Dear Island Trees Community:

First, I want to wish you all a happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year 2023. If you haven’t already, please stop by and drop off an unwrapped toy as part of our Toys for Tots drive which goes through December 15 and is sponsored by NYS Assemblyman John Mikulin.

As it’s a new year and a new library with a new attitude, we are working on a three-year strategic plan and we want to hear from you! Please take a moment to take our Community Survey: https://forms.gle/RfkGCR4N7PA3FBFq9 which goes through January 15, 2023. Your responses will help us put together a great plan that will shape the library’s future collections, programs, services, and more.

This is going to be the best year yet, so grab your coat, hat and mittens and head out to the library to get some good stuff to read and just plain do. We are always here to warm you on the coldest of winter days, so please come visit us.

Best to all,
Michelle M. Young, Director

-As the Page Turns-

If we're unable to have in-house programs, they may be held virtually on Zoom. You will be notified if changes are made.

Did you know the library offers notary services? All documents cost $2.00 to notarize, but are free to those in active military service and veterans. Please go to islandtreespubliclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/54.-Notary-Policy.pdf for our policy which lists what we can and cannot notarize for you.

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Thank you for your participation and support!
Free Museum Passes!

Check out museum passes for you and your family to enjoy! Most of the museums have reopened with new rules, hours, and policies concerning COVID-19. Please check with the museums in advance.

Find and click on our Museum Pass tab on our website for details and to reserve your passes. Most can even be printed at home - look for “POD” (Print-on-Demand) next to the reservation.

• American Airpower Museum
• Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium
• Cradle of Aviation Museum and Education Center
• Garvies Point Museum and Preserve
• Intrepid, Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex
• Long Island Children’s Museum
• Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center
• Nassau County Museum of Art
• New York State Empire Pass
• Old Bethpage Village Restoration
• Old Westbury Gardens
• Planting Fields Arboretum, State Park and Coe Hall

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, sailors, soldiers, and volunteers “packed out” 21 USPS boxes of donations to mail to our active military overseas. The boxes held gifts, candy, cards, and toiletries and should be delivered on time by the holidays to an army base in Japan as well as to the USS New Orleans at sea. Teens that participated received two hours of Community Service. Thanks to those who came out for a great cause!

Homebound Delivery
We offer delivery and pick-up service for the homebound. Please call (516) 731-2211 and ask for the Reference Desk to make arrangements.

Please welcome our new YA Librarian Andrew Taylor! Andrew graduated from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at Long Island University in 2021, and is also an Island Trees resident and a graduate of Island Trees High School. He looks forward to working with the community he grew up and loved, bringing new, exciting programs and services to the teens. We welcome him!

Get your ITPL card ready and visit creativebug.com/lib/islandtrees to get started.

Borrow Our Orion StarBlast Astro Reflector Telescope!
Call to reserve at (516) 731-2211, visit us in person, or go online at islandtreespubliclibrary.org

Did you know that we can link library card records together?
Stop by the Circulation Desk to fill out a consent form - great for households with multiple ITPL cardholders!

Getting crafty this holiday season?
Get free unlimited access to thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes on Creativebug!
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Island Trees Local History Project

The Library’s Dedication Party took place on January 13, 1974 for the new building. Here you can see a handmade sign in a window stating NEW HOME OF ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY with graphics on the sign. We believe the person in the photo is a staff member but the image notes did not specify.

Cooking and baking programs go way back at the Library, longer than you might realize! This was taken during one of our programs for adults called “Chinese Cookery with Betty Wong”, and took place in 1974.

We’ve always been festive around the holidays at the Library, especially for the kids! The top left and right photos were taken for our Christmas Party, and the lower left and right from our Chanukah Party, both from 1973. In the middle left we have our Trim a Tree Party from 1975.

