



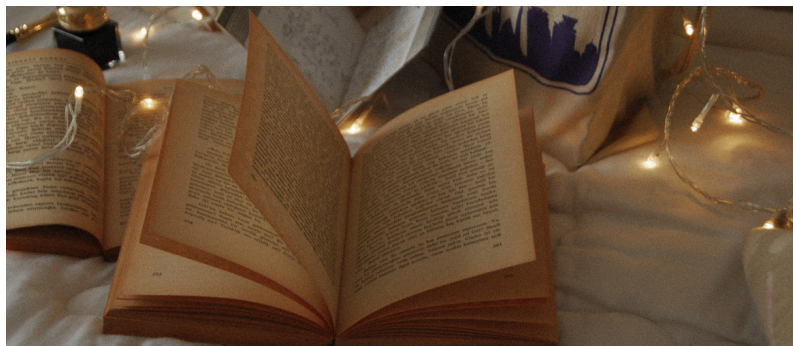
LOCUST VALLEY LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2025

REGISTRATION REQUIRED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



Murder Mystery Dinner & Fundraiser Friday, November 14 at 7 PM

Step into a world of vintage glam, cocktails, secrets, and suspense at our first **Murder Mystery Dinner & Fundraiser** on Friday, November 14. It's *The Great Gatsby* meets *The Godfather*—with yummy food, signature drinks, and an interactive whodunnit you won't forget.

Tickets are limited. Mystery guaranteed.

Visit the library website for tickets and details.

Presented by the

Locust Valley Library Development Committee

Friends Holiday Sing-Along and 2nd Annual Holiday Open House Sunday, December 7 from 12 - 4 PM

From 12–2 PM, enjoy festive décor, crafts, live music, and cozy fun for all ages.

At 2 PM, join the Holiday Sing-Along with Stan Wiest, sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

Free, no registration needed — it's the perfect time to get your library card and see what's new at Locust Valley Library!

SPECIAL EVENTS

☑ Walking Tours:

**Hiking West Hills County Park
with Lee McAllister**

Saturday, November 8 at 9 AM

Meet at the lot off Sweet Hollow Rd, Huntington Station. Parking on site. Lee McAllister is a naturalist, photographer, and author of two books.

Tour Brookville Cemetery

Saturday, November 15 at 1 PM

Join us for a guided tour led by Robert Von Bernewitz. Explore the history of Brookville and honor its notable residents with stops at key gravesites and landmarks.



Sound Bath & Self Reflection

Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM

Join Andrea Gonnella, founder of Notes and Nirvana, and relax with calming breathwork, gentle stretches, and healing sounds from crystal bowls, chimes, ocean drum, shruti box, and vocals. Please bring a blanket and yoga mat.



Holiday Appetizers

Heavenly Homemade Black Bean Hummus & Tahini

Wednesday, December 3 at 2 PM

Enjoy these simple, delicious staples of the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern diet, served with toasted pita and julienned veggies. Prepared by Chef Robert Dell'Amore. \$10 ingredients fee required, no refunds.

Poetry Exchange at Locust Valley Library

Join us the first Saturday of each month as we welcome some of Long Island's most accomplished poets—along with fresh, new voices. Guided by Poet-in-Residence Patti Tana, the Poetry Exchange is open to all. It's an inspiring, delightful morning of listening, sharing, and celebrating poetry together.

Adult Programs

Exercise & Movement

Katonah Yoga with Morgan Rose

Mondays at 9:30 AM
Tuesdays at 5:30 PM
Thursdays at 9:30 AM
10 sessions for \$40.

Dancercise with Carol Rodriguez

Saturdays at 9:30 AM
10 sessions for \$50.

Tai Chi Fitness with Marvin German

Mondays at 5:30 PM
10 sessions for \$50.

Beat to Your Own Drum

Thursdays at 4:30 PM
8 sessions for \$40.
Make checks payable to:
Locust Valley Library

Culinary

Food is Mood:

From Plate to State

Friday, November 21 at 12 PM

Learn how simple food choices can boost energy, brighten mood, and keep your mind sharp and vibrant. Presented by Amy Elias, MS, Lifestyle Expert.

Tea Love: Holiday Edition

Tuesday, December 16 at 7 PM

Tea-infused chocolate truffle sampling and demonstration with Ms. Aisha.

Social & Interactive

Locust Valley Senior Club

Tuesdays from 10 AM - 1:30 PM
November 11, 25 - December 9, 23

Friendsgiving Potluck

Tuesday, November 25 at 7 PM
Let's celebrate Friendsgiving together at the library. Bring a dish, bring a friend, and bring your thanks. We'll supply the rest!

