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WELCOME

OCEANCON | October 26

Get ready for a day of fandom, cosplay, games, and guests at our 8th Annual OceanCon!

UPCOMING MOVIES

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Information

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

REGISTRATION

Program registration for Oceanside Library District residents for September and October programs begins on Tuesday, August 19th.

- Adult & Teen program registration at 7 pm.
- Children program registration at 8 pm.
- Online and In-person only: No telephone registration

Non-Residents:
Registration for all September and October programs begin on Friday, August 22nd.

For a registration checklist, information on fees and payments, and our program lateness policy, please visit the Homepage on our website.

**Please note there is one registration date for September and October programs.*

PHOTO RELEASE

By visiting the Library, patrons consent to being photographed or recorded, and allow the Library to use these images or recordings in future publications and promotional materials, both in print and online.

KINDLES

Looking for a book that's currently checked out? Try one of our Kindles loaded with popular titles! They're lightweight, portable, and perfect for reading on the go.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAD Science Show: Up, Up, and Away!

Saturday, September 6 at 11 am
This spellbinding assembly introduces children to the principles of air and pressure. Children see how a hot air balloon works, fog rings, and even get a chance to watch a hovercraft in action.
Registration is required.

Pokémon Go for Adults: Spotlight Hour Route

Tuesday, September 9 at 6 pm & Tuesday, October 7 at 6 pm
Join Carlo and Emily for a Spotlight Hour Walk from Booker's Café! Last time: routes, raids, 3 shinies—don't miss out! (Subject to weather)
Please Register. Walk-ins welcome.



Pony Yup Concert

Sunday, September 14 at 2 pm
Pony Yup is a lively Long Island trio playing original and cover tunes—rock, rockabilly, blues, and more. Fun, upbeat, and family-friendly!
Registration is required.

Songs for Seeds Concert (Birth to 5 Yrs)

Saturday, September 20 at 11 am
Songs for Seeds is a lively kiddie rock band with interactive shows featuring classic children's songs and fun originals—perfect for ages birth to 5 with caregivers! *Registration is required.*

Golf with your Grandparents Mini Golf All Ages

Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm OR 3 pm
Have fun with your grandparents with a round of golf at the library! (1 child per adult)
Registration is required.



Cubanazo Concert

Sunday, September 21 at 2 pm
CUBANAZO brings classic Cuban folk to life with vibrant son and guaracha rhythms, inviting all to dance and enjoy the golden era of Cuban music.
Registration is required.

New Parent and Grandparent Fair

Saturday, October 4 from 10 am - 2 pm
Learn valuable parenting tricks and tips while creating memories with your new family!

Norwegian Wood Concert

Sunday, October 19 at 2 pm
Oceanside Library welcomes back Eddie Profet and his acoustic band, Norwegian Wood, for a tribute to the Beatles—featuring many of the Fab Four's greatest hits!
Registration is required.

FEATURED EVENT



OceanCon Returns - October 26!
Get ready for an epic day of fandom, cosplay, games, and special guests at our 8th Annual OceanCon!

MOVIES ON THE GREEN



Join us on the Green to watch some great movies under the stars!

All movies begin at sundown. Check our calendar for programs and activities that run before the movie!



October 9
Casablanca
(1942) 1h 42 mins Rated PG



October 16
The Song Remains the Same
(1976) 2h 17 mins Rated PG
Sponsored by the Vinyl Club

Oceanside Library Highlights



Classic Car Show

We hosted our very first Car Show at the Library, bringing together car enthusiasts from all over Long Island! Community members came out to admire the incredible vehicles, share stories, and enjoy a fun day together.



Self Checkout and Lockers

Our self-checkout kiosks—located on the main level and in the Children’s Room—make borrowing books quick, easy, and hassle-free. Plus, our pickup lockers let you grab your holds anytime, even after hours—all at your convenience!



Tiny Canvases, Big Talent!

We’re thrilled to share that over 80 tiny canvases were on display throughout July and August. Each one showcasing the incredible creativity of Oceanside artists across a variety of mediums!



Summer Kickoff Event


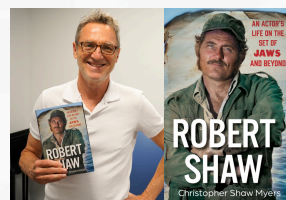
Our Summer Reading event at Schoolhouse Green was a hit! Families enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon. It was the perfect way to kick off the season - We can't wait to do it again next year!



CEANSIDE LIBRARY

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Need a sewing machine? Projector? Karaoke Machine? We’ve got that! The Library of Things allows patrons to borrow tools, gadgets, and games, promoting sharing, reducing consumption, and supporting sustainability.




JAWS

We recently hosted a captivating author talk with Christopher Shaw Myers, who shared stories from his book about his legendary uncle, Robert Shaw—best known for his iconic role in Jaws. With this year marking the film’s 50th anniversary, the event was especially meaningful. We were thrilled to welcome over 120 attendees!



AR and VR Programs


Thanks to our cutting-edge technology, we offer exciting programs in both augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR). From immersive games to virtual world travel, it’s an amazing opportunity to explore and experience the world like never before!



Our Youth Services Librarian, Sarah Nashak, has been selected to serve on the Nassau Digital Doorway Selection Team, where she’ll help curate and purchase YA Fiction and Nonfiction for libraries across Nassau. She was also elected to review books for School Library Journal, a respected publication in the field. We’re so proud of her accomplishments!



Our Marketing Specialist Stephanie held our very first Adult Smash Bros Tournament, and it was a big success. Way to go!



Ms. Ilene held Paint Pals, an intergenerational art program where patrons shared a canvas.



SAVE THE DATE

OCEANCON

Sunday, October 26, 2025


Sponsored By: Towers



We held an Art Reception featuring the incredible talents of Penny Frondelli and Lori Blau! We’re so grateful to these amazing artists for sharing their passion, creativity, and inspiring works with our Library community.

MUSEUM PASSES & DISCOUNTS

Be sure to visit our website to grab your passes and discounts for an unforgettable fall! Enjoy your favorite destinations with friends and family.





From us to you!

A message from Our Director:

Fall is here, and we're ready to celebrate at Oceanside Library!

Get ready for an exciting season filled with programs and events for all ages! One of the biggest highlights? Our Annual OceanCon on Sunday, October 26. Thank you to Towers Funeral Home for sponsoring this event! Think of it as our very own Comic Con, celebrating fandoms of all kinds, from video games and anime to pop culture and cosplay. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just looking for a fun day out, OceanCon is the place to be.

This October is extra special as we celebrate one year in our beautiful new Library on October 27. Thank you to our incredible community for making the Library the true heart of Oceanside.

We also extend our warmest congratulations to Tony Iovino on his well-deserved retirement. A heartfelt thank you to Tony and Angela for their years of dedication. You'll always be part of our story.

From concerts and author talks to hands-on workshops, family fun, and everything in between, your Library is here for you. We can't wait to see you this fall!



Chris Marra

A note from the Board of Trustees

There are so many wonderful programs for everyone to enjoy this fall. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board of Trustees.

The Oceanside Library is an independent agency and is not associated with any other board or governmental agency. Its Board of Trustees is solely responsible for the administration and policies of the Library. Trustees receive no compensation and pay taxes at the regular rate. The budget is prepared by the seven-member Board of Trustees with the help of the library staff and is voted upon independently by residents of the Oceanside School District. By law, the School District acts as tax agent for the Library.

To contact the Library Board, email ocltrustee@oceansidelibrary.com

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Friends of the Oceanside Library

Crisp autumn air...
Pumpkin spice lattes...
A cozy read in hand...

Welcome to fall at the Oceanside Library!

On behalf of the Friends of the Oceanside Library, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Tony and Angela Iovino as they begin their well-earned retirement. Their dedication and passion have set a high standard, and we are truly thankful for all they've done.

As we turn the page, the Friends are excited to carry on the Iovino legacy by continuing to support the amazing programs our library offers.

So grab your Uggs, throw on a flannel, and find your favorite cozy corner—whether by the fireplace or tucked away in one of our comfy spots. We can't wait to welcome you this fall!



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Exciting Staff News!

A Warm Welcome to Michelle:

We are excited to announce Michelle Samuel as the new Assistant Director of the Oceanside Library.

Michelle has been a dedicated member of our team for the past seven years, joining our team as the Head of Children's Services—a role that later evolved into Head of Youth Services. In that position, she formed strong connections with many local families, introducing them to all of the wonderful resources the Library has to offer.

When she was promoted to Head of Adult Services and Information, Michelle quickly learned that the fun doesn't end in the Children's Room. From co-leading the True Crime Club and facilitating book discussions, to offering reader's advisory at the Information Desk, she has truly enjoyed engaging with the Oceanside community.

