The Commack Public Library is dedicated to providing the community with quality library services to fulfill the informational, educational, cultural, professional and recreational needs of patrons of all ages, by providing traditional, current and popular materials, knowledgeable reference service, and innovative programs in an open and friendly environment.

The Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM. The Commack Public Library Board of Trustees will be proposing a budget that will not exceed our tax cap of 2% but will enable us to continue to provide the variety of materials, programs and services you and your family desire and deserve. We will be issuing and mailing a special budget newsletter shortly, and by federal mandate to office to collect unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter or other containers and place in plastic Ziploc bags before arrival or environmental protection.

In celebration of Vincent Van Gogh, our Adult Reading Club is themed around his beloved painting The Starry Night. You can either participate from home by visiting commackpubliclibrary.org and clicking on the Adult Reading Club link, or you can pick up a Reading Club packet at the Reference Desk. Submit 5 reviews and you’ll get a prize.

Join us for this Zoom lecture with art historian Jay Schuck on the life, works, and inspirations of the program. A docent from the New York Historical Society will lead this interactive virtual presentation of this masterpiece. All artwork must be returned by Monday, March 28th.

ADULT PROGRAMS...

In-Person Program

THE SWEET SIDE OF IRELAND (ZOOM) CKA878
Monday, April 11th, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Register by phone, online or at the Circulation Desk

VITAL ART TALK: V.I.P. NIGHT CKA879
Saturday, March 26th, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Register by phone, online or at the Circulation Desk
Join us for this zoom lecture with historian Jay Schuck on the life, works, and inspirations of Vincent Van Gogh, the troubled 19th century Post-Impressionist who, over the course of his ten year career as an artist, produced over 2,000 oil paintings, watercolors, and drawings. This program is open to everyone, but members of the Adult Reading Club get top priority.

ADULT GRAB & GO KIT: TINY ART SHOW CKA880
Registration begins Saturday, March 5th • Pick up starts Monday, March 7th
Show off your artistic abilities by taking part in Commack Public Library’s 1st Tiny Art Show. You will receive all the materials necessary to decorate a tiny canvas. Your painting will be on display during our Tiny Art Show from April 4th through April 30th. Your kit will be ready to pick up starting Monday, March 7th. All artwork must be returned by Monday, March 28th. Commack Public Library cardholders only.

FIRST JEWISH AMERICANS: FREEDOM AND CULTURE IN THE NEW WORLD (ZOOM) CKA886
Tuesday, April 12th, 7:00 PM • Registration begins Saturday, March 5th
A docent from the New York Historical Society will lead this interactive virtual presentation of this captivating story—explored in The New-York Historical Society’s past exhibition—of how Jewish settlers came to inhabit—and change—the New World. Follow the trajectory of a people forced from their homes in Europe, South America, and the Caribbean, to their controversial arrival in New Amsterdam in 1643, to the political freedoms they gained. You will receive a Zoom link before the start of the program.

ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

IMPRESSIVE DATES:

Important Dates:

Budget Information Meeting: Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:30 PM
Voter Registration: Tuesday, March 29th, 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Budget Vote and Trustee Election: Tuesday, April 5th, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED
FROM THE JAZZ SINGER TO A STAR IS BORN: A HISTORY OF THE MOVIE MUSICAL (ZOOM)
Thursday, April 14th, 2:00 PM – Registration begins Saturday, March 5th
As soon as movies could talk, they began to sing and dance—and musicals quickly became among the most popular film genres in America. Over the next nine decades, the movie musical would evolve to embrace every type of performance, from opera to rock and soul, from tap to ballet, and every type of format, from Broadway hits to original creations from composers like Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Irving Berlin. This presentation by author and Fordham professor emeritus Brian Rose, will look at the fascinating history of this unique format, and include more than thirty excerpts, featuring artists like Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, the Nicholas Brothers, Busby Berkeley, Gene Kelly, and the Beatles. You will receive a Zoom link before the start of the program.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES
Please join us in the Library! Movies start at 2:00 PM
Register by phone, online or at the Circulation Desk.
Building social relationships may extend the years of our lives and enhance the quality of our years. With this in mind, counselor Marjorie Cohen and art therapist Tracy Canin created “Hearts in Hand Community Connections Groups” to offer opportunities for women to share, learn and grow. They have designed an interactive program utilizing focused discussion as well as hands-on creative experiences to heighten the richness and enjoyment of life. This program, which is planned to meet monthly, is open to anyone who wishes to expand her personal interests and widen her social circle of support.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
Need community service hours? Check out these opportunities! Teens may use their own Commack Public Library card to register or community service opportunities.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

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In-Person Program Guidelines

In an effort to keep everyone safe, please read through the Library’s in-person program guidelines:

• Each child will be given individual supplies for programs. Staff will be cleaning and disinfecting all materials after every program.
• If you are a caregiver or adult for the child, you must enter the Library with your child.
• You will be notified if there has been a cancellation.
• We will strictly adhere to the program. Any changes listed in the newsletter. Since space restrictions, children who are missing an age listed in the newsletter will not be scheduled to attend the program.
• School-aged siblings will not be permitted in the program. Children from birth through graduating kindergarten.
• School-aged children must be able to attend programs on their own unless otherwise stated.

