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Winter Series 2025

The Paul Effman Band
Fri., Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Paul Effman Sextet features accomplished musicians who will play hits through the decades from Gershwin to The Beatles, along with original vocal and instrumental arrangements performed in an elegant jazz style.



Let It Bleed
Fri., Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

Let It Bleed is committed to the sonic recreation of The Rolling Stones. Faithful to the original recordings and complete with horns, female backing vocals and percussion, Let It Bleed draws from a vast repertoire of Stones songs, from the early formative years to more current hits.



TICKET INFO: South Huntington cardholders can get up to two free tickets beginning **Dec. 13**. Print them online or get them in person at the Circulation Desk. Tickets are valid until 6:50 p.m., when non-ticket holders will be seated, if there is space.

2025 Winter Reading Challenge

Get Yeti to Read

January 4th - February 23rd



Ages 2 - Adult

The library will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1 and close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 31 – Happy Holidays!

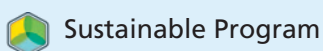
ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Program Info:

Registration for adult programs begins at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Register online, in person or by phone. Program enrollment may be limited, and popular ones fill quickly. For program details, see our website calendar at www.shpl.info or call 631.549.4411.

Library programs are in-person, unless marked with a V=Virtual or Video Program



How to register online for an adult program:

- Go to our website at www.shpl.info > Events > Adults.
- Find the date of the event you are interested in on the calendar. (If it is a series, such as a fitness class, go to the date of the first class.)
- Click on the program title.
- The page that appears will have a program description and registration date.
- Assuming that registration has begun, scroll down to the registration form.
- Type in your South Huntington Library card barcode and other fields as needed.
- If there is a fee, enter your credit card information.
- Click "Register."
- You should then see a confirmation screen. A confirmation notice will also be sent to the email you entered.
- If it is a ticketed event, such as a concert, print the confirmation page and bring it to the show.
- Questions? Call Circulation at 631.549.4411.

How to access your library account:

- Go to our website at www.shpl.info.
- Click "My Account".
- Enter your South Huntington Library card barcode and PIN.
- If you do not have a PIN, click "Create a Password" and follow the directions on the screen.
- Once you are in your account, you can see what items are checked out and when they are due. You can also update your contact information.
- If you haven't done it already, you may want to enable your reading history so you can begin creating a list to keep track of the books you've read.

Classical Sundays

Kinga Augustyn, Violin and Adam Golka, Piano Sun., Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m.

This talented pair will perform pieces by Beethoven, Bacewicz and more. All welcome! Violinist Kinga Augustyn is often praised for her musical interpretations, profundity, deft phrasing, beautiful tone, mastery of the bow, perfect intonation, and for her unique programming ideas. She currently serves as Violin Faculty at Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music. She also often gives masterclasses, especially when she is on tour. Polish-American pianist Adam Golka first performed all of Beethoven's Piano Sonatas when he was 18 years old, and in 2020-21 he performed the complete cycle of Beethoven's 32 Sonatas at the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park (Florida) and at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue (NYC). Adam currently serves as Artist-Teacher at the Longy School of Music of Bard College in Cambridge, MA, and is also an Artistic Advisor to the Krzyżowa-Music "Music for Europe" Chamber Music Festival.



Get Creative

Pinecone Gnomes Mon., Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Come join instructor Lucrezia as she shows you how to make these adorable pinecone gnomes. They can be used as winter decor for your home or made into hanging ornaments — whichever you prefer. There is a non-refundable materials fee of \$5. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **Dec. 2**.



Holiday Serving Board Wed., Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Join designer Elizabeth to create a fresh, festive flower arrangement to add a dash of color to a modern marble serving board. Imagine your sophisticated and eye-catching display filled with your favorites. Visual references will be provided to inspire delicious food spreads. There is a non-refundable \$5 materials fee. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.**



Adult Take & Make (V) Thurs. Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Create a set of winter-themed tea towels using a heat transfer technique. A variety of design options will be provided so that you can customize the perfect towels. Register and pick up a



kit with everything you need to make the craft, then watch the instructional video on our website calendar at the time of the program or any time after. *Please note that you will need an iron to complete this craft. SHPL cardholders register beginning **Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.**

Decoupage Shell Ornaments Mon., Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Create beautiful holiday decor using locally found seashells. Join artist Danielle as she shows you how to design your own beach inspired ornaments to hang on trees, in windows, on gifts or wherever you need a pop of festive flair! There is a non-refundable \$5 materials fee. SHPL cardholders register beginning **Dec. 6**.



Painted Winter Sign Tues., Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Join instructor Betty from Off Your Wall Art for a creative workshop as we paint the perfect 'Let it Snow' sign to take home and add to your winter decor. There is a non-refundable \$10 materials fee. SHPL cardholders register beginning **Dec. 3**.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Holiday Concert

Holiday Music with The Mountain Maidens
Sun., Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Featuring Marie Mularczyk O'Connell, Candice Baranello and Lorraine Berger, The Mountain Maidens will get us in the holiday spirit with splendid harmonies and traditional and folk songs, all accompanied by guitar, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, percussion and more. All welcome!



Food & Cooking

Holiday Cookie Swap
Mon., Dec. 2 at 1 p.m.

