



Island Trees Public Library

September to November 2023 Newsletter

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Do you have a special skill or talent you would like to share?

The Island Trees Public Library is looking for talented community members who have a skill or talent they would like to teach and share with others. We are looking for instructors for Mahjong, home repairs, painting, crafting and more. *We would love to hear from you!*

Please send inquiries to **Stephen** at skursar@islandtreespubliclibrary.org



Important Events Presented by Your Local Representatives



Meet NYS Assemblyman John Mikulin

Tuesday, October 10 at 12:00 PM
in the Small Community Room

Assemblyman Mikulin wants to hear what local and state issues are important to his constituents, the people he represents in the New York State Assembly. Come meet and sit down one-on-one with him! **No registration required.** First come, first served.



Tax Exemption Forum

Wednesday, October 11 from 7:00 - 8:15 PM in the Community Room

Town of Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Jeanine C. Driscoll will present and explain all the exemptions available to taxpayers that will help lower their tax burdens.

Call to make a reservation at (516) 414-6598 or e-mail taxforums@hempsteadny.gov



NYS Assembly Women of Distinction Ceremony

Saturday, October 21 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
in the Community Room

NYS Assemblyman **John Mikulin** is proud to host his annual "Women of Distinction" ceremony at the ITPL to honor local women who make outstanding contributions to the community. Assemblyman Mikulin's office will be accepting nominations for local residents to nominate friends, co-workers and neighborhood leaders whose outstanding work on behalf of their communities makes them deserving of special recognition by the State Assembly as a New York "Woman of Distinction." Nominees must reside in the 17th Assembly District.



Narcan Training

Tuesday, November 21 from 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the Small Community Room

Brought to you by **Councilman Dennis Dunne, Sr.** Registration begins **October 31.**



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. *Find out how to get yours at the Circulation Desk!*

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



From the Assistant Director's Desk

Dear Readers,

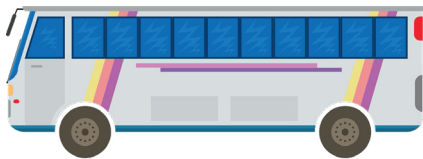
I recently began my new adventure as Assistant Director of the Island Trees Public Library. I feel so fortunate to be a part of this wonderful library and community! Please feel free to stop **by and say hello**. I would love to meet all of you!

Warm regards, Nicole Mollick-Polaski



Did you know?

Libby isn't just for books or audiobooks whenever and wherever you are. There are over 4,700 magazines to read using your smart device when you're sitting on a park bench, riding the LIRR or even in your backyard. **Kindly ask a librarian for more information!**



Coming Soon!

Please look forward to more items being added to our expanding **Library of Things** such as Giant Jenga, Bird Watching Kit, Birthday Sign and more. Also, give us a call to inquire about any upcoming **bus trips!**

Borrow Our Orion StarBlast Astro Reflector Telescope!

Call to reserve at (516) 731-2211, visit us in person, or go online at islandtreespubliclibrary.org

Note: the telescope will not be available the week of October 10-17.



BACK TO SCHOOL

READING WHENEVER, WHEREVER.

Libby.

The library reading app



Follow us on Social Media!



Looking for your next great read?

Here are some helpful websites that will guide you in that process:

- **All About Romance:** www.likesbooks.com
- **Fantastic Fiction:** www.fantasticfiction.co.uk
- **Gnooks:** www.gnooks.com
- **GoodReads:** www.goodreads.com
- **NoveList:** find it on our Research page at www.islandtreespubliclibrary.org/research
- **Reading Group Choices:** www.readinggroupchoices.com
- **What Should I Read Next:** www.whatshouldireadnext.com
- **Which Book?:** www.openingthebook.com/whichbook
- **Around the World in 60 Books:** www.ala.org/yalsa/around-world-60-books

