday, April 16, 2:00 p.m.

Come build a geodesic dome with three-foot wooden dowels and then construct your own creation with marshmallows and toothpicks. Have fun while you learn what makes a structure strong. Register April 2 at the Northport Library.



Musical Moppets

Children birth through 36 months with parents & siblings

(EN) Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

High Hopes Productions presents a morning of interactive musical fun featuring Molly the Mouse. Register April 2 at the East Northport Library.

Fun with Movement

Children 18-36 months with parents & siblings

(EN) Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Educator Pat Herrmann guides you and your child through a variety of movement activities such as ribbon dancing, balance beam, and tumbling. Register April 16 at the East Northport Library.

Adventures in Rhythm

Ages birth-42 months with parents & siblings

(EN) Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Join early childhood educator Cathy Robinson for a musical morning of instrumental fun. Register April 23 at the East Northport Library.

Basic First Aid for Parents

(EN) Mondays, April 11 & 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Health teacher Tracey Braun will teach the basic skills necessary to treat first aid situations. She will review CPR, rescue breathing techniques, and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator. Register at the East Northport Library beginning March 29.

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Italic type indicates Children's Programs.

*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Occupancy of our meeting room is limited. Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to library card holders.

The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all patrons to participate in programs and activities. If you require any special accommodations because of a disability, please let us know.

Annual Library Vote

Tuesday, April 5, 2005
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Polling Places for the Vote are the **East Northport or Northport Library** (see instructions below)

Voting will be for two purposes:

1. to vote on the annual operating budget for the next fiscal year and
2. to elect one trustee. This position is presently held by C. Annette Carr.

Candidate for Trustee:
C. Annette Carr

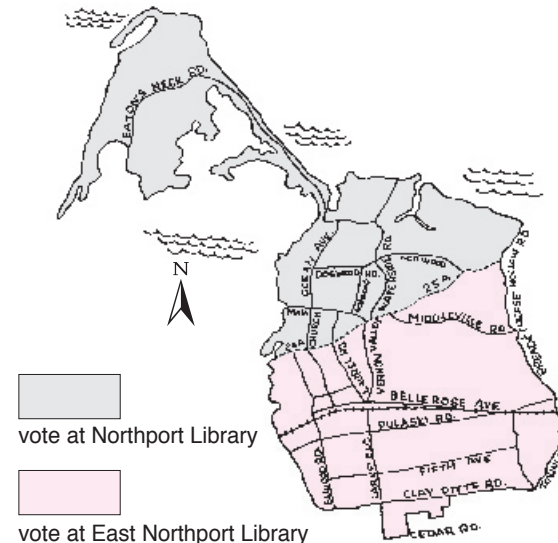
YOU MAY VOTE in the library election if:

1. You are at least 18 years of age;
2. You are a citizen of the United States;
3. You have been a resident of the Northport-East Northport School District for at least 30 days;
4. You are registered to vote. (You are registered if you have voted within the last four years in a general, school, or library election.)

WHERE TO VOTE

If you live in the portion of the library district that is **SOUTH OF ROUTE 25A** your polling place is the **EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**
185 Larkfield Road

If you live in the portion of the library district that is **NORTH OF ROUTE 25A** your polling place is the **NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**
151 Laurel Avenue



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present
LIBRARY ECONOMICS

	monthly cost
Subscription to The New York Times	\$37.10
Subscription to Newsday	\$20.00
Family Cable Subscription (TV)	\$47.20
Subscription to Optimum Online	\$49.95
Cost of New Hardcover Book (average fiction & non-fiction)	\$36.00
Night at the Movies (without popcorn)	\$30.00
Theatre Tickets on Long Island	\$40.00
Adult Ed Computer Training Class	\$30.00
Homeowner's 2005/2006 Library Taxes (average)	\$32.30

According to preliminary research submitted by Pearl Kamer, Chief Economist for the Long Island Association, for every \$1.00 that is spent in patron taxes for libraries in Suffolk County, there is a \$4.00 return in library services for the patron. An economic study is expected to be completed by summer, 2005.