Holiday season is officially here! Let's get together and swap our favorite homemade holiday cookies. Please bring two dozen cookies to share along with a copy of the recipe. We will make additional copies of your recipe and provide containers for you to bring your delicious holiday assortment home. **Registration required.**



Adult Take & Bake: Gingerbread Whoopie Pies
Mon., Dec. 9

Enjoy the classic holiday flavor of gingerbread as you make Chef Rob's delicious cream-filled whoopie pies. Register and pick up a kit with the recipe and dry ingredients to make these yummy treats. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **Dec. 9 at 9 a.m.**



Cooking Class: Healthy Holiday Appetizer
Thurs., Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Sweet mini-colored peppers come together with turkey and lots of veggies and a splash of cheese, to serve up for holiday cocktail hour fun or for a quick bite on-the-go. Chef Kathryn, integrated nutritional health coach, will show you how to make this yummy treat and provide tasting samples and recipes. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.**



Indian Cooking Class
Thurs., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Join instructor Geetu as she shows you how to make a festive and delicious Indian rice pudding, made with healthy ingredients and holiday love. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **Dec. 2.**



Fun & Games

Game Day

Tues., Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Bring your game supplies and friends and enjoy socializing while playing your favorite game. The library will set up tables and chairs in the Meeting Room.

Mah Jongg for Beginners

Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

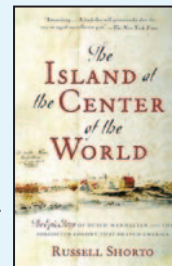
Learn to play mah jongg, a popular Chinese tile game, with instructor Cathy Crocetti. Instruction will include mechanics of the game and strategies. No prior experience is necessary. Please bring to class a 2024 National Mah Jongg League card (small or large), which can be purchased from the National Mah Jongg League. There is a \$5 fee for this 4-session class. **Registration required.**



Books & Reading

Non-Fiction Book Discussion
Wed., Dec. 11 at 11 a.m.

The group will discuss *The Island at the Center of the World* by Russell Shorto. Pick up a print copy of the book at the Circulation Desk. The e-book and audiobook are also available on Libby. New participants welcome!



Our other book discussion groups will be back next year. Happy Holidays to all our readers!

Community

2nd Precinct Community Meeting
Tues., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

Representatives from the Suffolk County Police Department's Second Precinct will discuss topics related to community policing. Residents are invited to bring up issues of concern in their neighborhoods.

North Shore Civil War Roundtable
Thurs., Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Dr. Stewart Bennett will Zoom into our theater with a presentation on "Struggle for the Life of the Republic," Civil War narrative of Major Charles Dana Miller of the 76th Ohio. All welcome.

Folk Music Jam

Sun., Dec. 15 at 1 p.m.

The Folk Music Society of Huntington will hold its monthly acoustic jam. New participants, listeners welcome.

Be a Better Driver

Defensive Driving

Mon., Dec. 9 & 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn to be a better driver with this two-part Empire Safety Council course and you could save money on your auto insurance. There is a \$30 fee. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **Dec. 6**, others Dec. 13.



Social Worker Available

Services are free, confidential and open to community members in the Town of Huntington. Bilingual assistance is available in the areas of health, child care, financial assistance, housing and utilities, legal aid, food and more.

To schedule an appointment, please call Adult Services at 631.549.4411. To send a confidential message, email socialworker@shpl.info.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Managing Family Stress During the Holidays (V) Wed., Dec. 4 at 11 a.m.

Holidays are often an exciting time of the year. Spending time with family, enjoying time off work, and celebrating with family traditions are just some of the enjoyable holiday activities. However, the holidays also can represent added stress due to the strain on your time and wallet. Join us live on Zoom to talk about some ideas on how to handle the stress of the holidays, simplify your days, and still have time to enjoy your family and the holidays. Presenter: Dinah Torres Castro, Bilingual Family Well Being Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County. **Registration now open.**

This program is presented in partnership with the public libraries in

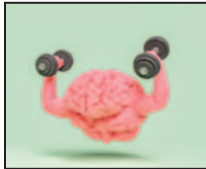


the Town of Huntington.

Brain Education for Successful Aging Wed., Dec. 18 at 11 a.m.

Explore the importance of the brain and how to maintain its function to work toward preventing diseases like Alzheimer's and other dementias. Based on principles of neuroplasticity and brain science, the fun and engaging mind-body techniques you'll learn in this workshop will help release tension from the brain and promote memory, creativity, focus and clarity. You'll be amazed at what your brain can do and how great you'll feel afterwards. Presented by Laura Proppe, certified life and health coach.

South Huntington cardholders register beginning **Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.**



Medicare Assistance

Medicare Counseling One-on-One Mon., Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Do you have questions about Medicare and Medicare related health insurance? Volunteer Lynn Elinson with the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), will meet with you one-on-one in the Young Adult Library on the lower level. An appointment is required. Please call the library at 631-549-4411 beginning **Dec. 2.**



Upcoming Fitness Classes

Beginner Tai Chi Mon., Jan. 6, 13, 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 24 at 9:30 a.m. (no class Jan. 20 and Feb. 17)

Instructor Regina. Fee. \$25. SHPL cardholders register **Dec. 9.**

Monday Yoga Mon., Jan. 6, 13, 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 24 at 11 a.m. (no class Jan. 20 and Feb. 17)