Michelle is excited to continue serving our residents in her new role as Assistant Director, and we look forward to the leadership and passion she brings to the position.



Congratulations to Rebecca:

We are proud to announce Rebecca Alberto as our new Head of Adult Services and Information. Rebecca's commitment to providing excellent library services will continue to take our Adult Services Department to new heights.

We look forward to the fresh ideas and perspectives that Rebecca will bring to her new role.

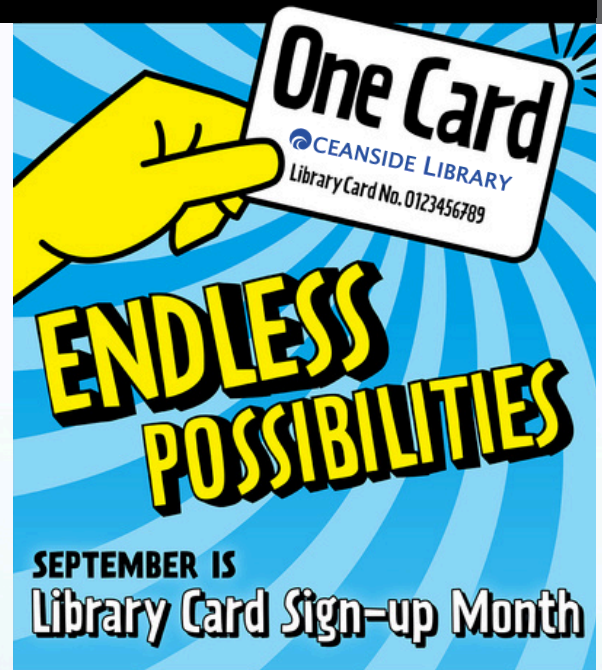


September & October Highlights

One Card, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

This September, Oceanside Library invites you to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month and discover how a single card can open the door to endless opportunities. With a Library card, you can do more than check out books. From free classes and job resources to homework help, streaming media, and cultural events, today's libraries connect communities to information, inspiration, and each other.

Whether you're diving into a new hobby, searching for your next great read, brushing up on tech skills, or helping your child succeed in school, it all starts with a Library card.



Hispanic Heritage Month

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15

Celebrate Spanish Heritage Month with us at Oceanside Library! Discover vibrant stories, rich traditions, and inspiring voices through books, programs, and displays that honor Spanish-speaking cultures from around the world. From music and art to history and food, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Come explore, learn, and celebrate the many contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities!

Banned Book Week

OCTOBER 5- 11

Book bans are real. The escalation in attempts to ban books in libraries, schools, and bookstores around the country has made George Orwell's cautionary tale 1984 a prescient warning about the dangers of censorship.

"Censorship Is So 1984" reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, and that censorship has no place in contemporary society. "Read for Your Rights" is a call to action that demands we not only exercise our own right to read but also defend that right for all readers.



Adult Services

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CONCERTS IN THE IOVINO THEATER

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Leah and the Heart Beats

Sunday, October 12 at 2 pm
Get ready to dance and groove with Leah and the Heartbeats—a high-energy band bringing the best rock'n'roll hits and dance classics from the '60s to today!



Norwegian Wood

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Oceanside Library welcomes back Eddie Profet and his acoustic band, Norwegian Wood, for a tribute to the Beatles—featuring many of the Fab Four's greatest hits!



For information on how to choose your seats in the theater, please see the Events Calendar on our website, pick your concert date and click on the Eventgroove link.



A Day of Remembrance

"9/11: Another Day That Will Live in Infamy"

Thursday, September 11 at 2 pm
Gerald Raffa, who was a federal agent employed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATFE) on September 11, 2001, will speak about his terrifying experience of being caught in the Towers' collapse, as well as the prelude to 9/11, and the ramifications of the attacks both immediately afterwards and decades later.



BOOKS & AUTHORS

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Celebration with Sarah Beth Durst

Sunday, September 7 at Noon
Join us for a fun-filled finale to our Summer Reading Program! Meet New York Times Best-Selling author Sarah Beth Durst, enjoy a light lunch, and celebrate a season of reading with fellow book lovers. Plus, don't miss your chance to win one of 12 exciting raffle baskets!
Registration is required!

Page Turners with Emily

Thursdays, September 11 & October 9 at 2:30 pm
Don't know what to read next? Join Librarian Emily in this fun, relaxed discussion group. Swap reading recommendations, create a new To-Be-Read list, and make new friends!

Edge of Your Seat Reads

Trouble in Queenstown by Delia C. Pitts
Monday, September 15 at 7 pm
The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau
by Kristin Harmel
Thursday, October 23 at 2 pm

Cookbook Club

Celebrating the Jewish Holidays with Food, Art & Stories

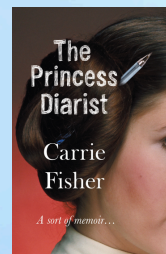
Monday, September 15 at 7 pm
Join us for a special Cookbook Club with Oceanside's own Evelyn Pessio! She'll share family recipes, original poetry, and artwork celebrating Jewish holiday traditions. Everyone is welcome! *Registration is required.*

A Culinary Journey with Oceanside Chef David Leicht CEC AAC

Saturday, October 4 at 3 pm
Join us for a lively talk with local chef David Leicht as he shares kitchen stories, favorite cookbooks, and how they inspire creativity. A must for food lovers of all kinds!

Memoirs and Mocktails

Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm
Join Mary for a delicious mocktail as she leads a discussion on *The Princess Diarist* by Carrie Fisher.
Registration is required.



IN-PERSON AUTHOR VISITS

Books and Brunch with Stephanie DeCarolis

Saturday, September 27 at 11 am
Bestselling author of *The Guilty Husband*, *Deadly Little Lies* and *The Perfect Sister* is back for another thrilling discussion of her latest novel, *The Wives of Hawthorne Lane*.
Registration is required.

Book Talk: NY State Road Trips by Theme

Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm
Sandra Mardenfeld, author of *New York Day Trips by Theme*, will speak about the dozens of places available in New York State to see this autumn and holiday season. Learn about fun festivals and novel sightseeing destinations that you can do in a day trip or weekend!

Bad Americans: Exploring The Pandemic Experience Through Dynamic Storytelling by Tejas Desai

Wednesday, October 22 at 7 pm
Join us for a Q&A, reading and discussion with Tejas Desai, author of the groundbreaking pandemic novel. He is the author of the multiple award-winning, bestselling international crime trilogy *The Brotherhood Chronicle*, and the acclaimed short story collection *The Good Americans*.

WRITING & POETRY

Journaling and Meditation for Emotional Healing with Danielle Bertoli

Wednesday, September 10 and 24 at 6 pm
Monday, October 6 at 6 pm
Wednesday, October 22 at 6 pm
Each workshop is a space to slow down, breathe, and return to the truth of who you are. Whether you're moving through something difficult or simply craving more presence and connection in your life, these gatherings are here to support you. *Registration required for each session.*

It's Poetry Baby!

Saturdays at 2 pm
September 13 & October 11

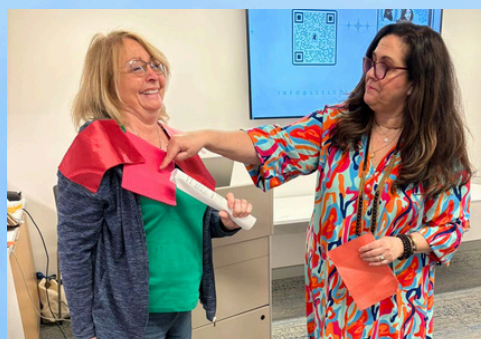


Creative Writing with Barbara Novack

Wednesdays at 7 pm
September 17 & October 15

Poetry Near & Afar on Zoom

Mondays at 7 pm
October 6 & 20
Join us on the first and third Monday of each month at 7pm (Eastern) as we welcome a poet from the NY area—and one from "afar". Plus, an open mic!



Adult Services

Check our calendar for descriptions, links & registration.

HEALTHY OCEANSIDE | FITNESS CLASSES

These programs require registration.

