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South Country Library Notes

is our paper newsletter,
delivered every two months
to all residences in the
South Country School District.

You can also find it at
sctylib.org/newsletter

South Country Library News

is our digital newsletter,
sent via email every two weeks.

Sign up when you apply for
or renew your library card,
or at sctylib.org/subscribe



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our catalog, databases, & events.



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Welcome to the

SOUTH COUNTRY LIBRARY

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

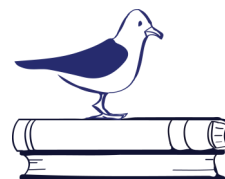


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Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM

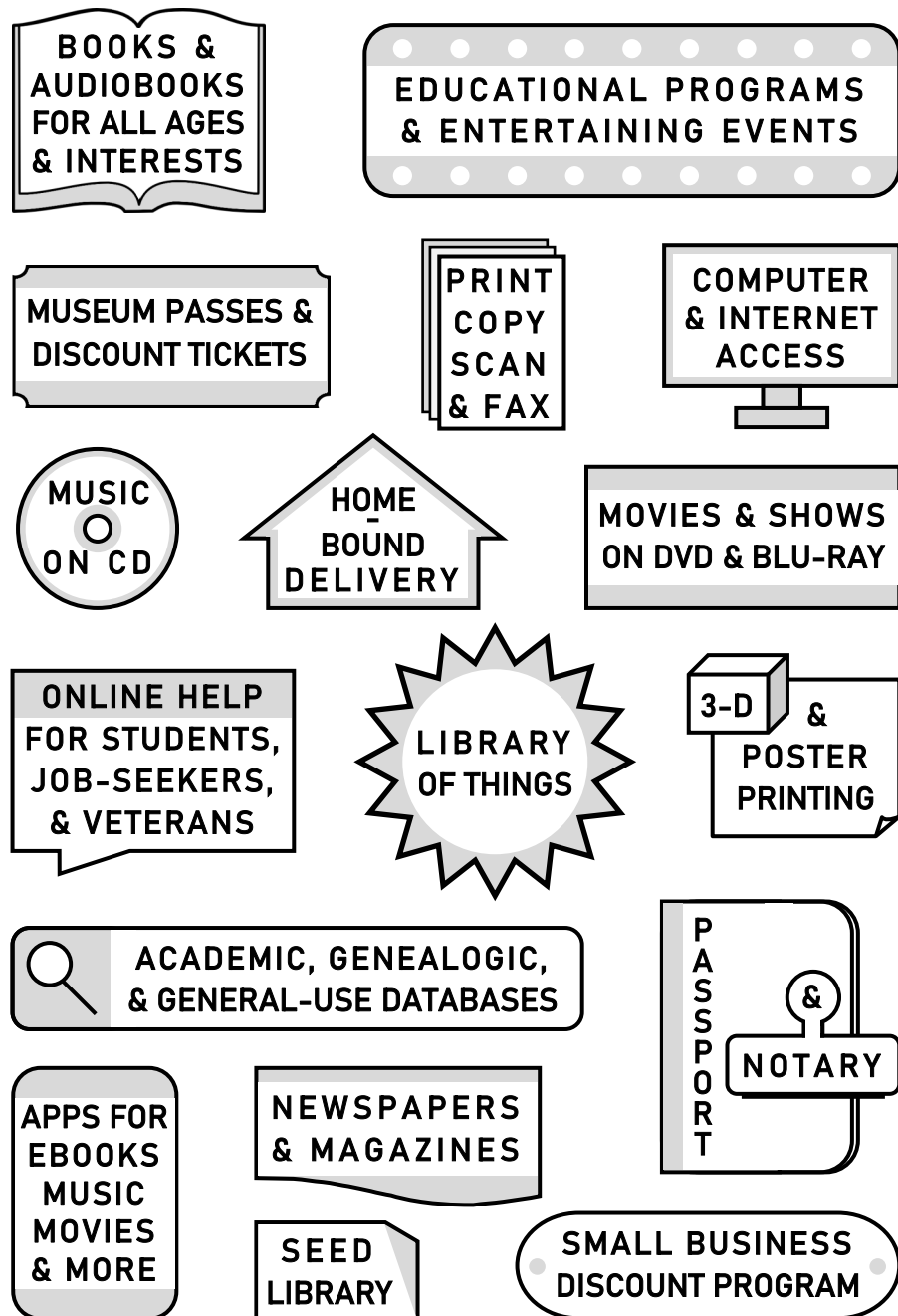


Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
(September - June)

The South Country Library is a community-centered facility that helps patrons meet their personal, educational, and professional wants and needs for access and information.

