



March is Women's  
History Month

## Deborah Read Franklin

Thursday, March 30,  
6:30-8:30 p.m. (online portion  
begins at 7)  
Two-fold program. Discuss  
Nancy Rubin Stuart's book *Poor  
Richard's Women: Deborah  
Read Franklin and the Other  
Women behind the Founding  
Father* at 6:30. At 7, enjoy an  
online discussion of Mrs. Franklin  
by JoAnn Tufo, an historian,  
who researched and regularly  
portrays her. Join us to lift the  
veil on women in history. Light  
refreshments served. Book to  
borrow available at Reference.  
Zoom link will be sent day of  
event to online attendees.

\*\*\* VOTE \*\*\*  
LIBRARY BUDGET  
VOTE AND TRUSTEE  
ELECTIONS  
Tuesday, April 4,  
9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Details on pages 2-3.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS  
Books & Bagels  
Saturdays, 10 a.m.  
Bagels, coffee and tea.

Long Island  
Reads  
Each April, readers  
across Long Island  
discuss one book.  
Join us April 8 for  
*A Speck in the Sea*  
by Anthony Sosinski and John  
Aldridge. The first 15 to register  
receive the book to keep. Book  
available. 3/11.

May 6, Ask Again, Yes  
by Mary Beth Keane  
Book available 4/8.

National Library  
Week  
April 23-29

## CONCERT

### Fiddler's Green

Friday, March 24, 7 p.m.  
After a three year wait, we are  
pleased to welcome back *Fiddler's  
Green*. A library favorite, the  
band performs traditional music  
of Ireland and America in an  
authentic acoustic style.

## EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

### Native Gardens

Thursday, March 23,  
7-8 p.m.  
Learn to landscape with native  
plants for dynamic gardens in  
touch with the natural world.  
Sue Avery, of *Nature's Edge  
Gardens*.

### Sustainable Pollinator Garden



Monday, April 3,  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Come prepared: is your  
space sunny/shady,  
wet, dry or irrigated,  
flat/sloped, clay/sand?

Leave with a native plant garden  
plan: water-wise, pollinator-friendly.  
*ReWild Long Island*.

### Forgotten Founders of Long Island

Thursday, April 27, 7-8 p.m.  
The *Plain Sight Project* restores the  
stories of enslaved and free people of  
color in Eastern LI's colonial period  
to their essential place in history.

### Small Business Discount Program

NEW! Show a South Country  
Library card, get a discount.  
Participating businesses: *Papa Nick's*;  
*Summer Salt*; *Shelby's Kitchen*;  
*TOLA*; *Cupcakes Galore*; *Bellport  
Apothecary*; *Waffles and Soul*; *Step  
in Time Dancewear*; *ifixscreens  
(Medford)*; *Brook House*; *Red Barn  
Boutique*; *Bellport Arts & Framing  
Studio* Updated list on website.  
Obtain a library card at Patron  
Services desk or on website.

## Repair Café

Saturday, April 15,  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Drop in with a broken item,  
grab a cup of coffee, and meet  
experienced volunteers who can  
guide you through the repair.  
Reduce waste, save money, learn  
to repair what you own.  
No registration.

## Call for Repair Volunteers

Saturday, April 15,  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Have practical skills?  
Want to empower  
others and reduce  
waste? Please volunteer for our  
Repair Café and bring your  
tools. We provide volunteers  
with refreshments, including  
deli lunch. *Repair Café Long Island*  
will contact volunteers with info. Hours  
include set-up and clean-up.



## HELP AND INFORMATION

### Senior Advocate

Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,  
March 13, April 17  
An Advocate helps seniors find  
benefits. When eligible, seniors  
will be assisted to apply. Benefit  
programs include SNAP, MSP,  
and HEAP. No registration required.

### Social Services Fair

Thursday, March 16,  
12-3 p.m.  
The library and *Health and  
Welfare Council of Long  
Island* host 16 organizations  
to showcase services and  
resources. Main floor of library.  
No registration required.

## English Class ESOL

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.,  
March 6-April 24  
Free weekly class taught by  
Marie. Practice: to speak, to  
read, and to write English. All  
levels. Partner: Brookhaven Free Libr.  
*Únete a nuestra instructora,  
Marie, para esta clase  
semanal gratuita para  
estudiantes de Ingles. Las  
clases se enfocarán en  
practicar, hablar, leer y  
escribir. ¡Todos los niveles de  
habilidad son bienvenidos!*

## Conversation Skills: Learn English

Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.,  
March 9-April 27  
Practice speaking English.  
Improve vocabulary and  
grammar. All levels. 8 sessions.