Instructor Regina. Fee. \$25. SHPL cardholders register **Dec. 9.**

Virtual Chair Yoga (V) Tues., Jan. 7-Feb. 4 & 25 at 9 a.m. (No class Feb. 11 & 18) With instructor Elana live on Zoom. Fee \$30. Register beginning **Dec. 10.**

Tai Chi Level 2 Tues., Jan. 7-Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m. Instructor is Regina. Fee \$32. SHPL registers **Dec. 10.**

Thursday Yoga Jan. 9-Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. Instructor Augusta. Fee \$42. SHPL registers **Dec. 12.**

Yoga 2nd Session Thurs., Jan. 9-Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. Instructor Augusta. Fee \$42. SHPL registers **Dec. 12.**

Walk2TheBeat Virtual Fitness (V) Sat., Jan. 4-Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Live on Zoom with instructor Michelle. Fee \$25. Register for Zoom link beginning **Dec. 6.**

Cardio Mix Fitness Sat., Jan. 4-25 at 9:30 a.m. Instructor Evelyn. Fee \$18. Bring weights, band, ball, yoga mat. SHPL registers beginning **Dec. 6.**

Monday Movies

@ 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 2: Twisters

An update to the 1996 film 'Twister', which centered on a pair of storm chasers who risk their lives in an attempt to test an experimental weather alert system. Glen Powell, Daisy Edgar-Jones. PG13, 122 mins.



Dec. 9: It Ends With Us

It Ends With Us, the first Colleen Hoover novel adapted for the big screen, tells the story of Lily Bloom, a woman who overcomes a traumatic childhood to embark on a new life in Boston and chase a lifelong dream of opening her own business. A chance meeting with charming neurosurgeon Ryle Kincaid sparks an intense connection, but as the two fall deeply in love, Lily begins to see sides of Ryle that remind her of her parents' relationship. When Lily's first love, Atlas Corrigan, suddenly reenters her life, her relationship with Ryle is upended, and Lily realizes she must learn to rely on her own strength to make an impossible choice for her future. Blake Lively, Justin Baldoni. PG13, 130 mins.



Dec. 16: Love Actually

Throwback to 2003 with this holiday classic. It's all about love and holiday cheer in London. The Prime Minister is smitten with his caterer; a widower's young son nurses the ultimate schoolboy crush; a writer falls for his Portuguese housekeeper; a devoted wife and mother copes with her potentially unfaithful husband; and a lovelorn American is desperately attracted to a colleague. Alan Rickman, Laura Linney, Hugh Grant. R, 135 mins.



Dec. 23: White Christmas

Celebrate this film's 70th anniversary! In it, two talented song-and-dance men team up after the war to become one of the hottest acts in show business. Joined by two sisters, they travel to Vermont for a white Christmas. Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney. NR, 120 mins.



Dec. 30: Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

Beetlejuice is back! After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid, discovers the mysterious model of the town in the attic and the portal to the Afterlife is accidentally opened. With trouble brewing in both realms, it's only a matter of time until someone says Beetlejuice's name three times and the mischievous demon returns to unleash his very own brand of mayhem. Michael Keaton, Winona Ryder. PG13, 104 mins.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Technology

Genealogy Drop-in
Thurs., Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thinking about tracing your roots but don't know where to start? Or maybe your search is under way and you've hit a dead end. Retired librarian PJ will be on hand to show you how you can access free genealogical resources, including Ancestry, through the library and to offer search tips and advice. No registration necessary.



Tech Byte: Apple Watch Basics

Tues., Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.

Discover the basics of using your Apple Watch with tech librarian Michael. Learn how to navigate features like fitness tracking, notifications, and essential apps to get the most out of your device. South Huntington cardholders register beginning Dec. 3.



Maximizing Credit Card Rewards

Mon., Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

Unlock the full potential of your credit cards by learning how to maximize rewards points. This class with tech librarian Michael will cover the basics of earning, redeeming, and optimizing points for travel, cash back, and other benefits. SHPL cardholders register beginning Dec. 9.



Navigating Our Digital Services

Thurs., Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.

Whether you are a new or long-time cardholder, join tech librarian Michael as he shows you how to access free ebooks, audiobooks and digital newspapers and magazines; register for programs from home; create a library account; enable your reading history; access online learning tools and more. If there's something specific you'd like to learn, please ask! SHPL cardholders register beginning Dec. 5.

Alfred Van Loen Gallery

'Intersections – Urban Perspectives,' works by Pamela Waldroup & Robert Mielenhausen. Through Jan. 11.

Photographer Pamela Waldroup and painter Robert Mielenhausen have collaborated to show the combination of two visions of New York City.



Pamela Waldroup frames her work through the lens of a camera with black-and-white photography that captures the architecture and lively shapes within the scope of NYC.



Robert Mielenhausen depicts his work through a painter's brush using texture, color, and lighting to show off the vibes of NYC neighborhoods in a representational way. Their exhibition, "Intersections - Urban Perspectives," invites viewers to engage with the city's atmosphere and fill the void between the artists' unique visual interpretations.

The exhibit may be viewed during library hours, or take a virtual tour at www.shpl.info>Using the Library>Van Loen Gallery.

Small Business Counseling

Small Business Counseling One-on-One
Wed., Dec. 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Do you own a small business or are you thinking of starting one? A counselor from SCORE will meet with you one-on-one to discuss your business and offer guidance. One-hour appointments are available at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. To register, beginning Dec. 4, find your desired time on our website calendar (www.shpl.info) and fill in the required information, or call the library at 631.549.4411.