Tai Chi for Older Adults

\$5 fee for the two-month series
Tuesdays at Noon
September 2, 9, 16, 30
October 14, 21, 28



Zumba

\$10 fee for the two-month series
Thursdays at 10 am
September 4, 11, 25
October 9, 16, 23

Chair & Standing Yoga

\$10 fee for the two-month series.
Thursdays at 11 am
Thursdays at Noon
September 4, 11, 25
October 9, 16, 23, 30

The Human Dance Project Explore Creative Movement Open to All Abilities

\$10 fee for the two-month series.
Fridays at 10 am
September 5, 12, 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Saturday Meditation at 10 am

September 6, 20
October 18, 25

Monday Meditation at 2 pm

September 8, 22
October 6, 20

Hula Hooping with Jamy

Mondays at 5:30 pm
September 8, 15, 22, 29
October 6, 20, 27
To register: hoop.jamy@gmail.com



Walking Club

Tuesdays at 10 am
September 9, 16, 23, 30

Evening Pilates

\$5 fee for the two-month series
Tuesdays at 7 pm
September 9, 30
October 21, 28

Saturday Pilates at 11 am

Register for each individual session. No fee
September 13
October 11, 25

Saturday Tai Chi for Older Adults at Noon

Register for each individual session. No fee
September 13 & 27
October 11 & 25

Breathwork Soul Journey Workshop

Register for each individual session. No fee
Thursdays at 7 pm
September 18 & October 23



LECTURES

Unsung Heroes: Labor Leaders

Thursday, September 4 at 7 pm
This hour-long presentation highlights the accomplishments and significance of labor leaders whose contributions have been forgotten or ignored by the history books. There's more to labor history in America than Samuel Gompers and Cesar Chavez. Explore the history-changing impact of Louis Tikas who led mineworkers during the Ludlow Massacre, Larry Itliong, leader of the Manong farm workers during the Delano Grape Strike, and more!

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Help, I Can't Find My Floor presented by Clutterfix

Monday, September 15 at 6:30 pm
"Help, I Can't Find My Floor!" A presentation to get you on the road to decluttering and reorganizing with a smile on your face, by Debra Viniar, the owner of Clutter Fix, Inc.

Medicare Update

Tuesday, September 16 at 2 pm
Wednesday, September 17 at 7 pm
2025 brought some of the largest Medicare changes in decades—and it appears 2026 will bring even more. Between major plan cancellations, coverage reductions, sharp rate increases on Medicare Supplement plans, and the complicated ripple effects of the Inflation Reduction Act on Part D drug coverage—there's an enormous amount for consumers to understand as they approach this year's Annual Enrollment Period (AEP).



Discover HelpNow:

Free Learning Support for **All Ages**
Thursday, September 18 at 2 pm
Join us for an introduction to HelpNow, a free online resource that offers live tutoring, writing assistance, career support, and more — all with your library card! Whether you're going back to school, brushing up on skills, or helping your kids with homework, HelpNow has tools for every learner. Perfect for adults looking to boost their knowledge or support their family's education. Drop in and get connected!



Coin Collecting

Thursday, September 25 at 7 pm
Join Jeff from Specialty Rarities for this super informative seminar on coins and coin collecting. Besides going over the history of coins, he will answer your questions about US & Foreign Coin, US & Foreign Paper currency, any sterling silver, gold, platinum and palladium. Bring your coins and Jeff will try to answer your questions as time allows. All are welcome to attend.



Scam Awareness

Monday, September 29 at 1 pm
Presented by Legislator Pat Mullaney.
Learn how to identify scams that are commonly perpetrated via mailings, phone calls, emails, and text messages. This is important information to help you protect yourself and your loved ones from becoming victims of fraud, identity theft, and other scam-related crimes.



Medicare: Know the Changes for 2026

Saturday, October 11 at 2 pm
Are you aware of the changes in Medicare for 2026 and how they can impact your coverage? Attend this educational seminar that will go over all you need to know to ensure that you are in the right plan for your needs. This seminar will be conducted by licensed Independent Senior Insurance Coordinator, Norma Fioravante.

Understanding Hypnotism with Dr. Gary Truce

Saturday, October 11 at 2 pm
Dr. Truce is also a certified professional hypnotist. He has worked as a therapist, as well as a sport psychologist for numerous professional, amateur, and Olympic athletes. He has also worked with actors and entertainers to help them overcome certain psychological fears and inhibitions.

Discover ComicsPlus: Unlimited Access to Graphic Novels and More

Thursday, October 23 at 2 pm
Dive into ComicsPlus, your gateway to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga — available anytime, anywhere with your library card! This hands-on session will show you how to access and navigate the platform, perfect for lifelong comic fans or those just getting started. No holds, no limits, just unlimited reading!



PSYCHO-Analysis: A Look Inside Hitchcock's Horror Masterpiece- ON ZOOM

Saturday, October 23 at 2 pm
Alfred Hitchcock often called Psycho "a big joke" and was horrified to discover that audiences "were taking it seriously". But his flip attitude can't disguise what made his 1960 film a landmark in movie history. This lecture will explore Hitchcock's singular achievement, examining how the film was made and how it continues to haunt our cultural imagination.



Adult Services

[Check our calendar for descriptions, links & registration.](#)

CRAFTS, COOKING & HANDS ON LEARNING

Please note: All craft and hands-on learning programs require registration.

Beginner Mah Jongg

Wednesdays from 2 pm - 4 pm
September 3, 10, 17, 24
October 15, 22

Mah Jongg is a game that is similar to Rummy, but it is played with tiles instead of cards. In this 6-week workshop, you will learn the basics step by step. Fee is \$10 for the 6-session series.



Learn to Crochet

September 4, 16, 18
October 9

From 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Learn in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Yarn and crochet hooks will be provided but you may bring your own supplies. Fee is \$10 for the 4-session series.

Intro to Sewing

Sundays at 12:30 pm
September 7, 14, 21, 28

Have you ever wanted to learn how to sew on a sewing machine? This series will start you from the beginning! Sew exciting! Fee is \$10 for the 4-session series.



Sewing Part 2 - Intermediate

Sundays at 2:30 pm
September 7, 14, 21, 28

Fee is \$10 for the 4 session-series.

Crescent Moon Wreath

Thursday, September 11 at 7 pm

Join us for a serene and creative evening as we craft elegant crescent moon wreaths with the Glowforge—a perfect blend of nature, mysticism, and personal expression. Fee is \$5.

One Piece Paint Night: Create Your Own Jolly Roger!



Friday, September 12 at 6 pm

Choose a pre-cut wooden Jolly Roger themed 'One Piece' made on our Glowforge, featuring designs inspired by your favorite pirates. Then bring it to life with paint and your own creative flair. Make it a keychain, wall art, or a keepsake worthy of the Grand Line! Fee is \$5.

Bad Art Saturday

Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm

Make something terrible—on purpose! We provide the supplies (Canvases, paint, brushes, glue guns, feathers, googly eyes, and more), and you create the worst masterpiece you can imagine. No talent required—just chaos and creativity. The only rule? You have to leave your artwork behind to be displayed in our "Collection of Creative Catastrophes." (We'll give it back, SERIOUSLY, we don't want it.) Come make a mess and leave your legacy at the library. Fee is \$5.

Coloring by Candlelight

Wednesday, September 24 at 7 pm

Join us for a meditative and creative experience. Take the time to tap into your quiet creativity. No fee.



TBR Jar (To-Be-Read Jar)

Monday, September 29 at 7 pm

Turn your reading list into a beautiful work of art! In this relaxing craft session, we will transform our To-Be-Read (TBR) lists into colorful origami stars and collect them in decorative jars. It's a creative way to keep track of your reading goals while adding a bit of literary charm to your space. Fee is \$5.



Falling Leaves Decor Craft

Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm

Create a beautiful fall-themed decoration using colorful leaves, twine, and other seasonal materials. Fee is \$5.

Cricut Craft - Heat Transfer Pillow

Monday, October 6 at 2 pm

Join us for a hands-on crafting session where you'll learn how to design and cut heat transfer vinyl with the Cricut. Fee is \$5.



Craft Buffet for Adults

Wednesday, October 8 at 11 am

Tap into your creativity! You'll have access to a wide assortment of leftover supplies from past craft programs to design your own custom creations. Whether you're experimenting with something new or revisiting an old favorite, this self-guided session is a great way to relax and craft at your own pace. No fee.



Scratch Coding - Animated Halloween Card

Wednesday, October 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 4 pm

Get into the spooky spirit with Scratch code! Create your very own animated Halloween card. Learn how to program moving characters, spooky sound effects, and simple animations—then customize your card with creepy creatures, haunted houses, and glowing jack-o'-lanterns! Perfect for curious beginners. Multi-week program, covering different topics each week. No fee.

Wine Cork Pumpkin Craft

Monday, October 20 at 6:30 pm

In this hands-on workshop, adults will create charming pumpkin decorations using recycled wine corks, paint, and glue. Perfect for autumn décor, these cork pumpkins are easy to make and add a rustic touch to any space. Fee is \$5.



Bricks & Brew (Adults)

Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm

Leave the kids at home and unleash your inner builder. A laid-back evening of coffee, conversation, and LEGO—just for adults! Fee is \$10.