Patrons Share Their Comments

WOW gang! I just fired up my Internet connection and what comes up? The brand new library home page. I was expecting to see the familiar page that I have been looking at for some time and at first I thought that my screen had been taken over by some alien website. Then I looked at it more closely and recognized it as my new old friend library home page. A great way to start the New Year!

I congratulate you on your research and organizational talents which turned out such an appealing "Pop-Up" display. I hope that children and adults are enjoying it.

A visit to your cafe is often an after-school treat for my kindergartner. It is one of our favorite things to do together and the cafe is a joy in all ways. Thank you!

As a frequent library user and semi-literate computer user I would like to take this time to say thank you to you and your staff. During 2004, I needed much help being a senior citizen in college. Keep up the good work.

I must tell you that this is my favorite library in Suffolk County. You have the best people working here; they are always informative, polite and friendly. I suggest all libraries follow in your path.

Seventy-five students and seven staff members thoroughly enjoyed their visit to meet Jerry Spinelli and discuss his novels at the Northport Library. It was a wonderful afternoon where school and community worked together as partners to enhance literacy.

A Message from the Library Board of Trustees

The Road Ahead is Ours to Navigate

Dear Community Residents:

"How well are we doing what we do?" "How can we do what we do better?" These are the two simple questions which each day guide our best effort to address patron needs. The commitment of the Board, Administration, and each department in the Library to assess and reassess delivery of service is evidenced in the Library's excellent reputation. The Northport-East Northport Public Library continues to be viewed as a major contributor to the quality of life in the community it serves.

Approximately 5% of local tax dollars is designated to the business of running the Library. According to preliminary research submitted by Pearl Kamer, Chief Economist for the Long Island Association, for every \$1.00 that is spent in patron taxes for libraries in Suffolk County, there is a \$4.00 return in library services for the patron. A completed economic study is expected by summer, 2005.

The financial investment made by our community in its library demands that those in charge be capable of maintaining the values of a cherished institution entering its 91st year of service while continually establishing a vision for its future. Striking this balance requires strong leadership which the Board has encouraged. The Board expects the staff to stay well-trained and well-informed, to be skillful communicators, to think creatively, and to be effective decision makers. Most importantly, staff are held to the highest standard in all practices and are strictly accountable. Teamwork is a high priority. Creating excellence is measured by the ability to develop future library service while productively and efficiently assisting today's patron. It is a challenge, it is exciting, and it requires tremendous dedication.

This year's budget provides for our renowned and innovative services while setting our course for

the road ahead. Fiscal Budget 2005/2006 presents a 6% increase in expenditures. This increase will enable the Board to responsibly govern the Library's finances and continue to provide exceptional quality and service. Staff contracts, retirement and health mandates, many aspects of building operations, and service contracts are predetermined and, in most cases, fixed costs. Materials and program increases are to keep pace, to keep current, and to keep relevant. There are two new technology initiatives for fiscal 2005/2006 as well. Finally, we will introduce a Professional Development Center (PDC). The PDC will establish the Library as a qualified and recognized center for training and development, enabling professionals to stay abreast of today's changing information access. We want to continue to encourage the Library to be considered and thought of as a true "information commons".

The Library has a definite place in the community. The enthusiastic response to our 90th Anniversary Courtyard Project is a testament to our strong image. Today, however, the uniqueness of the public library and the importance of the service it renders to the local community is in competition with powerful national trends: high-speed Internet access; advancing cell phone technology; disposable media formats; megadiscout bookstores; and yes, Starbucks. We are determined to maintain our excellence in the community by continually applying our team effort and energy as catalysts for change. It is our goal to find where our users are going and to be there when they arrive.