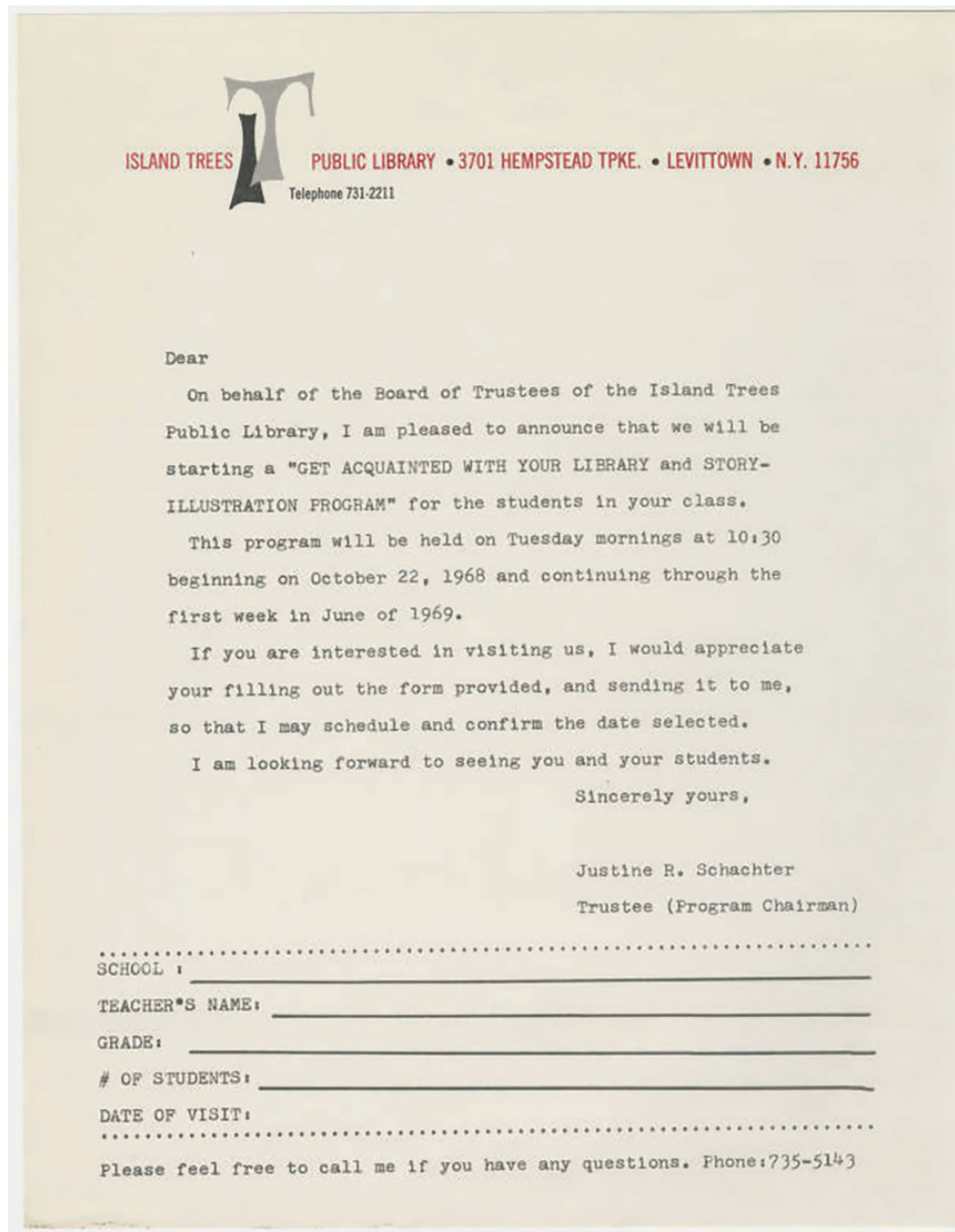
Still stumped? Ask one of our librarians!

Notary services at ITPL

All documents cost \$2 to notarize, but are free to those in active military service and veterans. Please call first to make sure that Olivia the Notary Public is in the office. New times begin Tuesday thru Friday 11 am - 4pm. See our **Notary Policy** on our website for more details.



Island Trees Local History Project



Library Card Sign-Up Month is an opportunity for new patrons to get acquainted with their local library. Just in time for this newsletter issue, we came across this invitation to Island Trees school teachers for a "Get Acquainted with your Library and Story-Illustration Program" that the library piloted in 1968.



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

Adult Events For ages 18+ and registration required except where noted.



Talks at the Library: Tibet, a Changing Nation

Tuesday, September 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Community Room
Dr. Namgyal Coedup, a representative of his Holiness the **Dali Lama**, will present his story of living in a country undergoing change, and will answer any questions you may have. This talk was organized by **Robert Amato** and expatriate community leader **Tsultrim Gyatso**. **Registration not required but recommended.**

Exercise Classes with Barbara Pando

September 6 thru December 22 at 9:00 AM in the Community Room
 • Mondays & Fridays: Fit & Fabulous Walking
 • Wednesdays: Zumba
 • **Registration is ongoing.** Fee: \$25 for Zumba; \$20 for Walking - check or money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY. Please register online or call the library and bring the check with you the day of the program.