Thank you for your cooperation and we’re looking forward to seeing you!

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CKC100

Starting from Birth – Not Yet in Kindergarten Join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge! This free program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your newborn, infant, or toddler. The first one who enters the Library will be the winner. Register today by phone, online or in person at the Library!

FAMILY GRAB & GO KITS

For Families with Children from Birth to 5th Grade

Please register for only TWO of the Family Grab & Go Kits listed below.

Please register with ONE family member’s Commack Public Library card unless noted otherwise.

FAMILY GRAB & GO KITS: SUPERHERO CRAFTS CKC029
Pick up starts: Monday, March 7th Limit: 48 families • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd We will prepare an assortment of superhero-themed crafts for you to create. ONE CRAFT KIT WILL BE PROVIDED PER FAMILY. You will be notified by phone, online or in person at the Library.

FAMILY GRAB & GO KITS: SIGNS OF SPRING CRAFTS CKC100
Pick up starts: Monday, March 21st Limit: 48 families • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd We will prepare an assortment of spring-themed crafts for you to create. ONE CRAFT KIT WILL BE PROVIDED PER FAMILY. Your kit will be ready for pick-up starting Monday, March 21st.

FAMILY GRAB & GO KITS: HELLO SPRING CRAFTS CKC111
Pick up starts: Monday, March 21st Limit: 48 families • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd We’ve got together an assortment of crafts for you to welcome the spring season. ONE CRAFT KIT WILL BE PROVIDED PER FAMILY. Your kit will be ready for pick-up starting Monday, March 21st.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM BIRTH – 5TH GRADE WALKING THROUGH THE STORY: SOMEONE BUILDS THE DREAM Tuesday, April 5th, 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM Limit: 10
Registrations: Thursday, March 3rd Visit the garden area and “walk” through Someone Builds the Dream by Chloe Nuccio, a beautiful picture book celebrating the skilled women and men who work to see the plans of architects, engineers, and designers brought to life!

Families may register each child separately using our own Commack Public Library Card. One craft kit per child. Pre-registration of the event will take place in our outdoor garden area. Registered patrons only will be admitted to the garden area during the scheduled program time at 4:30 PM on April 5th. A parent or caregiver must remain with the child during this program.

3 MONTHS – 2 MONTHS

BABY STARTS

Join a 4 time for Kids at the Library for a program that focuses on early literacy, early language development, and socialization for our littlest learners! A parent or adult caregiver must remain with the child during this program.

Tuesday, March 8th, 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Limit: 20
Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

BABY SENSORY PLAY CKC111

Thursday, March 17th, 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Limit: 10
Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

Join Ms. Reina for some interactive fun for you and your little one! Hands on sensory stations allow your child to play, create, investigate, and explore. Please dress to make a mess!

3 MONTHS – 3 MONTHS

BABIES BOOGIE

Thursday, March 24th, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM or the Library and write a letter to Elephant and Piggie. We will send out your letter in our special mailbox and let you know when they write back to you so you can mail your letter. Your kit will be ready for pick-up starting Monday, March 5th.

2012 A TO Z CLUB CKC083

Pick up an A to Z Club kit filled with crafts and activities designed to help your child practice their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, cutting and other pre-kindergarten readiness skills.

Pick up starts: Monday, March 7th Limit: 20 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd
Pick up starts: Monday, March 21st Limit: 20 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

PRE-K PARTY FORCE

DIY CERAMIC FLOWER BOWLS CKC176
Thursday, March 31st, 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM
Limit: 10 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

DIY kits will be available at the Library for kids to make a flower bowl with washable paint! A parent or adult caregiver must stay with the child during this program.

2 MONTHS – 2 MONTHS

GRAB & GO KITS: LETTERS TO ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE CKC180
Pick up starts: Monday, March 7th Limit: 20 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

The Library is collecting mail for Elephant and Piggie! Pick up a kit at the Library or call us at 631-455-7330 and we will send out your letter in our special mailbox and let you know when they write back to you so you can mail your letter. Your kit will be ready for pick-up starting Monday, March 5th.

2 MONTHS – 3 MONTHS

GRAB & GO KITS: DECORATE-A-COOKIES CKC175
Pick up starts: Monday, March 7th Limit: 35 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

Enjoy decorating a Leprechaun-themed pot of gold under a rainbow cookie! Each kit will include one large candy chocolate “pot” and an attached “pot” of golden sprinkles and a cookie to decorate with. Your kit will be ready for pick up starting Monday, March 7th.

3 MONTHS – 3 MONTHS

LEPRECHAUN TRAPS CKC179
Tuesday, March 15th, 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Limit: 12 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd
Join Ms. Rachel as we create a rainbow and gold St. Patrick’s Day scene to lure those sneaky leprechauns!