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To get started, go to our website at www.shpl.info>Books, Movies & More>What to Read Next

NoveList Plus

Children's Programs

A Family Place Library

 Sustainable Program

Paint a Present



Saturday, December 7

Drop in any time
between 2 and 4 p.m.
Paint a present and wrap it
for someone special!
No registration required.
(Recommended
for ages 4-10.)

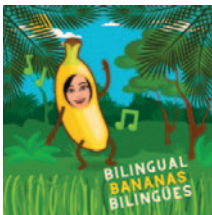
early childhood programs

Bilingual BANANAS Bilingües

**Mon., Dec. 2-16, 10-10:30
a.m., 18-48 mos.**

**Mon., Jan. 6, 13 & 27, 10-
10:30 a.m., 18-48 mos.**

Go BANANAS with Miss Georgina while enjoying bilingual songs, books, and a fun craft! Registration is **ongoing** for the December programs and register **Dec. 30** for the January programs. Ponte BANANAS con Miss Georgina mientras disfrutas de canciones bilingües, libros y una divertida manualidad. La inscripción es **continúa** para los programas de diciembre y la inscripción para los programas de enero es el **30 de diciembre**.



Sprouts & Friends

**Tue., Dec. 3-17, 10-10:45
a.m., or**

**Tue., Dec. 3-17, 11-11:45
a.m., Birth-5 yrs.**

**Tue., Jan. 7-28, 10-10:45
a.m., or**

**Tue., Jan. 7-28, 11-11:45
a.m., Birth-5 yrs.**

Sprouts & Friends is a music and movement program for families focused on creating joy while we play, learn, and grow together. Registration is **ongoing** for the December programs and register **Dec. 31** for the January programs.



Baby Bundle Take & Make Paquete Para Bebés un Take & Make

**Wed., Dec. 4, Birth-24 mos.
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Bring story time home with this themed kit designed specifically for babies. Register and pick up a kit beginning **Dec. 4**. Ahora puede llevar la hora del cuento a casa con este kit diseñado específicamente para bebés. Regístrese **dic. 4**.



Baby Time!

**Wed., Dec. 4-18, 10:30-11
a.m., or**

Wed., Dec. 4-18, 11:15-11:45

a.m., Birth-24 mos.

Babies and their caregivers will have fun sharing songs, rhymes, board books, and sensory activities that will help stimulate their little ones' cognitive, language, and social development. Registration is **ongoing**.



Zumbini

**Thur., Dec. 5-19, 10:30-11:15
a.m., or**

**Thur., Dec. 5-19, 11:30 a.m.-
12:15 p.m., Birth-4 yrs.**

Join Miss Lauren for Zumbini! This class provides an amazing bonding experience for caregivers and their little ones, while focusing on fine and gross motor development. Registration is **ongoing**.



A Time for Kids

**Fri., Dec. 6-20, 10-10:45 a.m.
or**

**Fri., Dec. 6-20, 11-11:45 a.m.,
18 mos.-5 yrs.**

This is a skill-building, interactive class that will help prepare your child for independent learning experiences. Registration is **ongoing**.



Music & Movement

**Sat., Dec. 7, 10-10:45 a.m.,
18 mos.-4 yrs.**

Enjoy a fun way to develop early literacy skills in young children with music, dancing, singing, rhymes, and stories. Registration is **ongoing**.



Preschool Pals

**Tue., Dec. 10-17, 3-3:45 p.m.,
3-5 yrs.**

**Tue., Jan. 7-28, 3-3:45 p.m.,
3-5 yrs.**

It's time for some preschool-sized fun! Every week is a little different with stories, songs, movement activities, crafts, science exploration and much more! (This program is designed for preschoolers ages 3-5 years and not yet in kindergarten.) Register **Dec. 3** for the December programs and register **Dec. 31** for the January programs.



Lil' Athletes Toddler

**Sat., Dec. 14, 10-10:45 a.m.,
18-36 mos.**

Join Lil' Athletes for an introduction to various sports, including soccer and baseball. Register **Dec. 7**.



Lil' Athletes

**Sat., Dec. 14, 11-11:45 a.m.,
3-5 yrs.**

Join Lil' Athletes for an introduction to various sports, including soccer, baseball, and lacrosse. Register **Dec. 7**.

PlayHooray Babies & Kids

**Sat., Dec. 21, 10-10:45 a.m.,
3 mos.-5 yrs.**

Music and fun for your little one! Incorporates fine and gross motor skill activities, nursery rhymes, books, songs, bubbles, and more. Register **Dec. 14**.



Programs for children in kindergarten-grade school are independent.

Register for programs in 1 of 3 ways: In person at SHPL; call us at 631.549.4411 x301; or online at shpl.info>Events>Children. (Click on the desired program to see details and availability.) **Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. (Weds. at 10 a.m.) and 7 p.m. for some programs.**

Caregiver and child MUST have a valid South Huntington Library Card to register.

If you are more than 5 minutes late for a program and haven't called to hold your child's spot, we will assume you are not coming and will allow waiting patrons to attend.

Children's Programs

A Family Place Library

 Sustainable Program

Bedtime Book Buddies: It's Winter!!