DIY Creepy Bouquets

Thursday, October 30 at 7 pm

Get into the Halloween spirit with a delightfully eerie craft! Create your own creepy bouquet featuring faux flowers, spooky accents, and a handful of unsettling eyeballs peeking through the petals. Perfect as a haunted centerpiece or a ghoulish gift, this project blends creepy charm with creative fun. All materials provided—just bring your imagination! Fee is \$5.



Adult Services

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SOCIAL & CLUBS

Vinyl Club: Beat Saber Night!

Thursday, September 4 at 7 pm

Join us for a special Vinyl Club: Beat Saber Night, where the analog world of classic records meets the futuristic thrill of virtual reality! Step into our VR headset and play Beat Saber, the fast-paced rhythm game where you slash through music tracks with glowing sabers.

⚠️ *VR Disclaimer: Some users may experience motion sickness or dizziness while using virtual reality. Participation is at your own discretion.*

Game Time for Adults

Mondays from 9:30 am - 1 pm

Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 3 pm

Come in from the heat & enjoy a game with friends! Tables will be set up for open play. Bring your own sets. Coffee and tea will be available. Space is limited; first-come, first-served.

Mah Jongg and Scrabble Open Play

Fridays from 10 am - 1 pm

September 5 & 26

October 17, 24 & 31

Bring your own Mah Jongg set.

Scrabble boards supplied by Library.

Pokémon Go for Adults:

Spotlight Hour Route

Tuesdays at 6 pm

September 9 & October 7

Join Pokémon trainers Carlo and Emily for a Spotlight Hour Walk, starting from Booker's Cafe and around the local streets of Oceanside. (Subject to weather) *Registration requested. Walk-ins welcome.*



Dine Around Town with Us

Polka Dot Pound Cake

Friday, September 12 at Noon

217 N. Long Beach Road in Rockville Centre

Join us for Dine Around Town at The Polka Dot Pound Cake Café in Rockville Centre! Enjoy a Downtown Abbey-inspired afternoon tea with savory bites, sweet treats, and fine teas in an elegant setting. Price Fix Menu: \$42 (gratuity included). Pay at the Welcome Desk by September 1. No refunds. *Registration is required.*

Garden Club

Tuesdays at 7 pm

September 9 & October 14

Open to all. Come hear a great lecture and meet gardeners from our community of all skills.



Genealogy Club

Thursday, September 18 at 7 pm

Informal Catch Up: Members can share research updates, ask questions, and exchange suggestions.

Thursday, October 16 at 7 pm

Genealogist Kerri Tannenbaum presents:

"Make Sure Your Family History Lives On"

Kerri will explore how oral traditions, family stories, photos, yearbooks, and heirlooms can be preserved and passed down to future generations.



Plot Twist: A True Crime Club

Tuesday, September 16 at 7 pm

Fascinated with all things true crime? Join us for riveting conversations, intriguing insights, and a deeper understanding of the darker side of human nature. Register in advance to receive a 'case file' ahead of our meeting. Walk-ins are always welcome!

Open Jam Session

Thursdays at 11 am

September 18 & October 16

Looking for fellow musicians to jam out with? Come join them on stage in our theater with your favorite instrument and the stage is yours to make some music together! All are welcome, no matter your experience level!

New Beginnings for Singles with Marla Matthews

Fridays at 7 pm

September 26 & October 17

Dynamic discussion for widowed, divorced, single adults and anyone seeking a new beginning! Facilitated by life coach Marla Matthews. Make new friends and find new hope after life's challenges and loss.



Art Share Create Space

Fridays at Noon

September 12 & 26

October 3 & 17

Sewing, watercolors, crocheting, drawing, scrapbooking! Whatever your fancy, come in with your favorite art medium and spend some time with other artisans for our Open Art Share. All are welcome!

TED Talks

Friday, October 10 at Noon

Join us for coffee and a chat. First, we'll view a TED talk lecture, then discuss the video and other related topics. Come out to socialize and meet people in your community.

Magic: The Gathering - Open Play

Fridays at 6:30 pm

September 12 & 26

October 3 & 17

Magic is a collectible trading card game of fun-filled, strategic games to play with friends. Come to the Library for a low stress environment to play with friends old and new!

This will be an open play Commander program BYOD (bring your own deck)!



Art Salon

Fridays at 7 pm

September 29 & October 20

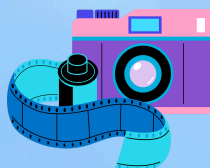
Join local artists of all mediums to discuss art projects they are currently working on, swap ideas and discuss artistic opportunities that are locally available.

Photography Club

Mondays at 7 pm

September 29 & October 27

Come join us for our monthly Oceanside Library Photography Club meeting! An easy-going, relaxing atmosphere where shutterbugs of ALL skill levels can come together to enjoy their common love of photography.



CAREER, BUSINESS & FINANCE

Financial Advisor Seminar with Hauptman

Four Part Series.

Mondays at 6 pm

September 8, 15, 29 & October 6

Learn the importance of developing a strategy, the impact of assets allocation and the influence of inflation on your long-term goals.

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Introduction to QuickBooks

Wednesday, September 10 at 7 pm

In this workshop, you will learn how to set up your business, a chart of accounts, enter transactions, write checks, enter deposits, bill and track customers. You will learn how to set up employee deductions and company contributions. Print financial data, profit and loss, as well as set up budgets.

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.



How to Use Podcasts as a Sales & Marketing Tool

Wednesday, October 8 at 7 pm

In this workshop, you will learn how to advertise or sponsor someone's podcast. Learn how to find podcasts that would like you as a guest, and how to put together your own podcast. You will also go over the five ways you can use a podcast as a powerful tool to grow your business.

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.



Adult Services

Check our calendar for descriptions, links & registration.

Additional Programs

Village Art Club - Masterclass with Fine Artist Stephanie Navon Jacobson

Monday, September 8 at 6:30 pm

Stephanie is an internationally renowned multi-media artist who mainly identifies as a printmaker. Her art includes florals, landscapes, animal or figure, abstract or realism and always goes back to nature!

Registration required.

Beginner ESL for Adults

Fridays, September 19, 26 at 1 pm

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 1 pm

This class will teach skills such as: Alphabet and Sounds, Numbers, Time, Money, Food and Health, Family and Community, and School and Work.

No appointments necessary. Space is limited. You must stay for the entire class time.

Art Reception for Lil Reznicek

Sunday, September 21 at 12:30 pm

Meet Lil Reznicek, celebrated painter and Long Beach resident, whose beautiful florals in oil on canvas will be gracing the Library's main gallery walls for September and October. Light refreshments will be served.

Village Art Club Exhibit

Saturday, October 4 at 10 am

Artwork will be showcased all month.

MSSN: Health Screening Bus

Thursday, October 23 at 10 am

Now Offering No-Cost Screenings by Blood Tests Including: Diabetes Screening (Hgb A1C), Prostate Cancer Screening (PSA), Cholesterol Screening (Lipid Profile) - must be fasting for at least 8 hours for accurate results.



Defensive Driving

Sponsored by the Empire Safety Council

Saturday, September 6 from 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday, October 18 from 10 am - 4 pm

Registration is required. Fee is \$33.

Cash, Credit Card or Checks accepted.

Checks made out to: Diana Wilbur APW

Must be paid the day of class.



EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS

Society Series Bookclub

Wednesday, September 3 & October 8 at 7:30 pm

Do you love diving deep into expansive storylines and growing with characters over multiple books?

Join Series Society, a book club dedicated to exploring book series—from fantasy sagas and mystery trilogies to contemporary duologies and beyond. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

Cricut Craft - Vinyl Wrapped Candles

Thursday, September 18 at 2 pm

Fee is \$5. Learn how to use the Cricut while making a custom vinyl-wrapped candle to take home. Our staff will walk you through the basics of Cricut Design Space, cutting vinyl, and safely applying it to a candle jar—perfect for beginners or those wanting to grow their crafting skills.

Registration required.



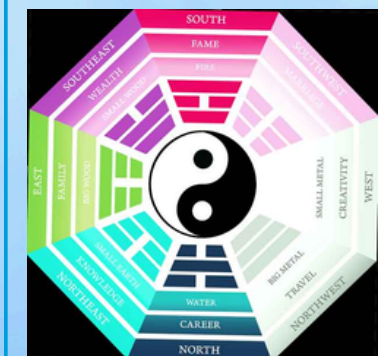
Creating a Harmonious Home with Feng Shui Through an In-depth Exploration

This is a three-part series.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

October 8, 15 & 22

Certified Feng Shui Master, Laura Cerrano will review the history, discuss key Feng Shui principles and provide practical Feng Shui suggestions. As an added bonus, you are invited to bring a printout of your home's floor plan so you can personalize your learning experience. Registration required.



Unwind with a Surprise: Monthly Book Boxes for YA Fans!

Love young adult books? Enjoy surprise gifts?
Why not both!