Maybe you were there or recognize someone in these photos? If so, please e-mail Michelle Young, ITPL Director, at islandtreesdirector@gmail.com

Explore more of our local history project, “An Identity of Its Own”, from our New York Heritage Digital Collections portal: nyheritage.org/organizations/island-trees-public-library
Readiness. Use Threat Recognition, and Preparation & Target Victim Profile, Knowing How to Situational Awareness, Reducing Your chances of a person becoming a victim of violent crime that includes Employing the chances of a person becoming a victim. Learn proven methods that drastically reduce the chances of a person becoming a victim. Presented by Don Longo

Prepared... Not Paranoid

Cinnamon Swirl Bread with Chef Rob
Thursday, December 1 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM in the Community Room
Celebrate the holidays and follow along virtually with Chef Rob to make this festive bread! You will need a whisk, large and medium bowls, 9"x5" loaf pan and aluminum foil. Registration required.

Friday Afternoon Matinees

Starting at 12:00 PM in the Community Room
Enjoy free snacks and a drink while you watch the movie! No registration required.

- December 2: Elf (2003, PG, 97 minutes)
- December 16: Home Alone (1990, PG, 102 minutes)
- January 13: Three Thousand Years of Longing (2022, R, 108 minutes)
- January 27: Top Gun: Maverick (2022, PG-13, 131 minutes)
- February 10: Nope (2022, R, 120 minutes)
- February 17: Hidden Figures (2016, PG, 127 minutes)

Joy of Watercolor with Julie VanBenthysen
Every Monday, December 5 - 19; and February 6 thru May 22 from 10 AM - 1 PM in the Community Room
Join us for a socially distanced paint class! Beginners and intermediate students welcome. Masks are optional.

- Materials Fee: $6 (December) and $30 (February-May) - make check/money order payable to JULIE VANBENTHYSEN by the first class. Includes use of teacher’s supplies.
- Library Fee: $5 (December) and $26 (February-May) - make check/money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY.
- Bring the following to the first class:
  - Materials: Arches Watercolor Pad (140 lb. cold pressed, 11 x 14 in.), gray kneaded eraser, two plastic containers for water and paper towels. Paint and brushes also available or purchase from the instructor.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Monday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room
“A day which will live in infamy.” Join military veteran Sean Gavin in a special presentation on the history of Pearl Harbor. Teens will receive 1 hour of Community Service by creating Christmas cards to send to military veterans. Registration required.

Board Games at the Library
Every other Tuesday from 12:00 - 1:30 PM in the Community Room: December 6 and 20, January 3 and 17, and February 7 and 21
Looking for a friendly way to spend your afternoon? Come to the library to play board games with others in your community! Games will be provided or bring your own. No registration required.

Retirement Workshop
Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room
How confident are you about having a comfortable retirement? If you are a little worried, you are not alone! Join financial expert Marcela McCaffrey as she goes over the most important things to consider as you prepare for retirement, and once you’re in retirement, how to have peace of mind. Registration begins November 17.

Island Trees Book Talk
2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Community Room
Copies will be available to pick up at the Circulation Desk. No registration required.

- December 14: And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
- January 11 and February 8 titles will be released by the moderator and group.

Holiday-Themed Trivia Challenge
Saturday, December 17 (virtual)
Complete questions and be entered to win a $25 Amazon gift card, regardless of score! To play, e-mail Theresa at theresaowens8@gmail.com with the subject ISLAND TREES / HOLIDAY. All questions will be emailed on December 17; please submit your answers by 11:59 PM. Winners will be notified.

Winter Exercise Spectacular with Barbara Pando
January 3 thru April 29
- Mondays and Fridays at 9:00 AM: Walk 15 in the Small Community Room
- Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Saturdays* at 10:00 AM: Walk 15 (Virtual)
- Wednesdays at 9:00 AM: Zumba in the Small Community Room
- Thursdays at 7:00 PM: Zumba (Virtual)

Registration begins December 23. Fee: $40 (please make checks payable to BARBARA PANDO and give in-person or mail to: 3532 RAVEN ST., LEVITTOWN 11756). Include your phone number and e-mail for Zoom information and class changes. (Saturday’s Eisenhower Park Walk & Talk will be on hold until the weather warms up.)
Yoga with Mary Angel  
Every Tuesday in January and February at 6:00 PM in the Small Community Room  
• Fee: $15 (January) and $14 (February) - check or money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY. Please register online or call the library and bring the check with you the night of the program. Separate registration for each month begins December 13. Please bring a mat.