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Library Statistics 2004

- More than **3,879** new patrons obtained library cards
- **32,698** people in the community have library cards
- **547,974** visits were made to the library
- open for service **72** hours weekly in each building
- Our programs entertained, educated and enriched **10,797** adults **1,376** teens **19,107** children
- **155,808** books for adults **91,989** books for children **25,796** videos, compact discs, DVDs & audiobooks more than **1,000** newspapers and magazine subscriptions
- **190,386** reference questions were answered: **99,916** asked by children **90,470** asked by adults
- **495,997** items were checked out by patrons
- **12,622** items were interlibrary loaned for patrons
- **3,511** patrons received free access to the Internet through SuffolkWeb
- **87,804** patrons used the Library's Internet stations
- **17,500** patrons used the Library's applications computers
- **24/7** online access from home

Statistics from New York State Annual Report for Public Libraries 2004.

Northport-East Northport Public Library Your Community Library

Proposed Operating Budget 2005/2006

	APPROVED BUDGET 2004/2005	PROPOSED BUDGET 2005/2006
LIBRARY MATERIALS & PROGRAMS		
Books, Periodicals & Electronic Resources	432,100	449,400
Videos, CDs, DVDs, Audiobooks	118,100	118,100
Adult, Teen & Children's Programming	84,200	86,200
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Computer Hardware & Software	105,500	127,000
Online Public Access Catalog	45,000	43,000
Telecommunications	73,500	83,500
Circulation Control	11,000	11,000
Equipment	30,000	40,000
Office, Library, and Cafe Supplies	103,800	123,000
Publications & Printing	51,000	55,000
Postage & Freight	23,000	23,000
Professional Development & Training	20,000	22,000
Professional Fees	50,400	55,000
SCLS Plan of Service Participation	59,000	66,400
LIBRARY BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE		
Fuels & Utilities	75,000	80,000
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	61,800	62,300
Maintenance Supplies	42,000	43,000
Building & Equipment Service Contracts & Leasing	136,100	136,100
Insurance	97,000	104,500
EMPLOYEE SALARIES		
Sunday & Holiday Service	212,400	211,200
Professional	2,137,600	2,263,200
Clerical/Technical, Cafe & Library Pages	1,647,400	1,745,700
Custodial & Security Service	372,400	357,100
MANDATED & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Social Security, Retirement	738,000	772,400
Health Insurance, Disability, and Group Life	425,100	509,800
DEBT SERVICE — PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	598,200	600,000
CAPITAL & TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS	0	30,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,749,600	8,217,900
ANTICIPATED REVENUE	455,900	349,100
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	7,293,700	7,868,800

TAX RATE HISTORY AND PROPOSAL ON THE OPERATING BUDGET

	Approved 2004/2005	Proposed 2005/2006
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$7,293,700	\$7,868,800
Assessed Valuation of District	\$81,178,466	\$81,178,466 (est.)
Tax rate per \$100	\$8.98	\$9.69
\$ Change in tax rate	0.76	0.71
% Change in tax rate	9.24%	7.88%

The estimated increase in the tax rate is 71¢ per \$100 assessed valuation which, based on a \$4,000 assessment, amounts to \$28.40 for the year.

Kids ... Cast YOUR Vote!

Tuesday, April 5, 2005
at East Northport or Northport Library
9:00 a.m.-8:45 p.m. Ages 3-up

When your parents come to vote on Tuesday, April 5, you will also have the opportunity to vote using a real voting machine* in the galleries in both library buildings.

This year we ask you to vote for your favorite Newbery and Caldecott Medal winners!

Newbery winners:

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
by E.L. Konigsburg

Maniac Magee
by Jerry Spinelli

Sarah, Plain and Tall
by Patricia MacLachlan

A Wrinkle in Time
by Madeleine L'Engle

Caldecott winners:

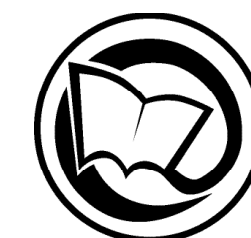
Officer Buckle and Gloria
by Peggy Rathmann

Owl Moon
by Jane Yolen

The Snowy Day
by Ezra Jack Keats

Where the Wild Things Are
by Maurice Sendak

All children who vote will receive a "Voter Exit Coupon" to use at the Library Cafe!