## FSA Tax Prep

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
March 21, April 4  
Register from 3/1. South Country  
cardholders only. Appts. are limited.  
Tax Dept. employees offer step-  
by-step guidance as you e-file  
your own tax return. Use free,  
secure, online software. Facilitated  
Self Assistance **FSA** is in cooperation  
with Bethpage FCU's Volunteer Income  
Tax Assist. **VITA** Program. 2022 income  
must be \$73,000 or less. Computer skills  
req'd. Bring your internet-capable device  
with access to your active email acct.

## Mammography Van

Wednesday, March 29,  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., by appointment  
Stony Brook's fully outfitted  
Mammography Van features  
comfort, privacy, and state-of-  
the-art 3-D equipment. Schedule  
appt. 631-638-4135 or with 3/16 Social  
Svcs. Fair representative.

## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Dear Community Members - Please come out to support the Library during our April 4<sup>th</sup> budget vote. With your support this year, we will look to eliminate nearly all fines, further expand our eclectic Library-of-Things and e-book/streaming services, hold fairs for social services, veterans and seniors, and roll out new classes for tech, nutrition, and health/wellness. In addition to an energy-efficient upgrade to the aging HVAC system on the south side of the building, we will begin the planning stage for exciting interior space renovations in the coming years. Please continue to take advantage of popular offerings including our business center, passport and notary services, concerts, movie showings, reading clubs, children's activities and, of course, our wonderful collection of books. Thank you for your past and continued support and we hope to see you on Tuesday 4/4.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Follow us on **Facebook!** Parents/guardians, please monitor your child's library use and material selection. Program details: **southcountry.librarycalendar.com**. Register, required unless noted, in-person, online, or call 631-286-0818 x2. Let us know if special accommodations are needed.

## March

Register for in-person programs  
Wednesday, 3/1, 9:30 a.m.

## Crayon Scavenger Hunt

All March  
**CELEBRATE COLORS!**

## In-Person Series

### Mother Goose

Ages Newborn-35 mos. AND an adult  
Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.,  
March 9, 16, & 23

### Storycraft for Littles

Ages 3-5 AND an adult  
Thursdays, 4:30-5 p.m.,  
March 9, 16, 23, & 30

### Toddler Storytime

Ages 18-35 months AND an adult  
Tuesdays,  
10:15-11 a.m.,  
March 14, 21, & 28



## In-Person Events

### Shake, Rattle, and Read

Ages 12-35 months AND an adult  
Saturday, March 4,  
10-10:30 a.m.

### Super Mario Torn Art

Grades 3-5  
Monday, March 6,  
7-7:30 p.m.

### Parachute Time

Ages 24-35 months AND an adult  
Wednesday, March 8,  
10:15-10:45 a.m.

### STEM Challenge

Grades 3-5  
Wednesday, March 8,  
6:30-7:15 p.m.

### Tots Night Out

Ages 18 months-5 yrs. AND an adult  
Friday, March 10, 6-7 p.m.

### Baby Start

Ages 9-17 months AND an adult  
Saturday, March 11,  
10-10:30 a.m.

**LEGO® Club** Grades K-5  
Monday, March 13,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Luck of the Irish Friendship Bracelet

Grades K-5  
Wednesday, March 15,  
6-6:45 p.m.

### Marshmallow Engineering

Grades 3-5  
Thursday, March 16,  
6:30-7:15 p.m.

**Colorful** Story & Craft  
Ages 3-5 years AND an adult  
Friday, March 17,  
2:30-3 p.m.

### One Fish, Two Fish, Find Me a Blue Fish

Ages 18-35 months AND an adult  
Wednesday, March 22,  
10:15-10:45 a.m.

### Paper Chain Snakes

Grades K-5  
Wednesday, March 22,  
6:30-7:15 p.m.

### Playdough Fun!

All ages; no registration  
Saturday, March 25  
Drop in between 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Foil Moon Painting

Grades K-5  
Tuesday, March 28,  
6:30-7 p.m.

### Watercolor Flower

Grades 2-5  
Wednesday, March 29,  
6:30-7:15 p.m.

### Animal Adaptations

Grades 1-5 AND an adult  
Friday, March 31,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

## April

Register for in-person programs  
Saturday, 4/1, 9:30 a.m.

### Make us Laugh! All April

Write down or tell a Librarian a joke. We'll post it on the bulletin board and enter you in a raffle. One per child per day.