Staying Fit and Strong with Maria Ende

Every Wednesday*, September 13 thru December 27 at 10:30 AM in the Small Community Room
 • Fee: \$42 - check or money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY. Recommended items: light hand weights, 1 or 2 resistance bands/tubes, water bottle. **Registration begins August 18.** *No classes September 27 and October 4 & 11,

College Funding Seminar with Thomas Airey

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Tai Chi for Those with Arthritis

Every Thursday*, September 7 thru November 30 at 10:30 AM in the Community Room

A certified instructor trained by the NYS Dept. of Health and the Tai Chi for Health Institute teaches this class for people over age 60, or over age 18 with disabilities. **No registration required.** *No class Nov. 23.

Joy of Watercolor with Julie VanBenthuyzen

Every Monday*, September 11 thru December 18 from 10 AM - 1 PM in the Community Room



Beginners and intermediate students welcome. Masks optional. **Registration begins August 21.** Please register online or by phone and bring payment the first day of class.

- Materials Fee: \$30 - make check/money order payable to JULIE VANBENTHUYZEN by the first class. Includes use of teacher's supplies.
- Library Fee: \$26 - make check/money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY.
- Bring the following to the first class: Arches Watercolor Pad (140 lb. cold pressed, 11 x 14 in.), gray kneaded eraser, 2 plastic containers for water and paper towels. Paint and brushes also available or purchase from the instructor. *No class October 9.

Knit and Crochet with Jessica



Every Monday*, September 11 thru December 11 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. **Registration begins August 21.** *No classes September 25 and October 9.

Chair Yoga with Mary Angel

Every Tuesday, September 12 thru October 31 at 11:00 AM

in the Small Community Room
 • Fee: \$24 - check or money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY. Please register online or call the library and bring the check with you the day of the program. **Registration begins August 22.**



Yoga with Mary Angel

Every Tuesday, September 12 thru October 31 at 6:00 PM

in the Small Community Room
 • Fee: \$24 - check or money order payable to ISLAND TREES PUBLIC LIBRARY. Please register online or call the library and bring the check with you the day of the program. Please bring a mat. **Registration begins August 22.**



Island Trees Book Talk

2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Community Room: **September 13, October 11, and November 8**

Titles will be chosen by the group as we go. Copies will be available to pick up at the Circulation Desk by the previous session. **No registration required.**

Citizens Preparedness Core with Mateo

Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM in the Small Community Room



Join Sgt. First Class and Levittown Resident **Mateo** in a deep-dive into emergency preparedness in this all-ages instructional event. Residents will learn tips for keeping themselves and their family's safe in the event of natural disasters, potential home or business hazards, and practicing proper pet safety. **Registration begins August 23.**

Autumn Apple Pie Streusel Bread with Chef Rob

Thursday, September 14 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM in the Community Room



Patrons will need to bring: 2 large crisp apples, peeler, 9"x5" loaf pan, 2 medium and 1 large bowls, and a rubber spatula.
 • Fee: \$5. **Registration begins August 24.**

We offer delivery and pick-up service for the homebound.

Please call (516) 731-2211 and ask for the Reference Desk to make arrangements.

Adult Events For ages 18+ and registration required except where noted.



Retirement Workshop with Marcela McCaffrey

Thursday, September 14

from 7 - 8:15 PM in the Community Room
We will go 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 August 24.**

All Ages Defensive Driving with Dan Deegan of SafeTrips, Inc.



Saturday, September 30
from 10:30 AM - 5 PM
in the Community Room
• Fee: \$35 (ages 18-59);

\$25 (ages 60+) - check or money order payable to SAFETRIPS, INC. **Register at the Circulation Desk starting September 1.** Drivers license must be shown at time of registration as proof of age.



Medicare Changes for 2024

Monday, October 2

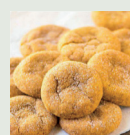
at 6:30 PM in the Community Room
This is the time of year to make sure your current Medicare Plan is still right for you. In order to avoid mistakes that can cost you, Senior Health Insurance Coordinator **Norma Cardone** will give a general discussion on the plans that are available **Registration begins September 11.**

Tax Diversification Seminar with Thomas Airey

Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM
in the Community Room
The seminar is geared towards individuals and families who are interested in the tax diversification of their retirement income and the importance of tax diversification and the benefits behind certain strategies. **Registration begins September 13.**

Turn Your 9-5 Skillset into a Profitable Online Business with Lisa Latimer

Saturday, October 14 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM in the Community Room
 Translating your skills into an online business is the first step into creating your pathway to financial freedom. Learn simple tools and tips for creating and articulation to get your first clients. **Registration begins September 23.**



Soft Batch Pumpkin Snickerdoodle Cookies with Chef Rob

Monday, October 16 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Community Room
Patrons will need to bring a large, medium and small bowl, whisk, and a cookie sheet. • Fee: \$5. **Registration begins September 26.**

Game Night!