Sign up for our Monthly Book Boxes—the perfect way to unwind with great reads and fun surprises. Open to grades 7 and up, including teens, college students, and adults. Choose your favorite genre or theme, and you'll receive a box with:

- Two curated Library books
- Mystery gifts or a fun craft
- Delicious snacks

Just return the books and the box—everything else is yours to keep!



Adult Services

Check our calendar for descriptions, links & registration.

TECH

One-on-One Tech Help

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
Have questions about tech? Need help with your device? Book a 30 minute one-on-one tech help appointment with one of our specialists! Come prepared with questions and have your passwords handy. *Registration is required.* (See online calendar for available times)

Open Glowforge Time

See online calendar for dates and times.
Learn about our Glowforge during open craft time. Our staff will guide you through the basics of operating the laser cutter, from setting up a design to safely cutting and engraving various materials. Basic assistance and safety oversight provided. Some materials are available or bring your own. (Subject to approval). Knowledge of a graphic program or Canva.com is a must. Fee is \$5. *Registration is required.*

Crescent Moon Wreath

Thursday, September 11 at 7 pm
Join us for a serene and creative evening as we craft elegant crescent moon wreaths—a perfect blend of nature, mysticism, and personal expression. Using a grapevine crescent base, participants will decorate their wreaths with seasonal faux florals, sparkling crystals, and a custom animal silhouette cutout via our Glowforge laser engraver. Please specify dog, cat or rabbit when registering. Fee is \$5. *Registration is required.*

One Piece Paint Night: Create Your Own Jolly Roger!

Friday, September 12 at 6 pm
Choose a pre-cut wooden Jolly Roger themed 'One Piece' made on our Glowforge, featuring designs inspired by your favorite pirates. Then bring it to life with paint and your own creative flair. Make it a keychain, wall art, or a keepsake worthy of the Grand Line! Fee is \$5. *Registration is required.*



Intro to Google Apps and Drive for Your Computer

Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm
Confused about Google Drive? In this hands-on class, you will learn how to create a Google account and learn how to use the following Google applications: Calendar, Maps, Photos, Google Drive and more. Bring your questions. For intermediate and advanced computer users. *Registration is required.*



Glowforge: Marble Bowling Game (Grades 5-8)

Thursday, September 18 at 5 pm
Watch and learn how our Glowforge laser cutter works and get hands-on with a fun, creative project! Assemble and paint your very own mini marble bowling game, with custom-cut wooden pieces made right here in our Discovery Lab. *Registration is required.*

Bad Art Saturday

Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm
Make something terrible—on purpose! Canvases, paint, brushes, glue guns, feathers, googly eyes, and more all provided. You create the worst masterpiece you can imagine. No talent required—just chaos and creativity. One rule... You have to leave your artwork behind to be displayed in our "Collection of Creative Catastrophes." (We'll give it back, SERIOUSLY, we don't want it.) Make a mess and leave your legacy. Fee is \$5. *Registration is required.*

Everyday AI: Get Started with ChatGPT (Grades 5-12)

Wednesday, September 24 at 4:30 pm
AI isn't the future—it's the now! Learn how to use ChatGPT, a powerful AI tool that can help you write, research, brainstorm, and more. Practice crafting prompts and explore creative, personal, and professional uses for AI in your everyday life. Laptops will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. *Registration is required.*

Make your own kaleidoscopes (Grades 5-8)

Thursday, September 25 at 4 pm
Discover the magic of light and reflection as you build your very own kaleidoscope! We include the mirrors, colorful beads, and gems. You bring the creativity. *Registration is required.*



Safely Using Online Banking

Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 pm
In this lecture and demonstration class, students will learn all about using online banking apps, how to download the apps and use them safely and securely. Please bring your device and questions. No prerequisites. *Registration is required.*



Scratch Coding - Animated Halloween Card

Wednesday, October 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 4 pm
Get into the spooky spirit with Scratch code! Create your very own animated Halloween card. Learn how to program moving characters, spooky sound effects, and simple animations—then customize your card with creepy creatures, haunted houses, and glowing jack-o'-lanterns! Perfect for curious beginners. 🎃 Multi-week program, covering different topics each week. *Registration is required.*

Virtual Reality For Adults - Beat Saber

Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm
You asked for it, its back. Who doesn't like lightsabers and music? Step into the world of Beat Saber—a fast-paced virtual reality rhythm game that lets you slash through beats with glowing sabers in time with the music! ⚡ VR Disclaimer: Some users may experience motion sickness or dizziness while using virtual reality. Participation is at your own discretion. *Registration is required.*



Robots and Zombies (Grades 3-6)

Thursday, October 16 at 4 pm
Can your robot survive the zombie apocalypse? In this fun and spooky tech program, you'll control mini robots and try to knock over as many zombie targets as possible. No programming required—just aim, drive, and defeat the undead! *Registration required.*

Bricks & Brew (Adults)

Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm
Leave the kids at home and unleash your inner builder. A laid-back evening of coffee, conversation, and LEGO—just for adults! Grab a cup of fresh brew (or decaf), grab your kit, and spend the night snapping together something awesome. No pressure, no judgment—just bricks and good company. The best part! You get to keep the kit. Come for the caffeine, stay for the bricks! Fee is \$10. *Registration is required.*



Bricks & Boba (Grades 7-12)

Friday, October 24 at 4 pm
Come hang out at the library for Brick & Boba, an awesome afternoon of LEGO building and bubble tea sipping. Whether you're a longtime LEGO fan or just here for the boba, this chill event is the perfect mix of fun, flavor, and creativity. Sip some bubble tea, snap some LEGOs. You keep the kit. Space is limited and these kits go fast, be sure to register! Fee is \$5. *Registration is required.*



Windows Computer Cleanup and Security

Monday, October 27 at 11 am
In this lecture and demo class, you will learn how to clean up your Windows computer, improve performance and speed up tasks, protect your computer from viruses, spyware, and much more. For intermediate and advanced users. *Registration is required.*

DIY Creepy Bouquets

Thursday, October 30 at 7 pm
Get into the Halloween spirit with a delightfully eerie craft! Create your own creepy bouquet featuring faux flowers, spooky accents, and a handful of unsettling eyeballs peeking through the petals. Perfect as a haunted centerpiece or a ghoulish gift, this project blends creepy charm with creative fun. All materials provided—just bring your imagination! Fee is \$5. *Registration is required.*



Youth Services

Registration Required for all Programs. Children must be the age/grades specified by the first date of each program you register for.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION *Programs with an asterisk indicate that there is a \$5 fee for each session.

We accept cash, credit cards, and online payments for program fees. Please note that refunds are only available if the Library cancels the program. If you are experiencing difficulty paying a fee, visit our website or stop by the Welcome Desk to learn about our Financial Assistance program.

We kindly ask that you make your payment by the first of the month. If payment is not received on time, your spot will be offered to someone on the waitlist.

Program Lateness Policy

We take great care in planning and scheduling programs for our community. Please be mindful of the scheduled start time for the program you are attending. If the program has a waitlist—especially Early Childhood programs—and you do not arrive within 5 minutes of the start time, your spot may be forfeited to the next person on the list.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CORNERSTONE

*A Time For Kids | 18 Months to 5 Years

Wednesdays at 10 am or 11 am on
September 3, 10, 17 & October 1, 8, 15
Preschool readiness skills are learned through play in this fun-filled educational class.

Mother Goose | 18 Months to 3 Years

Thursday, September 4 at 10:30 am
Thursday, October 30 at 10:30 am
Join Ms. Jen for some story time fun and a craft!

Baby Babble | 6 to 14 Months

Fridays at 10 am on
September 5, 19 & October 3, 17
This class includes music, instruments, games, age-appropriate sensory activities, parent handouts, home practice ideas, and evidence-based language-enhancing strategies.

Talking Toddlers | 1 to 3 Years

Fridays at 11 am on
September 5, 19 & October 3, 17
This class is filled with engaging activities, including music, instruments, songs, movement, sensory play, parent handouts, home practice ideas, and evidence-based language-enhancing strategies.

Play & Learn Lounge | Birth to 5 Years

Saturday, September 6 from 10 am to Noon
Saturday, October 25 from 2 pm to 4 pm
Enjoy an open play session at the library, all while learning about the different types of services the library can provide to you and your growing family!

Rhythm & Rhyme | 6 to 18 Months

Monday, September 8 at 10 am
Friday, October 31 at 10 am
Join Ms. Sarah for a music and dance-filled story time!

*Intro to Dance & Movement | 18 to 30 Months

Monday, September 8, 15 & October 20, 27 at 2:30 pm
Friday, September 12, 26 at 10 am or 11 am
Friday, October 10, 24 at 10 am or 11 am
Nurture your child's musical ability in this fun-filled class! Kids will enjoy movement, dance, rhythm games, instruments, and circle time, all while building early development and sharing skills.