Naela's Mediterranean Market  
Wednesday, January 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Community Room  
Chef Naela will show you how to prepare Beef & Veggie Pie and Baba Ghanoush Eggplant Dip, followed by Baklava for dessert! After the demonstration, registrants will have an open buffet of all the food that was made that night! Plates, utensils and napkins will be provided as well as recipes. Please bring something to take notes with. Registration begins December 14.

Knit and Crochet with Jessica  
Every Monday, January 9 thru March 27* from 12:30 - 2:30 PM in the Small Community Room  
• Fee: $24 - check or money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY. Open to all levels. Please bring medium /worsted weight yarn and US 8 (5.0mm) bamboo knitting needles or a US H (5.0mm) / US I (5.5mm) crochet hook. Register once for all classes, beginning December 19. *No classes January 16 and February 20.

Turning 65: The ABCD's of Medicare  
Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Community Room  
Norma Cardone will be here to discuss what you need to know if you are turning 65 this year and registering for Medicare! Registration begins January 17.

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Eddie & Jean Costello’s Trash or Treasures  
Saturday, January 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Community Room  
Eddie & Jean are back! Do you have something that is old, unusual perhaps, even bizarre? How many times have you wondered if it maybe has some value or could be very valuable? Eddie will appraise one item per person. No coins, bills, stamps or sports cards. Registration begins December 24.

Banana Bread Scones with Chef Rob  
Thursday, January 19 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM in the Community Room  
Whip up a large batch of delicious scones topped with a maple drizzle to take home and bake in your oven! Please bring a baking sheet, large and medium bowls, whisk, rubber spatula and a small container with a lid. Registration begins December 29.

Greek Feta Bruschetta and Baked Shrimp with Chef Rob  
Monday, February 6 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Community Room  
Create this delightful meal and get a portion to taste! Registration begins January 16.

Stan Wiest: Love Songs and Their Stories  
February 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Bring your loved ones for a romantic afternoon with pianist Stan Wiest! Registration begins January 21.

Laughter at the Library  
December 10 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Join us for an afternoon of laughs and a good cause with comedians Mark Brier, Patty G. and Eddie Faicco of the Comedy Nutz! Bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drive at the library, sponsored by Assemblyman John K. Mikulin. Registration begins November 19.

The Homegrown String Band  
January 21 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM  
This family trio will be bringing an American folk tradition into the 21st century! Registration begins December 31.

Super Bowl Trivia!  
Monday, February 6 (virtual)  
Complete questions and be entered to win a $25 Amazon gift card, regardless of score! To play, e-mail Bryan at Bryansprograms@gmail.com with the subject ISLAND TREES / SUPERBOWL. All questions will be emailed on February 6; please submit your answers by February 8. Winners will be notified on February 10.

Rosemarie’s Ceramics  
Saturday, February 4 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Community Room  
Create a Valentine’s Day-themed gnome in this ceramics class! All supplies will be provided. Please remember to bring a box or bag to safely take your piece home. Registration begins January 14.
Children’s Events

**Tot’s Night Out**
3 classes at 7:00 PM in the Community Room
Enjoy a special evening with your preschool family.
Interactive fun includes singing, dancing, storytelling, a fun craft and much more!
For ages 1 ½ - 5 years. Separate registration for each class:
- Wednesday, December 7
  (registration begins November 22)
- Tuesday, January 24
  (registration begins December 20)
- Monday, February 13
  (registration begins January 24)

**PlayHooray Family Class**
2 Fridays at 12:30 PM in the Community Room
PlayHooray is back, and their Family Class is fun for everyone! Come play with Molly Mouse! For ages 0 - 5 years. Separate registration for each class:
- December 9 (registration begins November 22)
- February 3 (registration begins January 24)

**Take & Make with Shirley Ruby: Handprint Snowman**
Tuesday, December 13 (virtual)
Paint a colorful group of frosty friends on a wood pallet! Everything you need will be provided in a kit to go.
Miss Liz will email you when it’s ready for pick-up, and send you the link to Miss Shirley’s video (link valid December 13 - 27).
For ages 3 - 10 years. Registration begins November 22.