Thursday, October 19 from 5:45 - 8:30 PM in the Community Room
Come to the library for an evening of games and fun! Board and card games will be on hand but feel free to bring your own as you sit with family, friends and other patrons. **Registration begins September 27.**

St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus



Monday, October 30
from 10 AM - 2 PM
at the Parking Lot

Free health screenings includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults ages 18 and older. We also provide patient education and referrals. **No appointment is required.** Flu shots will be available.

Overview on Retirement Seminar with Thomas Airey

Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM
in the Community Room
The seminar is geared towards pre-retirees and retirees, and some key points that should be known when planning. **Registration begins October 11.**

Medicare Made Easy with Marie Cantone



Monday, November 6
at 7:00 PM (virtual)

We will review the basics of Medicare, supplementary insurance, advantage plans, prescription drug plans, "donut" hole, eligibility requirements and enrollment windows. **Registration for Zoom link begins October 16.**

Turkey Demonstration and Tasting with Chef Rob

Thursday, November 16 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM in the Community Room
Learn how to make Turkey with a Cranberry Hoisin Sauce over Scallion Pancakes and Cranberry Cinnamon Apple Cheese Ball with Sweet Crackers. • Fee: \$5. **Registration begins October 26.**

Fall Performances at the Library

Held in the Community Room. **Registration is ongoing.**



Halloween Mind Reading Show

Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM

Join us, if you dare, for an evening of spine-tingling enchantment that will linger in your thoughts long after the Halloween moon sets. Prepare to have your mind read, your beliefs shattered, and your imagination pushed to its limits. Welcome to the Haunting Halls of

Mind, where the whispers of the paranormal become a symphony of wonder! **Recommended for ages 13+.**



Dream

Thursday, November 30
at 7:00 PM

Dream is an a cappella group singing R&B and Doo-Wop favorites of the 50s and 60s. This local

Long Island group came together over their love of the oldies and now perform all over. Enjoy *In the Still of the Night*, *Under the Boardwalk*, *This Magic Moment* and so many more classics!

Children's Events

Register with parent/guardian's library card.
For assistance please call (516) 731-2211.



Fun with A Time for Kids!

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM in the Community Room
From the people who bring us **Tot's Night Out**, here's a fun 3-week program focusing on group learning and skill building through stories,

songs and activities! For ages 1 ½ - 5 years. **Separate registration for each month's classes below:**

- September 20 & 27 and October 4 (registration begins August 22)
- October 11, 18 & 25 (registration begins September 19)
- November 8, 15 & 22 (registration begins October 24)



Crayon Pouch with Shirley Ruby

Wednesday, September 13 at 4:30 PM in the Community Room

Start the school year off by making this colorful canvas zipper pouch. Your design will make it extra

special. Glue on a pocket and add some crayons to get you started. Special surprise included! For ages 5-10 years. **Registration begins August 22.**

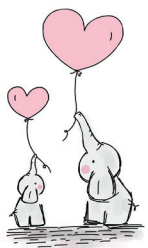


Tot's Night Out

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 below:

- Tuesday, September 19 (registration begins August 22)
- Thursday, October 26 (registration begins September 19)
- Tuesday, November 14 (registration begins October 24)



Babytime

Every Tuesday*, October 3 thru December 12 at 10:30 AM in the Community Room

Join us for this 30 minute multi-session program which includes a series of songs, story time, and simple movement followed by free play & bubbles! For ages 6 months - 1 ½ years. **Registration begins September 19.** *No class November 7.



Preschool Crafts

Wednesdays, October 4 and November 1 at 12:00, 2:45 OR 4:00 PM in the Small Community Room

In this fun class, kids can meet new friends, connect with their grown-up, and practice their motor & listening skills with Ms. Liz! Please only sign up for one Preschool Craft per month. All sessions will be doing the same craft. For ages 3-5 years. **Registration for October begins September 19 and November begins October 25.**



Handprint Spider Canvas with Shirley Ruby

Thursday, October 19 at 4:30 PM in the Community Room

Make a work of art that's ready to hang for the spooky season! Paint a large square canvas, then use your handprint to create a cute spider hanging among his webs. For ages 5-10 years.