*Tots Night Out | 18 Months to 5 Years

Mondays at 6:30 pm
September 8 & October 6
Preschool readiness skills are learned through play in this fun-filled educational class.

Baby Belly Time | 1 to 5 Months

Tuesday, September 9 at 1:30 pm
Tuesday, October 7 at 1:30 pm
Join Ms. Jen for some baby bonding time, including stories, songs and belly time. Please bring a blanket for your child.

*PlayHooray | 15 Months to 4 Years

Tuesdays at 10 or 11 am on
September 9, 16, 23 & October 7, 14, 21
Molly Mouse stars in this creative, fun-filled program for toddlers and beyond.

*Baby PlayHooray | 6 to 24 Months

Thursdays at 10 or 11 am on
September 11, 18, 25 & October 9, 16, 23
Molly Mouse stars in this creative, fun-filled program for toddlers and beyond.

Baby Sensory Play | Birth to 12 Months

Mondays at 10 am on September 15 & October 6
Join Ms. Sarah for an interactive story time and fun sensory play!

Toy Time | 18 Months to 3 Years

Monday, September 15 at 11:30 am
Monday, October 20 at 11:30 am
Enjoy 45 minutes of free play at the library!

Baby Start | 1 to 17 Months

Tuesdays at 1 pm
September 16 & October 21
Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development and circle time.

Bouncing Babies | 6 to 12 Months

Fridays at 1:30 pm
September 19 & October 17
Join Ms. Jen for this exciting program of stories and songs for your little one!

*Sing n' Sign | 18 to 30 Months

Saturday, September 20 & October 25 at 12:45 pm;
Saturday, September 27 at 1 pm &
Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 pm
Ms. Toni will teach you & your baby American Sign Language and strengthen your connection all while having fun!

Books to Belly | Ages 3 to 6 Years

Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm &
Thursday, October 23 at 4 pm

*Family PlayHooray | 6 Months to 4 Years

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on
September 24 & October 22
Molly Mouse stars in this creative, fun-filled program for toddlers and beyond.

Bebes of the Island | 6 to 24 Months

Saturday, September 27 at 10:30 am
Wednesday, October 22 at 10 am
Join us for a program full of songs and stories in both English and Spanish!

Bebes of the Island | 2 to 4 Years

Saturday, September 27 at 11:30 am
Wednesday, October 22 at 11 am
Join us for a program full of songs and stories in both English and Spanish!

Baby Meetup | Birth to 12 Months

Tuesday, September 30 at 10 am
Monday, October 20 at 10 am
Join other parents for a group tummy time and play session!

Firefighter Sensory | 3 to 5 Years

Thursday, October 9 at 4 pm

Toddler & Me Craft Time | 18 Months to 3 Years

Thursday, September 11 at 1 pm
Thursday, October 16 at 1 pm
Join Ms. Sarah for a special craft time for you and your toddler!

BrainBuilder Break Bags

We're excited to introduce BrainBuilder Break Bags—sensory backpacks filled with textured toys and materials designed to engage sight, touch, and sound. Perfect for travel or outings, these bags help kids calm, focus, and explore through play. Now available alongside our BrainBuilder and Explorer Backpacks!



Online Resources



Unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, & manga. 24/7 on your computer, tablet, or phone.



ABCmouse.com offers 4,000+ interactive books, games, puzzles, and activities—an award-winning online curriculum for young learners.



ParentTV offers thousands of on-demand parenting videos and courses with content designed to support those who care for children, from pregnancy through to teenage years.



Watch fun shows, movies, and learning videos with Kanopy Kids—free with your Library card! Stream anytime, anywhere!

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CRAFTS & COOKING

September Take & Make | Ages 3 to 9 Years

See Tuesday, September 2 on our events calendar for details.

Creative Kids Art Club | 3 to 5 Years

Session 1: Thursdays at 5:30 pm on September 4 & 11

Session 2: Thursdays at 5:30 pm on October 23 & 30

Each week we will explore a different artist and their technique. A creative environment to let your child get messy with paints, crayons, clay, pencils and more! *This program is a 2-week SERIES*

Autumn Leaf Sensory Painting | Grades K to 2

Wednesday, September 10 at 6 pm

Fall Cookie Decorating | Grades 2 to 5

September 17 at 6 pm

Snack & Story | Grades K to 5

Saturdays at 11:30 am on September 20 & October 11

Drop-In Craft Buffet | 3 to 9 Years

Wednesday, September 24 from 1 pm to 3 pm

October Take & Make | Ages 3 to 9 Years

See Wednesday, October 1 on our events calendar for details.

Grab n' Go Kits: Fall Apple Brownies | Grades K to 6

See Wednesday, October 1 on our events calendar for details.

Monster Munchies | Grades K to 6

Tuesday, October 21 at 4 pm

Dia de los Muertos Skull Collages | Grades 2 to 5

Friday, October 24 at 6 pm

Healthy Halloween Cupcakes | Grades 2 to 5

Saturday, October 25 at 2 pm

Clay Monsters | Grades 2 to 5

Monday, October 27 at 6 pm

Halloween Cookie Decorating | Grades 2 to 5

Wednesday, October 29 at 6 pm

AUTHOR VISIT



Join author Victor Piñero on Sunday, September 28 at 12:15 pm for an exciting talk about The Island of Forgotten Gods, a thrilling adventure where ancient myths come alive!

MORE TO EXPLORE

Comic Creator Club | Grades 3 to 6

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16 at 5 pm
Calling all graphic novel enthusiasts! Join Ms. Sarah for a 3 week comic creator series in which we'll create a comic strip of our very own. *This program is a 3-week SERIES*

Move & Flow Yoga | Grades K to 2

Thursdays, September 4, 25 & October 9, 30 at 4:30 pm

Junior Chess Club | Grades 1 to 4

Thursdays, September 4, 18 & October 16, 30 at 6 pm

Mindful Me Littles: Celebrate the Power of Yet! | Grades K to 2

Saturday, September 13 at 10 am
Join early childhood educator Ms. Susan for a mindfulness-centered program to help little learners thrive in the new school year!

Mindful Me: Celebrate the Power of Yet! | Grades 3 to 5

Saturday, September 13 at 11:30 am
Join early childhood educator Ms. Susan for a mindfulness-centered program to help kids thrive in the new school year!

Once Upon An Author | Grades K to 2

Sunday, September 14 & October 12 at 2 pm
Join Ms. Emmy as we celebrate some of our favorite children's books with stories, games, and crafts!

Learn Sign Language with Jessie | Grades 3 to 5

Tuesdays, September 16, 30 & October 14, 28 at 6 pm
Join Ms. Jessie to learn American Sign Language! Beginners welcome.

Pirate Party | 3 to 8 Years

Friday, September 19 at 4 pm
Aho! Mates! Celebrate Talk like a Pirate Day!



Golf with your Grandparents Mini Golf | All Ages

Saturday, September 13 at 2 pm OR 3 pm
Have fun with your grandparents with a round of golf at the library! (1 child per adult)

Preschool Story-Craft | Ages 3 to 5 Years

Thursdays, September 25 & October 23 at 1:30 pm

Festive Fall Paint Night | Grades K to 6

Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 pm
Join us for a cozy and creative evening where kids can paint their very own pumpkin masterpiece! Light snacks will be provided.

Booker's Birthday Bash | 3 to 8 Years

Friday, October 3 at 4 pm
Celebrate our mascot Booker's birthday with stories, music, food, fun and a turtle craft!

Mindful Me Littles: Be Part of Something Big | Grades K to 2

Friday, October 10 at 4:30 pm
Being part of a new classroom community, organized sports team, or other extra curricular activities requires kids to understand the concept of teamwork, polite disagreements, advocating for self, and working with kindness.

Mindful Me: Be Part of Something Big | Grades 3 to 5

Friday, October 10 at 6 pm
Being part of a new classroom community, organized sports team, or other extracurricular activities requires kids to understand the concept of teamwork, polite disagreements, advocating for self, and working with kindness.

Not-So-Spooky Pumpkin Party | Grades K to 2

Sunday, October 19 at 2 pm
Join us for a fall celebration featuring stories, games, crafts, and prizes!



Monster Bookmark Making with Kindness Kits Organization | Grades 2 to 6

Saturday, October 18 from 12 pm to 3 pm

Donate to participate!

Kindness Kits (NP), an organization created by OHS students, is seeking donations for patients at Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital. They are accepting brand-new/unopened fuzzy socks, colored pencils, activity books, rubix cubes, travel-size toiletries (ex: shampoo, comb/brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant).

Stop by the Children's Program Room between 12:00 and 3:00! Donate an item to participate - while supplies last. Registration not required.