Film & Entertainment

November 6 - *Wonder Boys*

1 hour, 49 minutes - Rated R

November 20 - *Plains, Trains & Automobiles*

1 hour, 32 minutes - Rated R

December 11 - *Miracle on 34th Street*

1 hour, 36 minutes - Rated G
Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Book to Film:

Read It, Watch It, Talk About It!

Thursdays at 1 PM

Copies of the books will be available at the main desk.

November 13 - *Last of the Mohicans*

1 hour, 58 minutes - Rated R

December 18 - *A Christmas Carol*

1 hour, 26 minutes - Rated PG

Health & Wellness

Medicaid Facilitated Enrollers

Tuesday, November 18 &
December 16 from 10 AM - 2PM

This is a free service where assistance is offered to individuals and their families with applying and re-applying for Medicaid programs offered by NY State.

NARCAN Training Community Forum

Thursday, November 6 at 6 PM

Legislator Samantha Goetz, in partnership with County Bruce Blakeman and the Nassau County Department of Human Services, is hosting a community forum to help people identify the signs of an opiate overdose and how to administer the overdose reversal antidote NARCAN, which can save a life. All registrants will receive a free NARCAN kit.

Books & Literature

Monday Mavens Book Club

Mondays at 7 PM

November 10 and December 8

For titles and information, contact mdamiano@locustvalleylibrary.org

Casual Books Book Club

Wednesdays at 10 AM

November 12- *Travels with My*

Aunt by Graham Greene

December 10- *The Cruellest*

Month by Louise Penny

The Sleuth Series Book Club with Patricia

Monday, November 24 at 7PM

End in Tears by Ruth Rendell

Better Than Fiction Book Club with Allison

Wednesday, November 5 at 7PM

Meet Ella by James Middleton

Poetry Exchange

Poetry as Memoir

November 1 at 11 AM

Guest: Paula Curci



Giving Thanks: A Poetry Workshop

Wednesday, November 12 at 1 PM

Led by Patti Tana

Creative Writing Consultations

December 6 at 9:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Our Local Poet in Residence Patti Tana will be available for one on one consultations with inspiring writers who are in need of an editor's point of view. Time slots are limited to 1-hour sessions.

Start Your Memoir Today

Memoir Writing with Dr. B

Wednesday, November 5 at 6 PM

Dream of publishing or preserving your stories for future generations? This workshop, led by Belinda Basaca, helps you start writing!

Be the first to know what's new on our shelves! Sign up for **Wowbrary**
Go to www.wowbrary.org and click signup. It's that easy! You'll get free alerts about our newest books, movies, and more. Click and reserve!

Children's Programs

Babytime with Reprise Music Music and Movement:

Friday, November 7 at 10:30 AM. Come dance with us! Birth- 36 months.

Stemtastic with Ms. Denise

Thursday, November 6 (Kaleidoscopes) and December 4 (Colorful Chemistry), 3:45-4:45 PM. Ages 3-6.

Drama with Your Mama

Monday, November 10, 4-4:45 PM Build confidence and skill through acting, music and dance. Ages 2-5.

Free Lego Play: Tuesday, November 11, 3-4:30 PM.

Come in and create! Leave with your creation. Ages 4 and up. Drop-ins welcome.

Bookworms Book Club with Ms. Leslie

Wednesday, November 12 and December 10 at 6:45 PM.

Junior Book Club with Ms. Monica:

Tuesday, November 11 and December 9 at 6:45 PM.

Pre-registration required for Book Clubs. Contact the library.

P.J. Storytime with Ms. Allison:

Wednesday, November 19 and December 17 at 6:45 PM. Join Ms. Allison for stories and an art project. Ages 3-7.

Caregivers Connect: Friday, November 14 and December 15 at 10:30 AM. Join us in the Community Room with the little ones. Playtime and socializing!

Mutt-i-grees Family Social with North Shore Animal League: Thursday, November 20, 4-5 PM. Visit four stations that explore rescue, nurture and social emotional learning. All ages welcome.

Second Annual Holiday Open

House: Sunday December 7, 12 - 4 PM. 12-2 PM, crafts, music, and fun. At 2 PM join a Sing-Along and a special visit from a North Pole visitors! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Board Game Afternoon:

Tuesday, December 30, 2:30-3:30 PM. Children join teens for board games and snacks! Ages 4-grade 5.

Teen Programs

Register online
unless otherwise indicated.

Volunteer Opportunities

Teen Reading Tutors: We meet once weekly on Wednesdays from 5-6 PM, November 5 through February 11 excluding holidays. Assist younger children in developing their reading skills. Grades 6-12.