## In-Person Series

### Mother Goose

Ages Newborn-35 mos. AND an adult  
Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.,  
April 6, 20, & 27

### Toddler Storytime

Ages 18-35 months AND an adult  
Tuesdays, 10:15-11 a.m.,  
April 11, 18, & 25

### Storycraft for Littles

Ages 3-5 AND an adult  
Thursdays, 4:30-5 p.m.,  
April 13 & 20

## In-Person Events

### Crafternoon

All ages; no registration  
Tuesday, April 4  
Drop in between 2-4:30 p.m.

### Bunny Painting

Grades K-3  
Wednesday, April 5,  
6-6:45 p.m.

### Rainy Day Story and Craft

Ages 3-5 AND an adult  
Thursday, April 6,  
6-6:30 p.m.

### Board Game Night

Grades 3-5  
Monday, April 10  
6:30-7:30 p.m.



### Earth Day Daisy

Grades K-2  
Tuesday, April 11,  
6-6:30 p.m.

### Parachute Time

Ages 24-35 months AND an adult  
Wednesday, April 12,  
10:15-10:45 a.m.

### Taste Test Challenge

Grades 4-7 (Registration avail. in YA)  
Thursday, April 13,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Tots Night Out

Ages 18 months-5 yrs. AND an adult  
Friday, April 14, 6-7 p.m.

**LEGO® Club** Grades K-5  
Monday, April 17,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Cars and Trucks Time

Ages 3-5 years AND an adult  
Tuesday, April 18,  
2:30-3:15 p.m.

**Earth Day!** Grades K-3  
Wednesday, April 19  
6-6:45 p.m.

**The Lorax** Story & Craft  
Grades K-3  
Saturday, April 22,  
11-11:30 a.m.

### Flower Wreath

Grades K-5  
Monday, April 24,  
6:30-7 p.m.

### Baby Start

Ages 9-17 months AND an adult  
Saturday, April 29,  
10-10:30 a.m.

## Kits and Crafts

Details online: [bit.ly/3GZ38YE](https://bit.ly/3GZ38YE)

### Ongoing Craft Kits

All ages; no registration  
Every Saturday while supplies last.

### Salsa Garden Kit

All ages; one per family  
Wednesday, April 26

## BUDGET VOTE - TRUSTEE ELECTIONS INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

The date for district residents to vote for the library's Trustees will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the library. You will be electing two trustees to three-year terms. Recipients of the two highest vote counts will fill terms until 2026. Newly elected trustees will be seated at the May 18 meeting of the Board. This is your chance to participate in the support of a truly local democratic institution. Please remember to come to the library and cast your ballot.

**VOTING DAY:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the

library Community Room. Applications for absentee ballots are available online or at the office of the Clerk of the School District.

**WHO CAN VOTE:** You must be a registered voter. You may register to vote in a library election if you are a citizen of the U.S., 18 years of age, and have been a resident of the South Country School District for at least 30 days.

**VOTER REGISTRATION:** You can register in person at Suffolk County Board of Elections, 700 Yaphank Ave., Yaphank, NY 11980. Call 631-852-4554 for a voter application or go to: [elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html](https://elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html)

Registering for programs requires SCL library card. Full descriptions and online registration: [sctylib.org](http://sctylib.org)

## ALL YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 6-12

### Escape the Library

Wednesday, March 22,  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Teamwork. Critical thinking.  
Follow clues, unlock box.

### Taste Test Challenge

Tween Program – Grades 4-7 only  
Thursday, April 13,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Name vs. no-name brands.



### Library Week April 24-29

There's More to the Story  
Complete our Scavenger Hunt;  
enter a prize raffle. Drop by; no  
registration required.

### Technology

### 3-D Pens

Tuesday, March 14, 3-5 p.m.  
Draw a 3-D object. Drop by;  
no registration required.

### Makey Makey®

Wednesday, April 19,  
6-8 p.m.

Test Makey Makey® circuits and  
objects. No registration required.

### Virtual Reality

Friday, April 21, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Fun virtual experiences.

### Make It

#### Craft Take Home Kit

Register on/after first day/month.

#### Diamond Painting

Wednesday, March 8

#### Bird Feeder

Tuesday, April 11

### Cricut Decals

Thursday, March 23,  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Create vinyl stickers.

### Marble Flower Pot

Saturday, April 22,  
2-4 p.m.  
Do faux marbling. Plant a  
seedling when pot is dry.