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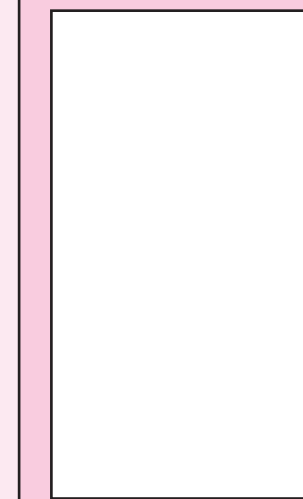
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HOURS

9 to 9 Monday thru Friday
9 to 5 Saturday
1 to 5 Sunday

The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the Library and pick up April's bookmark by Samantha Reilly. A reading list, compiled by our Children's Librarians, is on the back.



Samantha Reilly

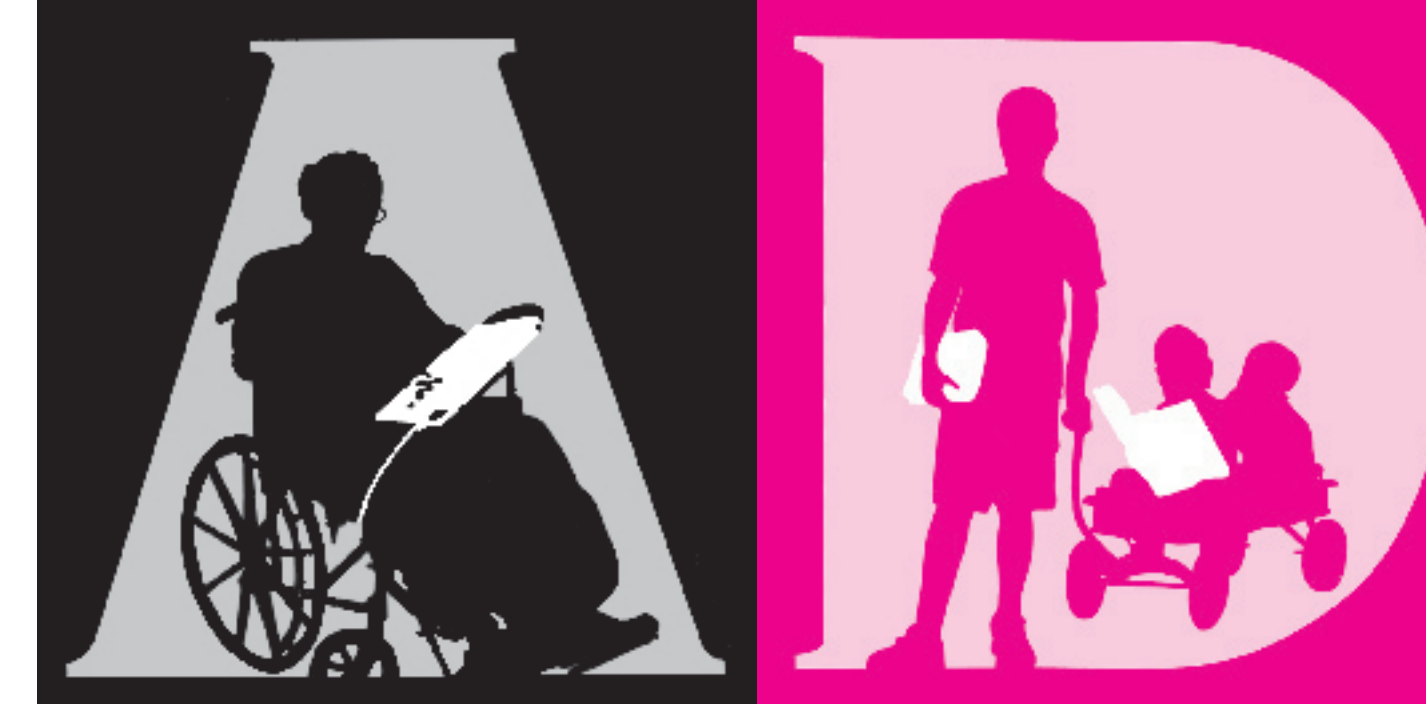
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