KINDERMUSIK™ CKC165

Thursday, April 7th, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Please choose ONE session
Limit: 10 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

A Z to Z CKC083

2012 A TO Z CLUB

Limit: 10 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

MONDAY, March 7th at 9:00 AM

A 2 C CLUB

Family Grab & Go Kits: Superhero Crafts
Family Grab & Go Kits: Decorate-a-Cookie
Family Grab & Go Kits: Tiny Art Show

Thursday, March 21st at 9:00 AM

A 2 C CLUB

Family Grab & Go Kits: Signs of Spring Crafts
Family Grab & Go Kits: Hello Spring Crafts
Family Grab & Go Kits: Letters to Elephant and Piggie

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

ALL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS ARE LIMITED TO COMMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS.

A valid Commack Public Library children’s card is necessary to attend any program for children. Your punctuality is appreciated for all programs as a courtesy to the instructor and other participants. Latecomers will not be admitted after the first 15 minutes of the program.

PROGRAM KIT PICK UP DATES

KITS FOR PROGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP BEGINNING THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Monday, March 7th at 9:00 AM

Family Grab & Go Kits must be picked up within 7 days of initial pick-up date. In an effort to accommodate as many patrons as possible per session, kits will not be available for pick up within 7 days, the kit will be given to the next available person on the waitlist.

3 YEARS – 5TH GRADE

GRAB & GO KITS: TINY ART SHOW CKC178
Pick up starts: Monday, March 7th Limit: 24 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd
Show off your artistic abilities by taking part in Commack Public Library’s first Tiny Art Show. You will receive all the materials necessary to decorate a tiny wooden frame painting! We will be displaying our Tiny Art Show Free April 4th through April 30th. Your kit will be ready for pick up starting Monday, March 7th. All artwork must be returned by Monday, March 28th.

TRAVEL TIC-TAC-TOE POUCHES CKC177
Thursday, March 24th, 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM
Limit: 12 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

EARTH SCIENTISTS

Thursday, April 7th, 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM
Limit: 12 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd

Cleaning up Earth has never been more fun! Explore the dangerous effects of oil spills and water pollution from an educator-led watershed model demonstration. Decorate your own fabric tote bag to reuse again and again. Presented by Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum.

MINIATURE MINI GOLF COURSES CKC184
Thursday, April 12th, 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM
Limit: 12 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd
Make your own tiny golf course with Ms. Rachel and compete to see who can score a hole in one!

TWEENS (4TH GRADE – 6TH GRADE)

TWEEN WOODEN BIRDHOUSES CTKW033
Monday, March 21st, 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Limit: 10 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd
Join Ms. Regina as we paint wooden birdhouses at the Library. Please dress to make a mess.

TWEEN MINIATURE AQUATIC HABITAT CONSTRUCTORS CTKW034
Tuesday, March 29th, 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Limit: 10 • Registration: Thursday, March 3rd
Create your own tiny turtle habitat with Ms. Regina and learn about green sea turtles and their habitat. Everyone will construct a miniature habitat for their miniature animal that they can bring home!

DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK CONTEST

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 “Design-A- Bookmark” contest winners! Each month a new bookmark design will be chosen. The Design-A-Bookmark contest winners. A new bookmark design will be chosen. A new bookmark design will be chosen. A new bookmark design will be chosen. A new bookmark design will be chosen.

BOOKMARK SPOT

Stop by the Library and pick up March’s bookmark by Chloe Nuccio. It will be available at the Children’s Desk.

March 2022 Chloe Nuccio 7th Grade
WHAT’S NEW AT THE COMMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY?

**Fiction**
- The Boys from the Woods – Harlan Coben
- The Final Case – David Guterson
- Curse of Salem – Kay Hooper
- The Ballerinas – Rachel Kapelke-Dale
- Comfort Me with Apples – Catherynne M. Valente
- Dear Evan Hansen – Diane Macedo
- Dune – Frank Herbert
- Oh William! – Elizabeth Strout
- The Rule of Laws: A 4,000 Year Quest to Order the World – Fernanda Pirie

**Large Print**
- Lightning Down: A World War II Story of Survival – Tom Clavin
- The Sentence – Louise Erdrich
- Billy Summers – Stephen King
- The Horsewoman – James Patterson
- Oh William! – Elizabeth Strout

**Non-Fiction**
- Sweet Talk Cookies: Creative Designs for Birthdays, Holidays and Every Day – Hayley Callaway
- The Sleep Fix: Practical, Proven and Surprising Solutions for Insomnia, Snoring, Shift Work, and More – Diane Macedo
- The Rule of Laws: A 4,000 Year Quest to Order the World – Fernanda Pirie
- Unfollow Your Passion: How to Create a Life that Matters to You – Terri Trespicio

**Displays**
- Billions. Season Five
- Dangerous
- The Last Duel
- This Is Us: The Complete Fifth Season
- Dear Evan Hansen
- The Dry
- Dune
- Eden: Untamed Planet
- The Many Saints of Newark