Here's a glimpse of the materials and services we offer:



MORE PERKS WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Library of Things

We have holiday bakeware, streaming services, tabletop & lawn games, items for hobbies, home DIY, health & wellness, retro videos games, and more!



Visit sctylib.org/lot to see the complete list, or browse in the library, on the wall to the right of the Fireplace Room.

Note: Library of Things items must be checked out by an adult.

Museum Passes & Discount Tickets

South Country Library offers our patrons free passes to many museums around Long Island and in New York City. Many of these passes can be printed on demand, others must be picked up and returned to the Children's Department. We also have discounted tickets to the Bronx Zoo, the Long Island Aquarium, and Splish Splash! To learn more, visit the Children's Department or sctylib.org/museums

Seed Library

In spring and summer, patrons may choose three packets per visit from our seed library, near the Patron Services desk.



Small Business Discount Program

Show your library card at select local businesses to receive a discount. See participating businesses at sctylib.org/sbdp

Homebound Delivery

If you or a loved one cannot physically come to the library, we can make residential deliveries to borrow items. Please call Patron Services at (631) 286-0818 ext. 3

Children's Programs

We offer free programs for all children up through grade 5. Note that each program is curated for a specific age range. Visit the Children's Department or sctylib.org/kids to learn about upcoming programs, age ranges, and registration dates.

In-Person Programs

Storytimes, guided crafts, parent child workshops, & more! Most in-person programs require advance registration.



Take-Home Craft & Activity Kits

Bring these kits home for fun, creativity, and development.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Give your child the opportunity to feel proud of a huge accomplishment, and make sure they are as ready as they can be for one of the biggest moments of their little life — starting school. To learn more, visit sctylib.org/kids/1kb4k



Summer Reading & Other Challenges

Join our prize-packed Summer Reading Club at the end Of June to keep your child reading all summer long. The fun continues throughout the year with other seasonal challenges and periodic scavenger hunts in our department.

Online Resources for School & More

Brainfuse HelpNow: For lessons on any class topic at any grade level, with live virtual tutors available daily. See page 5.

Databases: For school & their own curiosity. Also on page 5.



PATRON SERVICES

for borrowing materials & account concerns

Phone: (631) 286-0818 ext. 3

The Patron Services Desk at the front of the library is where you can check out materials. If you need to renew your library card, you can do that here, too, or at sctylib.org/services

This is also where you can settle any fees. We accept cash or check, or credit/debit card if the amount is at least \$3.00

Information for Borrowing Materials

Borrowing Limits

Total Items at once	50
New DVDs	5
DVDs	15
Video Games	5
Lucky Day Books	1
Launchpad	1

Lost Card Fee

1st replacement:	\$2.00
2nd & subsequent:	\$5.00

Our Collections are Fine-Free with the following exceptions for late returns:

Lucky Day Books	10¢ per day
Launchpads & Video Games	\$1.00 per day
Museum Passes	\$20.00 per day
Library of Things	\$1.00 per day
<i>Some LoT items' fees are more than</i>	

Business Center — Copy, Scan, & Fax

Located just past the Patron Services Desk.

Make photocopies: 10¢ per B&W page, 50¢ per color.

Scan documents: Free to an email or flash drive.

Send or receive a fax: \$1.00 per page. (631) 286-4873

Our staff is happy to help — please ask for assistance if needed.

See the next page to learn about using our computers & printing.

COMPUTERS & PRINTING

The Adult, Young Adult, and Children's Departments all have computers available for use for their designated age groups.

To log on, enter the entire barcode number found on the back of your South Country Library Card, without spaces.

Printing

Black & White (grayscale): 10¢ / page **Color:** 50¢ / page

Our library cardholders receive a complimentary, non-cumulative printing credit of \$1.00 every day. Additional funds may be added at the Patron Services Desk.