Thur., Dec. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 3-7 yrs.

Join teens from the Teen Advisory Board for a night of winter stories, a simple craft, and a snack. Pajamas are not required, but encouraged! Register *Dec. 19*.



School age programs

Homework Help

Mon., Dec. 2 & 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m., K-6 gr.

High school students will assist community children with homework assignments in the Young Adult Library. Parents/caregivers must remain in the building during the program. Help is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



Lego Club

Sun., Dec. 8, 2:30-3:30 p.m., or
Thur., Dec 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m., K-5 gr.

Come and spend some time building with our Legos. Participants will have their creations displayed in the library for 2 weeks. Register *Dec. 2* for the program on Dec. 8 and register *Dec. 19* for the program on Dec. 26.



Adventures in Art: Picture This!

Mon., Dec. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Discover the iconic pictures of American painter and illustrator Norman Rockwell, then create your own art inspired by his famous Saturday Evening Post covers. Register *Dec. 2*.



Art Club: Kirsten Lepore
Fri., Dec. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Kirsten Lepore is a Los Angeles based director and animator best known for her stop-motion short films, the award-winning feature, *Marcel the Shell with Shoes On*, and the *I Am Groot* series currently streaming on Disney+. Learn about the artist and make a simple stop-motion video. Register *Dec. 6*.



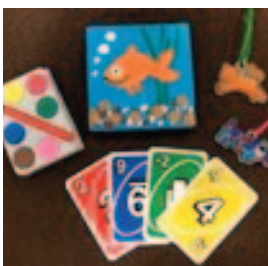
Learn to Draw with Art Teacher Amy
Thur., Dec. 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Art Teacher Amy will take you step-by-step through a drawing of a snowman with bunnies using oil pastels and watercolors. No experience necessary! Register *Dec. 12*.



Tweens Night Out: Mini Mania
Fri., Dec. 20, 7-8 p.m., 3-5 gr.

Mini art! Mini games! Mini snacks! Grab a friend and join us for an evening of super-small stuff! Register beginning *Dec. 13*.



Chess Nuts

Sun., Dec. 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Have you always wanted to learn how to play chess or just want someone to play chess with? The Long Island Chess Nuts will provide 1/2 hour of chess instruction followed by 1/2 hour of playing time. Register *Dec. 14*.



Art Club: Eugene Ivanov
Fri., Dec. 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Eugene Ivanov is a Russian-Czech painter and book illustrator. Ivanov's artworks are founded on dreams and of the unconscious, and is suffused with surrealistic poetry. Learn about the artist and create your own work of art inspired by him. Register *Dec. 20*.



Science of Toys

Thur., Jan. 2, 2:30-3:30 p.m., K-3 gr.

Did you know that some of your favorite toys work using basic science principles? Use yo-yos and other classic toys to discover the science of motion through fun hands-on activities. Find out how various toys and String Things work and bring home a "Mad Science Yo-Yo." Registration begins *Dec. 26*.



Library Arts Presents: Junk Jewelry Snowman

Fri., Jan. 3, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Enjoy making this fun, winter Snowman on canvas. Mixed junk jewelry pieces, glitter, and glue result in a textured snowman set in a winter landscape. Register beginning *Dec. 27*.

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The Wild Robot

Sat. Dec. 28, 2:30-4:15 p.m., all ages

After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose. PG, 102 mins.



See Page 9 for details.

Teen Services

Programs are for SHPL cardholders entering grades 6-12 unless otherwise indicated. Some registrations begin at 9:30 a.m. (Wednesdays at 10 a.m.), others at 7 p.m. (V)=virtual program.

100 Books Before Graduation

100 Books Before Graduation is a reading initiative for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. You can register the summer before 6th grade, but all students currently in the South Huntington district in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join as well. And we've got some cool prizes for you to earn along the way.

Homework Help at the South Huntington Public Library Mondays, through Dec. 9 4:30-6:30 p.m.

High school students will assist children in the community with their homework assignments in the YA Library. Parents/caregivers must remain in the building during the program. Help is offered on a first come, first served basis and may be with several participants. The Fall Session runs on Mondays through Dec. 9. For those in grades K-6, but can also help those in 7th and 8th grade.



Paint Night Wed., Dec. 4, 6:30-8 p.m.

Get your art on and create your masterpiece with an art instructor from Project Excel. Registration began **Nov. 22**.

Holy Cannoli Dip! Fri., Dec. 6, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for a fun night with Chef Rob learning to make cannoli dip, and then try it out with some sweet cookies! Registration began **Nov. 29**.



Holiday Candy Art Competition Thurs., Dec. 12, 7-8 p.m.

Work in teams to create awesome holiday-themed art using candy! Let's see if you can make it through the competition without eating it! Prizes awarded to the winner. Please note that food programs contain allergens including nuts, dairy, gluten, eggs, flour and more. Registration begins **Dec. 6**.



Customized Ceramic Mug Fri., Dec. 13, 7-8 p.m.

Design and create a personalized mug perfect for holiday gift giving. Everyone will customize a ceramic mug using their own artwork. Add a message or sentiment, if desired, to make a unique gift for a loved one, or maybe just keep the mug for yourself! A wrapping station will be provided for gift wrapping. Registration begins **Dec. 6**.