**Let’s Groove!**
3 Saturdays at 11:00 AM in the Community Room
Move and groove to the music while having fun with shakers, scarves, animal puppets and bubbles. For ages 6 months - 4 years.
Separate registration for each class:
- December 10 (registration begins November 22)
- January 7 (registration begins December 20)
- February 11 (registration begins January 24)

**Magic Workshop**
Tuesday, December 27 at 2:00 PM in the Community Room
Professional entertainer Carol Klein will perform a magic show for you, then reveal the secrets to the magic so you can do them using items around your house! For ages 5 - 10 years. Registration begins November 22.

**Crafternoon**
Thursdays, December 29 and February 23 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Community Room
We bring the materials, you bring the imagination! Drop in for a little bit, or stay longer and create unique masterpieces. For ages 10 and under.
No registration required.

**Family Movie Matinees**
2 Fridays in the Community Room
Please note that no child under the age of nine is permitted in the library without an adult. No registration required. Movie subject to change based on availability.
- December 30 at 2:30 PM: Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (Rated PG, 106 minutes)
- February 24 at 12:00 PM: Paws of Fury (Rated PG, 103 minutes)

**Preschool Crafts**
6 classes in the Small Community Room
Preschool Crafts is back! This is a fun class where kids can meet new friends, connect with their grown-up, and practice their motor & listening skills with Ms. Liz!
For ages 3 - 5 years. Please only sign up for one session per month:
- Tuesday, January 10 at 2:45 PM
  (registration begins December 20)
- Thursday, January 12 at 12:00 or 2:45 PM
  (registration begins December 20)
- Wednesday, February 8 at 12:00 or 2:45 PM
  (registration begins January 24)
- Thursday, February 9 at 2:45 PM
  (registration begins January 24)

**1-2-3 Full STEAM Ahead!**
Wedges, January 11, 18 and 25 at 11:00 AM in the Community Room
Enjoy singing, dancing, storytelling and a craft, with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math, featuring the people who bring you Tot’s Night Out! For ages 1 ½ - 5 years. Sign up once for the whole series. Registration begins December 20.

**Take & Make with Shirley Ruby: Tumbling Penguins**
Tuesday, January 17 (virtual)
Use foam pieces and trims to create a group of penguins tumbling down a hill on a snowy day! Everything you need will be provided in a kit to go. Miss Liz will email you when it’s ready for pick-up, and send you the link to Miss Shirley’s video (link valid January 17 - 31).
For ages 3 - 10 years. Registration begins December 20.

**Take & Make with Shirley Ruby: Glowing Hearts Jar**
Monday, February 6 (virtual)
Decorate floating hearts glowing warmly on a mason jar. Everything you need will be provided in a kit to go. Miss Liz will email you when it’s ready for pick-up, and send you the link to Miss Shirley’s video (link valid February 6 - 20).
For ages 3 - 10 years. Registration begins January 24.

**Mad Science Presents: Fire & Ice!**
Wednesday, February 22 at 2:00 PM in the Community Room
This spectacular show thrills audiences with impressive science experiments. The event includes foggy dry ice storms and demonstrates how giant beach balls can float in the air. Students are amazed by sizzling, shivering scissors and special bubbly showers! Registration begins January 24.

Please register with parent/guardian’s library card. For assistance please call (516) 731-2211.
Teen Events  For grades 5 to 12. Registration required except where noted.

Take & Make: Holiday Soft Sprinkle Cookies  December 1 - 8 (virtual)
Teens can pick up a kit with the dry ingredients to make eighteen delicious soft holiday sprinkle cookies from Chef Rob. Kit also includes a video tutorial. Kits not picked up within two weeks will be given to those on the waitlist. Registration required.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance  Monday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room
“A day which will live in infamy.” Join military veteran Sean Gavin in a special presentation on the history of Pearl Harbor. Teens will receive 1 hour of Community Service by creating Christmas cards to send to military veterans. Register to receive Community Service hours.