### Volunteer

Receive community service hours.  
Details, applications, submissions at  
[sctylib.org/teen/volunteers](http://sctylib.org/teen/volunteers)

### Seed Sorting

Wednesdays and Fridays,  
5-8 p.m., March 1, 3, 8, 10  
Help ready the  
library's Seed Library.  
Sort seeds in packs.  
Register for one or more.



### Bookmarks

Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.,  
March 7, April 4

### Teen Advisory Group

Wednesday, March 29,  
5-6 p.m.  
Share ideas, help us plan.

### Films and Games

Snacks served at films/games

### Monthly Raffles

Enter each month for prizes.  
March: Nintendo Characters  
April: Book Covers



**Mario Kart**  
Saturday, March 11,  
1-3 p.m.

### Friday Films

**Black Panther:  
Wakanda**  
**Forever** March 17, 5-7 p.m.  
**Clueless** April 7, 5-7 p.m.



### Reading and Writing

#### 100 Books B4 Graduation

Read 100 books before HS  
graduation! Every 20= prize.  
Read 100= Grand Prize!

#### Teen Book Club

Books avail. at YA Desk to check out.  
Wednesday, April 26, 6-7 p.m.  
**Story Thieves** by James Riley

#### Book Boxes

Let us pick you a book.  
Registration and details online.  
March: Gaming Register now  
April: Gardening Register 3/1  
May: Science Fiction Reg. 4/1

## SOUTH COUNTRY LIBRARY BUDGET

	2022-2023	2023-2024
<b>INCOME</b>		
Tax Appropriation	\$2,725,050	\$2,779,551
Other Income	\$351,500	\$364,750
Fund Balance	\$113,178	\$134,714
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,189,728</b>	<b>\$3,279,015</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Materials, Programs &amp; Services</b>	<b>\$387,750</b>	<b>\$393,650</b>
Books, videos, audiobooks, Playaways, CDs, DVDs, downloadables, periodicals, children's materials, reference sources, computer software, programs		
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$2,184,938</b>	<b>\$2,274,465</b>
Salaries, separation payout, insurance, social security, retirement, EAP		
<b>Library Operations</b>	<b>\$162,865</b>	<b>\$168,400</b>
Online catalog & maintenance, library supplies, phone, postage, publicity, printing, travel & conference, professional fees, equipment & maintenance, budget/trustee election		
<b>Building Operations</b>	<b>\$313,675</b>	<b>\$330,500</b>
Fuel, utilities, custodial supplies, building repair, insurance, service contracts		
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>\$128,000</b>	<b>\$102,000</b>
Buildings, technical equipment, PO taxes, other equipment		
<b>Tax Anticipation Note Interest</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,189,728</b>	<b>\$3,279,015</b>

## Adult Programs

### REGISTRATION

Please tell us in advance if you  
need special accommodations  
to utilize the library. Adult  
programs are age 18 or older.  
Register from date newsletter  
is published, or as noted. Any  
symbol denotes an option or  
requirement.

- ☎ Call to register 631-286-0818, Reference.
- 📄 Register online: [sctylib.org](http://sctylib.org)
- ↑ Requires in-person registration.
- 💰 Requires non-refundable fee to be paid at registration.
- 📖 For SC Library cardholders.

### ENRICHMENT

For adults with special needs.

#### Movie Encanto

Saturday, March 4, 3 p.m.

#### Enrichment Kit

Tea Light Planet available 3/1  
Epsom Salt Crystals available 4/1

### EXERCISE

Register until 2<sup>nd</sup> class; supply waiver.

#### Chair Yoga

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,  
March 6-April 24  
8 classes, Fee: \$24

#### Yoga

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,  
March 7-April 25  
7 classes (no mtg. 4/4), Fee: \$21

#### Tai Chi

Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.  
March 9-April 13  
6 classes, Fee: \$18

#### Qigong

Fridays, 10-11 a.m.,  
March 10-April 28  
8 classes, Fee: \$24

### GAMES

#### Mah-Jongg Club\*

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Canasta Club\*

Wednesdays, 1-3:30 p.m.

\*Sign in as you attend; no registration.

**Hours:**  
 Monday–Friday 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Trustees:**  
 Geoffrey Marschall, *President* Annelies Kamran, *Vice President*  
 Cecelia F. Walsh, *Treasurer* Lorraine Kuehn, *Secretary*  
 Sherry Binnington, Mary Falkowitz, Nancy Marr

## ECRWSS RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

### Library Services

#### Literacy Volunteers

Want to help an English speaker to read and write? We seek skilled instructors to volunteer. Complete/ return application. 631-286-0818 ext. 230.