Teen Book Box

Sign up for a Teen Book Box! We will send you a link to a form that will help us create a box of books, a fun activity and a snack specifically for you! Boxes will include 3 books specifically selected for you to check out and return - everything else is yours to keep and enjoy. Please register with your own library card. Registration begins Dec. 2. Boxes are available for pickup in the YA Library beginning Fri., Dec. 20 until Dec. 30th.

Dungeons & Dragons Sat., Dec. 14, 1-3 p.m.

Ready your weapons and your spells, it's time to go on an adventure! Join our experienced dungeon masters for a one-shot campaign in the popular tabletop RPG Dungeons & Dragons. Slay monsters, solve puzzles, and find treasure in this epic adventure! Registration begins **Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.**

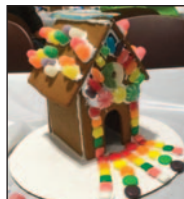
Teen Advisory Board Tues., Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an active organization made up of South Huntington teens in grades 6-12 who work together to make a difference in our library. Tell us your ideas for community service, programs and contests. Ms. Jen & Ms. Elizabeth kick-off this meeting with the programs and community service opportunities that are already being planned. Meetings are usually held on the third Tues. night of the month at 7 p.m. Earn one hour of community service for attendance. New members are always welcome! This meeting is for South Huntington library district residents currently in grades 6-12. No registration is required.



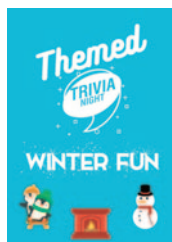
YA Gingerbread House Decorating Wed., Dec. 18, 7-8 p.m.

Sign up today to decorate your own gingerbread house in our YA Library. Participants must register under their own SHPL library card. Registration begins **Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.**



Themed Trivia Thursday: Winter Fun Thurs., Dec. 19, 7-8 p.m.

Get ready to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with our winter-themed trivia this month! Answer questions about classic holiday movies, songs, games, and traditions in this celebration of all things winter. Registration begins **Dec. 13**.



Penguin Cupcakes and a Movie Fri., Dec. 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL CUPCAKE LOVERS! Join Miss Georgina to make some amazing penguin cupcakes and watch Penguins of Madagascar! Registration begins **Dec. 13** for SHPL cardholders; non-cardholders may register beginning Dec. 18.



Cat Totes: A Community Service Program Sun., Dec. 22, 2-4 p.m.

Help us bring attention to cat and kitten adoption by decorating a tote bag for a new cat owner. Make one tote and earn a maximum of one hour of community service. No registration required.

Game On! Fri., Dec. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tweens and Teens are invited to drop into the YA Library to play on a variety video gaming systems setup with preselected games. This will not be a quiet library night! No registration required.



Snowman Bowl Mon., Dec. 30, 6:30-8 p.m.

Learn to paint on glass by creating a cute snowman bowl for winter! Registration begins **Dec. 20**.

International Snacks - Canada Thurs., Jan. 2, 7-8 p.m.

Join us for another taste testing - this time from our neighboring country Canada! There will be a variety of sweets and savory snacks to try! Registration begins **Dec. 27**.



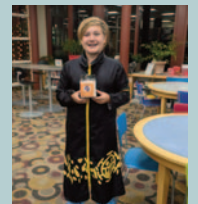
Board Game Night Fri., Jan. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Looking for something to do on a Friday night? Come hang out at the library and play some board games! Enjoy a fun night of Uno, Ticket to Ride, Exploding Kittens, and more! Registration begins **Dec. 27** for SHPL cardholders; non-cardholders may register beginning Jan. 2.



Guess in a Jar Winner!

The winner of the YA Library Guess in a Jar is Ryan! Ryan wins the whole jar of Gummy Eyeballs. There were 57 Gummy Eyeballs in the jar.



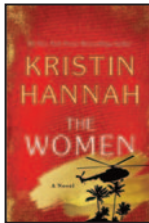
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Top Checkouts 2024

The following materials were the most checked out by South Huntington patrons this year. How many are on your list?

eBooks (Fiction)

The Women / Kristin Hannah
First Lie Wins / Ashley Elston
Fourth Wing / Rebecca Yarros
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store / James McBride
None of This Is True / Lisa Jewell



eBooks (Nonfiction)

Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing / Matthew Perry
Killers of the Flower Moon / David Grann
My Name is Barbra / Barbra Streisand
The Demon of Unrest / Erik Larson
I'm Glad My Mom Died / Jennette McCurdy

eAudiobooks (Fiction)

The Women / Kristin Hannah
First Lie Wins / Ashley Elston
None of This is True / Lisa Jewell
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store / James McBride
Tom Lake / Ann Patchett

eAudiobooks (Nonfiction)

The Woman in Me / Britney Spears
Atomic Habits / James Clear
My Name is Barbra / Barbra Streisand
I'm Glad My Mom Died / Jennette McCurdy
Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing / Matthew Perry

Print Books (Fiction)

The Women / Kristin Hannah
First Lie Wins / Ashley Elston
A Calamity of Souls / David Baldacci
The #1 Lawyer / James Patterson
The Fury / Alex Michaelides

Print Books (Nonfiction)

Oath and Honor / Liz Cheney
The Demon of Unrest / Erik Larson
What This Comedian Said Will Shock You / Bill Maher
Hillbilly Elegy / J.D. Vance
The Anxious Generation / Jonathan Haidt

BLU-RAY/DVD

The Holdovers
Oppenheimer
Poor Things
Arthur the King
Ferrari



Games Teach Kids About Money

Kids (ages 6-10) will soon have the opportunity to learn about earning, saving, spending, and budgeting in a fun, interactive way through the Thinking Money for Kids program! South Huntington Public Library is one of 300 libraries nationwide that was selected to receive a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit from the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The program kit is a collection of expertly vetted resources to help libraries teach financial concepts, both in the library and at home.