You may also send a print job via email -- ask Patron Services.

Printers for special projects:

Poster Printer 36-inch maximum on smaller dimension

3-D Printers Maximum dimensions 9 x 8 x 8.8 inches



For more information, please ask a librarian at the Adult Reference Desk, or visit sctylib.org/services

Wi-Fi Internet Connection

Our wireless internet network extends to our parking lot and is available 24/7.

Network name: South Country Library

After you initially connect, our Wireless Guest Use Agreement will appear. Please read it and click "Continue" to proceed.



Children's Collections

We have board books, picture books, easy readers, holiday books, phonics, fiction & nonfiction, chapter books, graphic novels, biographies, magazines, music CDs, and DVDs. See our specialized collections below.

The Parent Collection has useful books and DVDs for raising your child. There are also child-appropriate books to help discuss difficult topics.



The Teacher's Resource Collection is for patrons in the field of primary education, and parents. There are books on lesson plans, language arts, math, science, and more.

The Spanish Collection contains board & picture books, easy readers, fiction & non-fiction, book-and-CD packs, music CDs, DVDs, and parenting books & DVDs -- all in Spanish.

Audiobooks and LaunchPads

CD Audiobooks: Slide it into your CD player and press play.

Playaway Audiobooks: All-in-one handheld player -- pop in the included battery, plug in your headphones, and press play.

Playaway LaunchPad Educational Tablets: Make that screen time count! Each comes preloaded with educational games. LaunchPads must be checked out by an adult.

Looking for more? Try our digital collections.

Check out the Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, and Flipster apps for ebooks, audiobooks, music, movies, shows, and magazines. Details on page 5 and at sctylib.org/kids/downloadables

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

for Newborns to 5th Graders & their Caregivers

Phone: (631) 286-0818 ext. 2 **Email:** childrens@sctylib.org

Web: sctylib.org/kids

South Country Library is a Family Place Library™

Our Children's Department meets standards of having trained staff in specially-designed areas for children. We provide collections and programs tailored to newborns through 5th graders, and their caregivers. Visit FamilyPlaceLibraries.org

Speak with one of our Children's Librarians to register for upcoming programs, get reading recommendations, and more.

Please note that children under 10 years old *must* be attended by a responsible caregiver age 18 or older.

A child age 10 or older may use the library unattended if they are able to maintain appropriate library behavior.

Children's Computers can be accessed using the child's library card barcode number. We have computers for just gaming, computers with internet access, and an adult computer at a standing desk. Please see page 4 for more.

Museum Passes & Discount Tickets

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APPS & E-RESOURCES

Apps for Entertainment & Education

Available from the Apple App Store and Android Google Play for your mobile devices, or on the web from your computer. Search and filter for interests & age -- kids, teens, and adults.



Libby. Bestselling ebooks & audiobooks.



Hoopla. Movies, shows, music, ebooks, audiobooks, & comics.



Flipster. Popular print magazines.



Kanopy. Classic, cultural, & educational films and shows.



Bluebird. Learn new languages, including English, from any other language (great for ESOL).

Assistance for All Students, Job Seekers, & Veterans



Access the Brainfuse services with your library card number. To access, visit sctylib.org/brainfuse and select a service:

HelpNow - All topics & tests for students K-12, college, & grad.

Adult Learning Center - Includes US citizenship test & more.

JobNow - Resume help, interview practice, & career paths.

VetNow - Helps vets & their family navigate the VA system.

*All services have **live assistance** daily from 2:00 – 11:00 PM.*

Databases for Adults, Teens, and Children

Dozens of authoritative databases on all topics, for academic and personal research. Visit sctylib.org/databases to begin.



ADULT REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

for all Adults age 18 to 88 and beyond

Phone: (631) 286-0818 ext. 1 **Email:** sctyref@sctylib.org

Web: sctylib.org/adult-research

Visit the Reference Desk to find information, get book recommendations, and register for Adult programs.

Adult Computers all have Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint. All have ports for your headphones and flash drives. Most have CD/DVD players and memory card readers. Need help? Ask a librarian! **See page 4 for printing and more.**

Adult Services

Passport & Notary Services to apply for new passports, and notarization on limited documents. By appointment only; fees apply. Visit sctylib.org/services or call Reference.