Assist at our North Shore

Animal League Program:

Thursday, November 20, 3:45-5:15 PM. Grades 8-12.

Holiday Open House: Sunday, December 7, 11:30-2:30 PM.

Assist with activities. Grades 8-12.

Board Game Afternoon

Tuesday, December 30, 2-4 PM. Grades 6-12. Help run the board games!

Babysitter Training Course

Sunday, November 9, 1:30-4:30 PM. Develop the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter—learn about child safety, the developmental stages of children, and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. Hands-on activities and course certification are included. Grades 6-12.

Ceramic Painting in the Loft

Tuesday, November 4th at 6pm We will supply the figures and the paint, you bring your creativity! Enjoy some snacks from our snack cabinet! Grades 6-12 welcome.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesdays once monthly, 6:45-7:45 PM. Get together monthly for book talk, pizza, and great graphic novels. Pick up the first book starting October 14th. The first session meets November 18. Grades 6-9.

All Ages

Family Gingerbread House Workshop

Wednesday, December 3,
6:30-8 PM.

Take home a beautiful house made from homemade gingerbread and frosting with lots of decorations to choose from! In-person registration begins November 3rd. Material fee of \$30.00 per house to be paid when registering. All ages.

Friends of the Library

Please become a member of the Friends of the Library as we serve the community for our 34th year. Membership funds are used to support library programs and services. Recently we provided new chairs and a coffee station on the main floor, a custom mural in the children's library, Elizabeth's Gazebo, books and magazines in the LV train station, museum passes, concerts, scholarships, children's and teen programming, the Book Sale Under the Tent, refreshments for special events, and more.

We hope you will bring the whole family to our **Britton Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 7 at 2 PM**, when pianist Stan Wiest will lead us in celebrating the season with favorite songs, carols and stories. Enjoy homemade treats and a special appearance by some Friends from the North Pole!

Shred Your Documents

Saturday, November 1 from 9 - 11 AM



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kerian Carlstrom, President
Ellen Hanes, Vice-President
Jennifer Marrone Bonislawski, Treasurer
Ann Miles, Secretary
Amy Tansill
Marco Lombardini
Brian Lang

Board Meetings at 7 PM

November 20
December 18

ADMINISTRATION

Nadine Buccilli, Director
Kristine Piana, Business Manager
Marina Ramsay, Administrative Assistant

Art & Expression

Meditative Painting with Josephine & Dr. B

Wednesday, November 19 at 7 PM

Dr. B shares health benefits of meditation & creativity, while Reiki Master and artist Josephine Earley leads you through a relaxing painting session.

Artist and Author for December: Jane Zalben

Art Reception:

Saturday, December 6 at 2 PM

Jane Zalben will read from Beni's Tiny Tales and Gingerbread Dreidels, followed by a reception and book signing. Books available for purchase.

Your Pet in Watercolor

Saturday, December 13 at 1 PM

Perfect for beginners and those with some watercolor experience. Taught by Kathleen Deyo. Bring 3 pet photos. \$5 materials fee due at registration. No refunds.

Adult Crafting Corner

November: Gratitude Tree

Write what you're thankful for on a leaf and add it to the tree by the fireplace. See what others shared and help grow our display!

December: A Jar full Of...

Fill a jar with goals or happy memories all year. Pick one when you need a boost or open them all next December! Make it your own—anything goes!

Enrichment

Need Homework Help?

Get live tutoring, writing help, and study support with Brainfuse HelpNow. All grades welcome! Visit our website to learn more.

Check Out Our New App!

Manage checkouts, holds, events, museum passes, and more with the Nassau's Public Libraries app, available now in your app store!

English for New Learners

Monday: High Beginners 6-8 PM

Wednesday: Beginners 6-8 PM

Tuesday: Intermediate 6-8 PM

Citizenship Classes

For more information Email Paola Diaz at pdiaz@locustvalleylibrary.org

Empire Defensive Driving Class (Empire Safety Council)

Friday, December 12

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Participants could save 10% on their auto insurance each year for 3 years, and may reduce up to 4 points on their license. Register online. Cost \$33 per person. Pay by cash or by credit card (<https://square.link/u/hdDH2RKc>) a \$2 processing fee applies. Bring payment day of class.

Locust Valley Library 170 Buckram Rd Locust Valley, NY 11560

Library Hours: Mon- Thurs 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Fri & Sat 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM and Sun 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Holiday Closings:

November 26 Library closes at 4:30 PM

November 27 & 28 Thanksgiving

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas Day

December 31 Library closes at 12:30 PM



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The library is handicap accessible from the side and rear entrances.