THE GREAT GIVE BACK



Youth Services

Registration Required for all Programs. Children must be the age/grades specified by the first date of each program you register for.



FEATURED EVENT

OceanCon Returns – October 26!

Get ready for an epic day of fandom, cosplay, games, and special guests at our 8th Annual OceanCon!

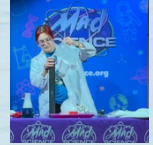
UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE IOVINO THEATER:

MAD Science Show: Up, Up, and Away! | All Ages

Saturday, September 6 at 11 am

This spellbinding assembly introduces children to the principles of air and pressure. Children see how a hot air balloon works, fog rings, and even get a chance to watch a hovercraft in action.

Registration is required.



Songs for Seeds Concert | Ages 0 to 5

Saturday, September 20 at 11 am

Songs for Seeds is a lively children's rock band with interactive shows featuring classic children's songs and fun originals—perfect for ages birth to 5 with caregivers! Registration is required.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENT

Parent & Grandparent Resource Fair

Saturday, October 4

From 10 am to 2 pm

This event is designed to connect families with local resources - including those we provide with your library card! Enjoy a variety of engaging information sessions dedicated to topics that will help support your family. Stop by to visit resource tables, meet other families, and see what the community has to offer!



FULL STEAM AHEAD

Little STEAMers | Ages 3 to 5 Years

Wednesday, September 3 at 4 pm

Join us for this fun and enriching science exploration.

Little LEGO Club | Ages 3 to 4 Years

Fridays, September 5 & October 10 at 1:30 pm

Storybook STEAM | Grades K to 2

Fridays, September 5 & October 24 at 4:30 pm

TinkerTime | Grades 2 to 6

Tuesdays, September 9 & October 7 at 4 pm

Children will engage in open ended tinkering and/or design challenges.

Secret Message Binary Code Keychains | Grades 3 to 6

Friday, September 12 at 6:30 pm

Join Ms. Emmy to use binary code to write out a secret message in a bead keychain!

LEGO Club | Grades K to 6

Thursdays, September 18 & October 16 at 4 pm

Space Technology with MAD Science | Grades K to 5

Wednesday, October 8 at 6 pm

Robots and Zombies | Grades 3 to 6

Thursday, October 16 at 4 pm

Can your robot survive the zombie apocalypse? In this fun and spooky tech program, you'll control mini robots and try to knock over as many zombie targets as possible. No programming required—just aim, drive, and defeat the undead!

Glow Forge Jack-o-Lanterns | Grades 2 to 5

Tuesday, October 28 at 4 pm

Join Ms. Emmy in the Discovery Lab as we use the GlowForge to create laser-cut Jack-o-Lanterns and then paint them!

PARENT PROGRAMS

Bring Your Baby Book Club

Wednesdays at 11 am

September 24 & October 29

Looking to enjoy a book club without the worry of finding childcare? Parents of children Birth to Age 3, bring your little one along and join other parents for a relaxed monthly book discussion - babies welcome!

Becoming Mom and Dad Workshop

Monday, September 29 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Becoming Mom and Dad is a 90 minute workshop for expecting couples. During this time we will explore strengths, challenges, and resiliency to help you be as emotionally prepared for your new baby as we know you are physically and intellectually.



NEW PROGRAM

Prenatal Yoga

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

September 11 & October 16

Relax, stretch, and strengthen with prenatal yoga designed to support you through pregnancy.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Back-to-School Bingo | All Ages

Wednesday, September 3 at 7 pm

Join us for a friendly game of back-to-school bingo and win fun prizes!

Family Game Night | All Ages

Friday, September 26 from 6 pm to 8 pm

Join us for a night of open gaming. We'll provide games and puzzles, but feel free to bring your favorites with you!

Family Whodunnit Night | All Ages

Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm

Our beloved mascot, Booker, has gone missing! We need the whole family's help to solve this whodunnit-style mystery!



Tweens & Teens

Registration Required for all Programs.

TWEENS (GRADES 5 - 8)

Back-to-School Supplies Boxes

Thursday, September 4 at 7 pm
Get ready for the school year in style! Join us for a fun and creative DIY session where you'll design and decorate your own back-to-school supplies box. All materials will be provided - just bring your imagination!

Dungeons and Dragons | Grades 5 to 7

Saturdays, September 6, 20 & October 18, 25 from 11 am to 1 pm
Interested in joining this ongoing group? Email gtrinchetta@oceansidelibrary.com.



Fall Pixel Art

Wednesday, September 10 at 7:15 pm
Stop by to challenge your creativity in this fun and satisfying pixel art program!

Fall-Themed Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30 pm

Canvas Wars!

Thursday, September 18 at 4 pm
Join us for an art challenge and vote for the winner!



Spooky Specimen Jars

Tuesday, October 7 at 5 pm
Step into the eerie world of maritime mysteries with The Whaling Museum!

Pumpkin Spice Slime Latte

Tuesday, October 28 at 7 pm
Make your own stretchy, squishy pumpkin spice slime! It's cozy, fun, and smells just like fall. Dress for a mess!

Zombie Special Effects Makeup

Saturday, October 18 at 11:30 am

Autumn Pumpkin Painting

Tuesday, October 21 at 7 pm
Decorate your very own mini pumpkin using paints, autumn-inspired colors, and festive embellishments. Be sure to bring your creativity!



Halloween-Themed Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, October 29 at 7:30 pm
Join us to decorate a yummy and festive Halloween treat!

Chess Club

Fridays on September 12, 19 & October 3, 24 at 7:15 pm



TWEENS & TEEN STEM

VR Gaming | Grades 5 to 12

Wednesday, September 17
From 4:30 pm to 6 pm
Join us for some virtual reality fun! Beat Saber with Queen, Green Day, Metallica, Lady Gaga, Rolling Stones, And Fall Out Boy.



Glowforge Marble Bowling Game | Grades 5 to 8

Thursday, September 18 at 5 pm
Learn how our Glowforge laser cutter works and get hands-on with a fun, creative project! Assemble and paint your very own mini marble bowling game, with custom-cut wooden pieces made right here in our Discovery Lab.



Make your own Kaleidoscopes | Grades 5 to 8

Thursday, September 25 at 4 pm
Discover the magic of light and reflection as you build your very own kaleidoscope! mirrors, colorful beads, and a bit of creativity.

LEGO Robotics | Grades 5 to 8

Wednesday, October 15 at 7 pm

Bricks & Boba | Grades 7 to 12

Friday, October 24 at 4 pm
Come hang out at the library for Brick & Boba, an awesome afternoon of LEGO building and bubble tea sipping. Whether you're a longtime LEGO® fan or just here for the boba, this chill event is the perfect mix of fun, flavor, and creativity. Sip some bubble tea, snap some Legos. You keep the kit. \$5 Fee.



FEATURED EVENT

OceanCon Returns – October 26!

Get ready for an epic day of fandom, cosplay, games, and special guests at our 8th Annual OceanCon!



Tweens & Teens

Registration Required for all Programs.

TEEN PROGRAMS (GRADES 7 - 12)

Paint Chip Calendar

Tuesday, September 2 at 7 pm
Make a colorful dry-erase calendar to help you stay organized!

September Grab n' Go Kit: Cookie Cutter style Vanilla Brown sugar Cookies

See Friday, September 5 on our events calendar for details.

Snack & Craft

Fridays at 4 pm on September 5 & October 17
Join us for a variety of crafts and enjoy some snacks! No registration required.

Dungeons and Dragons | Grades 8 to 12

Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm on September 6, 20 & October 18, 25

Interested in joining this ongoing group? Email grinchetta@oceansidelibrary.com.

Popcorn Blind Taste Test

Tuesday, September 9 at 7 pm



Teen Pizza and Movie: Freaky Friday

Wednesday, September 24 from 6 pm to 8:45 pm
Come hang out for a fun night of pizza and a movie! We'll be watching the 2003 version of Freaky Friday.

Music Bingo

Mondays at 7 pm
September 15 & October 20

Bling Your Book!

Tuesday, September 16 at 7 pm
Add some sparkle to your shelf! Bring your own book and transform its cover into a dazzling masterpiece using rhinestones, gems, and more.

Anti-Bullying Workshop for Teens | Grades 7-12

Friday, September 19 at 4:30 pm
Learn how to stand up for yourself and others safely and respectfully. Whether you're dealing with bullying or want to support friends who are, this workshop is for you.

Music Trivia

Fridays at 4 pm
September 26 & October 24



Dubai Chocolate Strawberries

Friday, September 26 at 6 pm

Sip Studio: Pink Drinks

Monday, September 29 at 7 pm
Create a custom cold cup with stickers, markers, and more, then learn how to mix up your own copycat pink drink to enjoy.