The program kit includes five, in-person role-playing games kids can enjoy starting in January:

Pet Cents:

Pet ownership comes with responsibilities! Earn and spend money to meet a pet's needs while providing some fun stuff, too.



Making Moo-lah:

Make investment decisions and manage unexpected events in order to keep a farm profitable



through all four seasons.

Penny Pincher's Party:

Become a party planner and create the best birthday party ever while staying within a budget.



Piggy Bank Theatre:

Help three characters as they try to turn their childhood interests into successful careers.



Currency Conga:

Learn how to add and subtract bills and coins in this Twister-inspired game.



The Thinking Money for Kids project will also include some library programs coming in early 2025. While waiting for in-person programming to begin, stop by the Children's Department to borrow a Playaway Launchpad that is loaded with digital versions of these games plus other financial-literacy activities. Launchpads are kid-friendly tablets that can be borrowed for two weeks and don't require a home internet connection. For more information and program registration details, please contact the Children's Department.

Servicios en Español

Clases de Inglés

La biblioteca ofrecerá clases de inglés como segundo idioma. Si está interesado, póngase en contacto con Georgina por correo electrónico a grivas@shpl.info o por teléfono 631-549-4411 ext.276.

¿Piensa viajar?

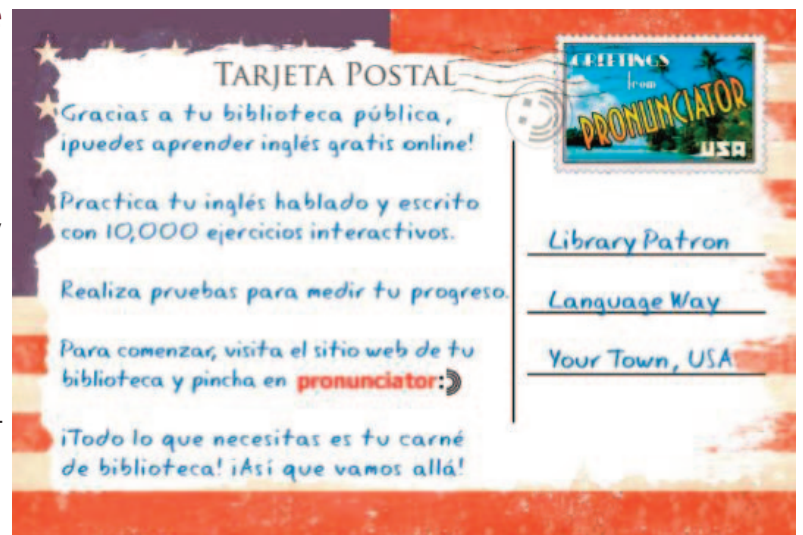
Solicite un pasaporte en la biblioteca para obtener información sobre la documentación y las tarifas y para programar una cita para el pasaporte, llame a Georgina Bibliotecaria de Servicios en Español al 631.549.4411 ext. 276.

Ayuda técnica 1 a 1

Las citas técnicas 1 a 1 son un servicio para los usuarios que necesitan ayuda personalizada con necesidades tecnológicas básicas. ¿Necesita ayuda con su portátil, tableta, Kindle, teléfono inteligente u otro dispositivo? ¿Necesita ayuda para navegar por los recursos electrónicos de la biblioteca? ¿Necesita un repaso sobre el uso de las aplicaciones de la biblioteca? Contacte Servicios en Español por correo electrónico a grivas@shpl.info o por teléfono 631-549-4411 ext.276.

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Los servicios de la trabajadora social son gratuitos, confidenciales y abiertos a los miembros de la comunidad del pueblo de Huntington. La Biblioteca Pública de South Huntington y Family Service League están trabajando juntos para proporcionar apoyo a individuos y familias. Para hacer una cita individual, llame a Servicios en Español al 631.549.4411 ext.276. Para enviar un mensaje confidencial, envíe un correo electrónico a socialworker@shpl.info.



Services @ Your Library

Planning to travel?

Apply for a passport at the library. Visit our website at www.shpl.info>Services>Passports for information about documentation and fees. Appointments are available Monday-Friday. When you are ready to set up a passport appointment, call Adult Services at 631.549.4411.

Homebound Service

If you are unable to get to the library because of illness, injury or

disability, you can arrange for materials to be delivered to your home. You can request specific items, or you can let us know your preferences and a librarian will choose materials for you. To arrange for this service, please call outreach librarian Martha Kahn at 631.549.4411, ext. 255.



Notary Services

The library offers limited notary services. *Please call before you plan to visit to make sure a notary will be available.* The service is free of charge. We cannot notarize wills, mortgages, property sales or powers of attorney. Documents must be in English. For information, go to our website at www.shpl.info>Services>A-Z Services.