Registration begins September 19.



Gobble Til You Wobble Plate with Shirley Ruby

Thursday, November 9 at 4:30 PM in the Community Room

Let's get ready for a feast with a colorful ceramic plate! Paint a turkey and decorate with words around the rim. Great addition

to your holiday table, or give a gift to someone special! For ages 5-10 years. **Registration begins October 24.**



Family Movie Matinee: Elemental

Friday, November 10 at 2:30 PM in the Community Room

Rated PG, 102 min. Please note that no child under the age of 9 is permitted in the library without an adult. **No registration required.** *Movies are subject to change based on availability.*



We had a blast at this year's Summer Reading Program! **John Luca S.** (left) won the Biggest Reader prize for ages 3-6, and **Jordyn C.** (right) won the Biggest Reader prize for ages 7-10. **Congratulations!**

Teen Events

For grades 5 to 12. Registration required except where noted.

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Learn to Code with Nelson

Mondays at 7:00 PM

in the YA Room: **September 11 & 25, October 2 & 16, and November 6 & 20**

From Beginner to Advanced, LinkedIn Computer Programmer **Nelson** will help you every step of the way in learning this in-demand skill in languages such as python, C++, Java and more. If you have questions from class bring those as well! **Registration is ongoing for September & October dates. Registration for November classes begins October 6.**



Cookie Wars

Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room

Enjoy decorating cookies and let your imagination flow. A prize will be awarded at the end. **Registration is ongoing.**

Citizens Preparedness Core with Mateo

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learn tips for keeping themselves and their family's safe in the event of natural disasters, potential home or business hazards, and practicing proper pet safety. *Teens who attend will receive 1 hour of Community Service credit.* **Registration begins August 23.**



NUMC: Stop the Bleed Training

Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room

Led by instructor **Sloan** from the **Nassau University Medical Center**, learn the basics for bleeding control and how this important skill can save a life in an emergency. *Teens will receive 1 hour of Community Service for attending this event.* **Registration begins August 15.** Please attend if you sign up, as we will need a headcount for instructors.



DIY Halloween Bandanas for Cats and Dogs

Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room

Help shelter pets this spooky season by creating bandanas for adoption. *1 Hour of Community Service will be awarded for attending this event.* **Registration begins September 1.**



Learn to Draw Anime Characters

Tuesday, October 10

at 7:00 PM in the Community Room Join this easy step-by-step art class on how to draw anime characters! **Registration begins September 11.**



Soft Batch Pumpkin Snickerdoodle Cookies

October 14-21

(virtual)

Teens will take home and bake Halloween-inspired pumpkin treats. Any kits not picked-up within two weeks of the pick-up date will be given to those on the waitlist. **Registration begin September 1.**



Halloween Mind Reading Show

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for an evening of spine-tingling enchantment that will linger in your thoughts long after the Halloween moon sets. Prepare to have your mind read, your beliefs shattered, and your imagination pushed to its limits. Welcome to the Haunting Halls of Mind, where the whispers of the paranormal become a symphony of wonder! **Registration is ongoing. Recommended for ages 13+.**

EA SPORTS FC™ 24 Tournament



Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 PM

in the YA Room

After 30 years of FIFA games come show off your skills in our FIRST EVER EA SPORTS FC™ 24 PS5 Tournament! Prizes will be given at the end to the best players. **Registration begins October 9.**



Thanksgiving Corn Bread

Take n' Make November 14-21

(virtual)

Teens will take home and bake delicious

Thanksgiving Sweet Corn Bread for the holidays. Any kits not picked-up within two weeks of the pick-up date will be given to those on the waitlist. **Registration begins October 10.**

Teens can register for our programs with their library cards!

Call (516) 731-2211 to have your card adjusted.



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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

Labor Day: Monday, September 4
Columbus Day: Monday, October 9
Veterans' Day: Saturday, November 11
Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 22 (*close at 5:00 PM*)
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23

NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETINGS

Held in the Community Room:
Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 PM

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
- Harbes Barnyard Adventure
- 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

PROGRAM POLICY

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

- Registration is required.
- All programs are initially open to Island Trees residents only.
- Non-residents are welcome to sign up one week prior to the start of a program, if room allows.
- Unless canceled by the presenter or the library, **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.**
- Children under the age of 9 **MAY NOT** be left alone in the Children's Room while a parent/guardian attends a program.
- The library only accepts checks or money orders for programs.
- If paying a presenter directly, please check with us on an acceptable form of payment.
- 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.

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