Ceramic Paint Night

Tuesday, September 30 at 7 pm
Paint your own ceramic "Good Vibes" light up sign and enjoy snacks for a chill night!

October Grab n' Go Kit: Fall Apple Brownies

See Friday, October 3 on our events calendar for details.

Soda Blind Taste Test

Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm



Teen Pizza and Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Friday, October 10 from 6 pm to 8:45 pm
Join us for a magical movie night with pizza! In honor of Banned Books Week, we'll be showing of this banned book turned movie.

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Fall Sugar Scrub

Monday, October 27 at 7:15 pm



Halloween Party

Thursday, October 30 at 7 pm
Come in costume for a night of games, pizza, and cupcake decorating!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Teen Tech Helpers Meeting

Wednesday, September 3 at 4 pm, September 10 at 4 pm or Friday October 3 at 4 pm (*Must attend one*). Are you the go-to person when there is a home tech problem? Want to make a difference in your community? Build your resume, boost your college application. Volunteer to be an Teen Tech Helper.

Dear Banned Author

Monday, October 6 at 6 pm
We'll write and decorate postcards to support authors whose books have been challenged or banned.

Vets + Pets Community Service Project

Wednesday, October 22 at 3:30 pm



Teen Ambassadors

Friday, October 3 at 7 pm
Teen Ambassadors earn community service hours by helping shape teen programs and services at the Oceanside Library. Teen Ambassadors meet once a month to give input on programs, offer suggestions on which materials are added to the library collection, and work on special projects for the library. This is a great opportunity for teens to also develop leadership skills while serving as library advocates in our community!

To register, please contact Amy at adarco@oceansidelibrary.com



THE BEACON

The Beacon is our dedicated teen space where you can relax, hang out with friends, and be yourself. With comfortable seating, a Nintendo Switch, craft supplies, and resources just for teens - there is something here for everyone!

Sign up for our Monthly Book Boxes - the perfect way to unwind with great reads and fun surprises.

Choose your favorite genre or theme, and you'll receive a box with:

- Two curated Library books
- Mystery gifts or a fun craft
- Delicious snacks

Just return the books and the box - everything else is yours to keep!



MYSTERY AT THE LIBRARY: AFTER HOURS ESCAPE ROOM



After Hours Escape Room with the OHS True Crime Club | Grades 9 to 12

Friday, October 17 at 9 pm or Saturday, October 18 at 5 pm
Join the OHS True Crime Club for an after-hours escape room adventure at the Library!

SAT PREP

SAT Crash Course

Saturday, September 20 from 2 pm to 4 pm
Join Advantage Testing for a two-hour review of practice questions for the SAT.



BOOK A STUDY ROOM

Did you know that you can reserve a quiet study room online? All you need is your Oceanside Library card and PIN. Reserve a room by scanning the QR Code.



Special Needs

Registration Required for all Programs.

SPECIAL NEED PROGRAMS (CHILDREN)

Sensory Storytime | Preschool to Grade 3

Mondays at 4:30 pm on
September 8 & October 6

This special needs sensory Storytime provides a safe and non-judgmental environment where children are encouraged to actively participate in songs, stories and sensory bins as they move about the room and meet new friends!



Wayfinders | Grades 7 to 12

Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm on
September 11 & October 23

Wayfinders is a drop-in program for neurodiverse teens. Stop by to snack, craft, and make friends!



SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIES



September 20 at 2 pm
The Wild Robot (2024)
1hr 41 mins
Rated PG



October 28 at 11 am
The Nightmare Before Christmas
(1993) 1hr 16 min
Rated PG



SPECIAL NEED PROGRAMS (ADULTS)

Cooking with Kristen

Wednesdays at 6 pm on September 10, 24 &
October 8, 22

Special Needs STEAM

Fridays at 10 am

September 5, 19 & October 3, 17, 31

Join Emmy in the discovery lab as we explore art and science!



Special Needs LEGO Club

Thursdays at 10 am

September 4, 18 & October 16, 30

Anything is possible when you build with LEGO! Join Emmy for an open session of LEGO building.



Special Needs Art Club

Fridays at 3:30 pm

September 12, 26 & October 10, 24

Calling all artists! Join Emmy as we express our creativity with a new art project each week.

Drop-In Craft with Silver Linings

Wednesday, September 17 from 4 pm to 6 pm

REEF

Thursday, October 23 at 5 pm

Book Buddies

Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 pm

Join Michael to talk about what we've been reading or being read lately!



Special Needs Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 am

September 17 & October 8, 22

Join Dot at the library for a fun, accessible yoga class! We will provide yoga mats if needed.



R.E.E.F is a program for adults 18+ with diverse abilities. The program focuses on readiness, education, empowerment, and friendship. After participants leave the high school setting, R.E.E.F ensures that they still work on those fundamental "school-based" skills such as writing, communication, hygiene, finance, and more.



Movies In The Iovino Theater



MONDAY FILMS TWO SHOWTIMES: 2 PM AND 6 PM

September 8
The Ballad of Wallis
(2025)
1hr 39 mins
Rated PG-13



October 6
The Color Purple
(1985)
2hr 34 mins
Rated PG-13



September 15
Bob Trevino Likes It
(2024)
1hr 41 mins
Rated PG-13



October 20
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice
(2024)
1hr 24 mins
Rated PG-13



September 29
Alto Knights (2025)
2hr 3 mins
Rated R



A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



September 11 at 6 pm
What Happened on
September 11
(2019) 30 mins
Rated TV-PG



September 11 at 7 pm
In the Shadows of the Towers:
Stuyvesant High on 9/11
(2019) 35mins
Rated TV-14



A WEEK OF FRIGHTS ON THE BIG SCREEN

TWO SHOWTIMES: 2 PM AND 6 PM

October 27
Psycho (1960)
1hr 49 mins
Rated R



October 30
Poltergeist (1982)
1hr 54 mins
Rated PG



October 28
Carrie (1976)
1hr 38 mins
Rated R



October 31
Friday the 13th (1980)
1hr 35 mins
Rated R



October 29
The Exorcist (1973)
2hr 2 mins
Rated R



HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

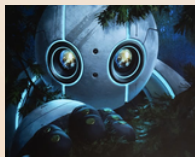


October 31 at 9 pm

Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)
1hr 38 mins
Rated R

Adults Only! Get ready for a night of thrills with The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Learn the history behind the cult classic, test your knowledge with trivia, and discover the fun of audience participation. Don't forget to dress to impress—our costume contest awaits! Snacks included.
Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

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The Wild Robot (2024)
1hr 41 mins
Rated PG



October 28 at 11 am
The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)
1 hr 16 min
Rated PG

FAMILY MOVIES



September 13 at 11 am
Lilo and Stitch
(2025)
1h 48 mins
Rated PG



September 26 at 6 pm
Paddington in Peru
(2024)
1hr 46 mins
Rated PG



October 3 at 6:30 pm
A Minecraft Movie
(2025)
1hr 41 mins
Rated PG

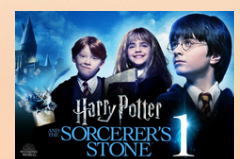


October 25 at 11 am
Coco
(2017)
1h 45 mins
Rated PG

TEEN MOVIES



September 24 at 6 pm
Freaky Friday (2003)
1hr 37 mins
Rated PG



October 10 at 6 pm
Harry Potter and the
Sorcerer's Stone
(2001) 2hr 32 mins
Rated PG

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday	9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS & SPECIAL HOURS

Monday, September 1	Closed for Labor Day
Monday, September 22	Closing at 5 PM for Rosh Hashanah Eve
Tuesday, September 23	Closed for Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, October 1	Closed at 1 PM for Yom Kippur Eve
Thursday, October 2	Closed for Yom Kippur
Monday, October 13	Closed for Columbus Day

Please note: The Library has a delayed opening and early closing on the first Tuesday of each month for staff development, unless otherwise noted.

- On Tuesday, September 9, we will open at 10:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.
- On Tuesday, October 7, we will open at 11:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

ONLINE RESOURCES



Get free live homework help, expert writing feedback, test prep, and interactive study tools. All available through our online learning resources!



Libby: Dive into thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, comics, and magazines—anytime, anywhere! Perfectly optimized for your phone or tablet for reading on the go.



Explore census records, military files, local histories, and rich primary source materials—all in one place! A must-use resource for history buffs and researchers alike.



Enjoy unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga—anytime, anywhere! Available 24/7 on your computer, tablet, or phone.

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READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Receive handpicked recommendations delivered straight to your inbox every month!



READER'S BLOG

Check out our monthly blog for themed reading recommendations and fresh takes on a variety of topics tied to the month!



BOOK A QUIET STUDY ROOM

Did you know that you can reserve a quiet study room online? All you need is your Oceanside Library card and PIN. Reserve a room by scanning the QR Code.