Resume & Cover Letter Help is provided by our newsletter editor. Visit sctylib.org/resume for details and to submit your documents for review. Also see Brainfuse JobNow on page 5.

Book a Librarian for one-on-one tech assistance on a PC or your own laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other device.

Senior Advocate helps seniors find benefits for which they may be eligible. Check with Reference for upcoming dates.

Literacy Program provides services and resources for adults who are learning English. Visit sctylib.org/literacy for more.

Learn about all of our services at sctylib.org/services

YA Programs

The YA Department offers free programs for many interests including crafts, book discussions, movies, video games, and technology. Play our monthly trivia raffle, and sign up for our **Book Boxes** which come with a book to borrow and goodies to keep. Don't forget our prize-packed **Summer Reading Club!**

Note: Advance registration is required for most programs.

Volunteer Opportunities

Students can earn community service hours through our volunteer programs like the Teen Advisory Group and Gardening Club. Ask our YA Librarian for upcoming programs.

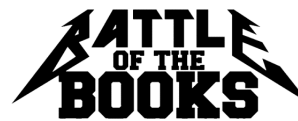


Book Nook

Love reading? So do we! Check out two of our reading programs below, and speak with our YA Librarian or visit sctylib.org/teen/ya-book-nook for more information.



100 Books Before Graduation is a reading initiative for teens to read 100 books before they graduate high school. Earn prizes just by reading for fun! Open to all students entering grades 6 -12 in the South Country CSD.



Battle of the Books is a county-wide inter-library competition. Teams of teens read modern, quality YA literature and then compete in a trivia contest about the books.

Summer Battle of the Books
for students entering grades 6-9
Practice though the summer;
competition in August.

Advanced Battle of the Books
for students in grades 9-12
Practice and competition
during the school year.

YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT

for Preteens & Teens in Grades 6 - 12

Phone: (631) 286-0818 ext. 1 & ask for the YA Librarian

Email: teen@sctylib.org **Web:** sctylib.org/teen

Stop by the YA Area to use a computer, browse through our collection, or just hang out. We have tabletop games and craft supplies available. Need to borrow a charger? Ask a librarian.

YA Computers are available for students in grades 6 - 12. Students who don't have a South Country Library card may ask for a guest pass to do school work. See page 4 for printing.

Finished with your school work and want to play?
The YA Computers are gaming computers that have several games already installed, and come preset with accounts for Minecraft, Epic Games, and Steam.



YA Collections

We carry fiction, magazines, Playaway audiobooks, graphic novels and manga, biographies and general nonfiction, and study books for standardized tests like the SAT and AP exams. Some popular fiction titles are also available in Large Print. Plus, ask about our *video games collection*!

Online Resources for School & Beyond

Test Preparation and College & Careers: For help preparing for major tests and beyond graduation. Visit sctylib.org/teen and look for the above items for several useful resources.

Brainfuse HelpNow & JobNow: For lessons on class topics, live tutors, and guidance towards landing a job. See page 5.

Databases: For research papers and more. Also on page 5.

Adult Collections

Fiction of all genres (mystery, romance, historical, literary, suspense, thriller, science fiction, fantasy, urban, and more), graphic novels, biographies and nonfiction of all topics. **We also carry popular titles in large print and as audiobooks.**

South Country & Long Island Collections

Located at the front of the library, these volumes contain population records, histories, culinary & fine arts, and more.

Spanish Collection

Located on the wall to the right of the Long Island Collection. Fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, & a resource bulletin board.

Career & Education Room

Find study guides for civil service and certification tests, or pick up a book and CD pack to learn a new language.

Adult Programs

We offer a wide variety of programs for adults including book discussions, craft classes, defensive driving, support groups, literacy, movies, local history, technology, finance, and enrichment programs for adults with special needs.

Also look for periodic take-home crafts and kits.

Reader's Corner

For reading recommendations and more, visit the Reference Desk or sctylib.org/adult-readers

Bestseller's Club

Sign up to be automatically placed on the reserves list when your favorite bestselling fiction authors release new titles.

Summer Reading Club

Join us every year to add a kick to your summer reading list. Each book you read becomes a raffle ticket for weekly prizes!

LIBRARY MAP