1 on 1 Tech Help

One on One Tech Appointments are a service for patrons who are in need of personalized assistance with basic tech needs. Need help with your laptop, tablet, Kindle, smartphone or other device? Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources? Do you need a refresher on using our library apps? Go to our website at www.shpl.info>Services>1 on 1 Tech Appointments to make a reservation.

All About Tech

Making the Most of Credit Card Perks

Credit card rewards programs can offer a range of perks, from cash back to travel benefits, but many people don't take full advantage of them. Those programs can be overwhelming with benefits and discounts changing by the month. However, if you are willing to keep track of these perks, you can save money and get more value from your everyday purchases.

Credit card rewards can be loosely divided into two categories: cash back and points. With cash back, a percentage of your spending is returning to you as a rebate or statement credit. With points, you accumulate rewards points or "miles" with each purchase that can then be redeemed for things like travel bookings and gift cards or transferred to airline and hotel loyalty programs.

Keeping track of these points can be difficult especially if they are spread across different financial institutions. However, as with most things, there's an app for that – and sometimes even a browser extension that tries to simplify things.

Some of the big names are AwardWallet, MaxRewards, and CardPointers but there are other apps out there to research. Most have free plans that provide basic functionality and in many cases that's all you need. I found them helpful for viewing discounts and offers from different credit card companies in one place without jumping between banking apps. Depending on the permissions you give them, some will even notify you which card to use when you are near a store with a promotion for cash back or bonus points.

You can also keep track of these rewards by downloading the app for the financial institution that issued your card. They often list discounts and offers from different stores, both brick and mortar and online, but you might have to "clip" them like you would a digital coupon for a supermarket to get the discount. These offers often give cash back or extra membership points. It never hurts to check as you could save on gas, streaming services, flights, and more.

Want to learn more? Schedule a free one-on-one tech appointment or attend our Maximizing Credit Card Rewards class on Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. (See Page 5.)

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With Michael

Resources to Help Trace Your Roots

When we gather with loved ones for the holidays, it can make us wonder how our families came to be. Here are just a few online resources available at the library that can help you discover your family tree.

Ancestry.com

This popular resource offers access to public databases, from census records and Social Security to military and immigration records. It also features a Learning Center where you can get tips on tackling your quest, and there are downloadable forms to help you keep track of your research. Ancestry.com Library Edition is only available for use inside the library. Visit the Reference Desk to get started.

Ellis Island

Search the free Ellis Island archives for passenger records and manifests for those who passed through Ellis Island and the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924.

Fold3

Access to military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.

HeritageQuest Online

This resource features U.S. federal census records from 1790-1950 plus searchable published family histories. It also has Revolutionary War-era records as well as Freedman's Bank (1861-1875),

which was founded to serve African Americans, and Native American census records.

MyHeritage Library Edition

Search records from around the world including birth, marriage, death, military, census, and parish records.

Passenger and Immigration List Index

Lists are compiled from historical publications, naturalization records, government documents, ship manifests, and other historical sources. Entries include the name and age of immigrant; year and place of arrival, or naturalization; and associated family members who arrived with the entrant.

Historic Newspapers

You can also search for ancestors in historic newspaper databases, including The New York Times (1851-2014), Newsday (1940-1989), New York Amsterdam News and The American Hebrew and Jewish Messenger.

Yearbooks

Looking for someone local? Check digital yearbooks from Walt Whitman High School, South Huntington High School, Holy Family High School, and St. Anthony's High School.

To access these databases: www.shpl.info>Research>Genealogy & Local History. You will need a South Huntington Library card.



Looking for an activity during school break? Borrow a museum pass!

South Huntington cardholders can use most passes to admit a family to dozens of museums on Long Island and in New York City. Check the museum's website for operating hours, exhibits and information. Some passes can be printed at home after checkout; others may need to be picked up at the library. To access: www.shpl.info>Services>Museum Passes. You will need a South Huntington Library card.



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Join Our Plastic Recycling Challenge!


The library is collecting plastic film and bags in our quest to earn another bench for our library grounds. There is a bin in the lobby in which you can deposit material such as bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, plastic shipping envelopes, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, resealable bags, produce bags — items we use and discard almost every day. Let's keep them out of the waste stream! Materials must be dry and free of food residue. Please remember to bring in your items regularly so that we may periodically get them to a drop-off site.



Curl up with a good ebook this holiday season.



Read on Libby.



Borrow a Museum Pass!

South Huntington cardholders can borrow passes to about two dozen museums on Long Island and in the metro area. To access: Visit our website at www.shpl.info and click on the green "Museum Passes" button.

Museum Spotlight:



**LT MICHAEL P. MURPHY
NAVY SEAL MUSEUM**

The museum tells the story, sacrifices, and legacies of the Special Operators of Naval Special Warfare Command from the frogman and Underwater Demolition teams of WWII and Korea to the birth of the SEALs in Vietnam, the War on Terror, Operation Redwings, and an exhibition hall dedicated solely to the SEAL Training program. There are seven exhibition halls including a movie theater and a SEAL simulation ride to give the public a glimpse into the stories and lives of these very special men and heroes.

**New Year's Eve
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Ongoing Services

- Museum passes
- Passport acceptance
- Notary public (call ahead for availability)
- Homebound delivery
- Reference services
- One-on-one tech help
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- Fax machine
- Scanner
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- WiFi access

Call the library at 631.549.4411 for information.