#### Alzheimer's-Dementia Caregiver Support

**Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.**  
**March 13, April 10**  
 Register at 516-292-1300 x2264 or [randerson@fcali.org](mailto:randerson@fcali.org)

#### SMART Recovery®

**Tuesdays, 7 p.m.**

#### Social Work Intern

**Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, 5-9 p.m.** Drop in or by appointment

Seed Library, Outreach, technology help, streaming, notary public, tutoring, Library of Things, and many more collections and services are available in the library and online with a library card. Inquire at the Reference Desk.

### Adult Programs

If you have questions about our services or programs, speak to a Reference Librarian.

#### GALLERY DISPLAY

**March** Suzanne Gude  
*Photography*  
**April** Maria Iliou  
*AAAC Mother & Daughter Art*

#### LIBRARY CLOSED

**Easter Sunday, April 9**

#### Earth Day Cleanup

**Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
 Join with others to clean South Country streets. Meet at library. Call us for info. Partner: Brookhaven Free Library

#### EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

#### Seed Starting Kit

Pickup begins 3/20. South Country cardholders; limit one per household. Mini greenhouse kit.

#### Computer & Smartphone

**Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
 Basic skills class. Register for individual classes.  
 3/8 Common symbols & jargon  
 3/22 Mouse & keyboard for laptop  
 4/5 Organize your laptop computer  
 4/19 Organize your phone/tablet

#### Guided Meditation

**Monday, March 13, 1-1:45 p.m. AND/OR Thursday, April 13, 6-6:45 p.m.**  
 Learn the benefits. Hear a guided meditation.

#### Defensive Driving

**Saturday, March 18, OR Wednesday, April 5, OR Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
 Reduce insurance cost or driving record points. Fee: \$30. Check/money order only, pay to: Empire Safety Council.


#### Manejo Defensivo de Habla Hispana

**Sábado, 1 de abril, 10 h-16 h**  
*Reciba hasta un 10% de descuento en el seguro de automóvil. Reduzca puntos en su historial de manejo. Cuota \$30. Regístrese en persona en el mostrador de referencia de la biblioteca con un cheque o giro postal a nombre de Empire Safety Council.*

#### Boating Safety

**Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructs. Book included; certificate granted at finish. NYS boaters born on/after 1/1/83 must be certified. Fee: \$40, \$35 under age 18. Check/money order to USCG AUX.

#### Business Finance

**Saturday, April 29, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
 Learn: balance sheet, P/L, cash flow statement, and bookkeeping to generate these, set up finances, budget, forecast, and tips. SCORE Workshop Svc. Corps. of Retired Execs.

#### Friend/Family CPR

**Saturday, April 29, 1-4 p.m.**  
 Basic course. Learn adult, child and infant CPR skills for friends and family. Non-certificate; no test. Students receive completion card/

#### GAMES

#### Weekly Trivia

**March:** '90s; Musicals; Marvel; Name that Tune: Women's History Edition  
**April:** Finish the Lyric; Are You Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?; Movie Villains; Who said that?

#### BINGO

**Fridays, 2-3 p.m., March 31, April 28**  
 Friendly games and prizes. Register for one or both.

#### THURSDAY MOVIES

A movie is shown each Thursday at 2 p.m. Cookies are available.

- 3/2 *Armageddon Time* R
- 3/9 *She Said* R
- 3/16 *Till* PG-13
- 3/23 *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* PG-13
- 3/30 *The Fabelmans* PG-13
- 4/6 *Devotion* PG-13
- 4/13 *I Wanna Dance With Somebody* PG-13
- 4/20 *Women Talking* PG-13
- 4/27 *A Man Called Otto* PG-13

#### CONCERT

#### Stony Brook Music Showcase



**Friday, April 28, 7 p.m.**  
 Current and former students of Stony Brook University's Dept. of Music will perform.

#### COOKING AND CRAFTS


#### Knit/Crochet Circle

**Saturdays, 12-1 p.m., March 4, April 8**  
 No registration; non-instructional.

#### Wall Hanging

**Monday, March 27, 6-7:30 p.m.**  
 Create mini wall hanging with fake flowers.

#### Cricut Mugs

**Monday, April 17, 6-8 p.m.**  
 Use our Mug Press to design a unique mug. Some knowledge of Cricut Design Space required. Fee \$3

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Building community by sharing the wonders of learning, creating and connecting with one another.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meetings, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 16  
 Thursday, April 20**