Coding Essentials Series  with Nelson Tsu  Mondays, December 5, 12 and 19 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the YA Room
Learn to code and create a video game in Python with software engineer Nelson Tsui! Laptops will be provided. No experience needed. Registration required.

Snow Globe Making  Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room
Come make snowglobes for the holidays! Design and create this winter wonderland staple to celebrate the season. Registration required.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament  Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM in the YA Room
Play as your favorite characters and compete for exciting prizes in a Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament. No controllers needed. Registration required.

Chinese New Year Egg Rolls  Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room
Create, roll, and fill tasty egg rolls for Chinese New Year. Ingredients, heating instructions, and bags will be provided for participants to take home and warm up. Registration begins January 1.

Guitar Basics 101  Saturdays, February 4, 11 and 18 at 11:00 AM in the YA Room
Teens will learn the basics of the guitar, a brief history of the instrument, and some notable players in this three-part series! Participants are encouraged (but not required) to bring their own guitar. Registration begins January 1.

Upside Down Escape Room  Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room
Have fun taking part in our Stranger Things-themed escape room! You and your team will explore the Upside Down as you decipher clues and solve puzzles to try and escape within one hour! Those who escape will win a certificate. Registration begins January 1.

Teens can register for our programs with their library cards! Call (516) 731-2211 to have your card adjusted.

Island Trees Public Library’s Online Community Survey
Please go to: https://forms.gle/RfkGCR4N7PA3F8Fq9

Community Service  Thursdays, December 29 and February 23 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Community Room
Assist the children’s department during Crafternoon and receive 2 hours of Community Service per event you attend. Please arrive 15 minutes early to assist with setup.

We now have a PS5! It will be located in our YA Department for gaming and future tournaments, and should be completely set up in time for the winter.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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LIBRARY HOURS
Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday and Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: closed

DRIVE-THRU BOOKDROP HOURS
Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Sunday: closed

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24 (close at 1:00 PM)
Christmas Day (Observed): Monday, December 26
New Year’s Eve: Saturday, December 31 (close at 1:00 PM)
New Year's Day (Observed): Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 16
Presidents Day: Monday, February 20

NEWSLETTER
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BOARD MEETINGS
Held in the Community Room:
Saturday, January 28 at 12:00 PM (Budget Workshop)
Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 PM

PROGRAM POLICY
UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE, THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY FOR ALL PROGRAMS CONTAINED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

1. Registration is required.
2. All programs are initially open to Island Trees residents only.
3. Non-residents are welcome to sign up one week prior to the start of a program, if room allows.
4. Unless canceled by the presenter or the library, THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.
5. Children under the age of 9 MAY NOT be left alone in the Children’s Room while a parent/guardian attends a program.
6. The library only accepts checks or money orders for programs.
7. If paying a presenter directly, please check with us on an acceptable form of payment.
8. The Library reserves the right to cancel any program if fewer than seven attendees sign up for an Adult Program or fewer than five attendees for a Children’s or Young Adult Program. The cutoff date for signup is one week before the date of the program.

DISCLAIMER: Please be advised that the Library makes no warranties and/or representations concerning the virtual programs. Your decision to participate in the programs is an express consent on your part to waive any and all claims against the Library which may result from said participation, and hereby release and discharge the Island Trees Public Library from any and all liabilities.

Assemblyman John Mikulin
Wishes you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, and all the blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!

November 8 - December 15
Bring joy to the lives of children by donating new, unwrapped toys at:
Island Trees Library:
38 Farmedge Road • Levittown, NY 11756
or
Assemblyman Mikulin’s Office:
1975 Hempstead Tpke. • Suite 202 • East Meadow, NY 11554

Special thanks to the United States Marine Corps Reserve for their work in administering the Toys For Tots program.

Be safe this holiday season. Don’t drink and drive.

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