



COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

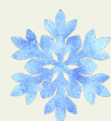
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WINTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 17, 12:00–2:00pm

For children with their families

The weather outside is frightful, but our festival is delightful! Join us for our second annual Winter Festival. Enjoy games, crafts, hot chocolate, snacks, and more!



TRAIN SHOW

Sunday, January 25, 2:00–4:00pm

For children with their families

All aboard for a fun-filled, train-themed adventure! Come down and watch the Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers run their trains and have your hand on the controls!



COUNTDOWN TO THE 250TH!

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Programs related to this event will be noted with an American flag.

AN AFTERNOON WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON

Sunday, February 8, 2:00–4:00pm

For all ages

Join us for a meet and greet with the first U.S. president, George Washington. Educator Michael Grillo — who portrays Washington — will offer a short presentation and be available to answer questions. The program will include Colonial-themed crafts and activities.



Serving the communities of
Cold Spring Harbor, Lloyd
Harbor & Laurel Hollow.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:30am – 9:00pm

Friday & Saturday

9:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday

(Sept 7, 2025 – June 14, 2026)

1:00 – 5:00pm

The Library Will Be Closed

Thursday, January 1

(New Year's Day)

Monday, February 16

(Presidents Day)

Library Board Meetings

All are welcome.

Monday, January 5, 7:00pm

Monday, February 2, 7:00pm

CPR CERTIFICATION (AHA/BLS)

Saturday, January 31,

1:00–4:00pm

Ages 12 and up. In this class you will learn AHA Basic Life Support CPR to receive a BLS certification. Perfect for those exploring work that would benefit from this training. Non-refundable program fee: \$50. Teens who attend this event will receive 3 hours of community service credit.

Programs for Adults

Register for adult programs online, at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at (631) 692-6820, with a valid Cold Spring Harbor Library card. Registration is required, unless otherwise noted.

Library programs with class or materials fees are non-refundable and make-up classes are not permitted.

PAINT & LISTEN

Monday, January 5, 2:00pm



Create a painting inspired by the mood and tone of live acoustic guitar music with Adam King. An artist-instructor will guide you as you craft your own masterpiece.

SCRAPBOOKING TUTORIAL WITH DANIELLE

Saturday, January 10, 1:00-4:00pm

Learn basic scrapbooking techniques such as folding, embossing, stamping, die-cutting, and more! Apply the techniques you've learned to create personalized keepsakes. Feel free to bring your own photos (encouraged, but not necessary). All materials will be supplied. Non-refundable materials fee: \$5.

NEW YORK & THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA

Monday, January 12, 2:00pm **via Zoom**



Out of the ashes of the British occupation and Evacuation Day in November 1783 at the American Revolution's end, New York emerged as the first capital of the United States. How did a body of elected representatives establish a form of government that had never existed previously? This virtual presentation will cover an era from the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the opening of the Erie Canal, providing insight and history as to how New York developed from a British colony to the largest and wealthiest American city.

LIFE IN PARAGRAPHS MEMOIR WORKSHOP

Mondays, January 12-February 23, 7:00-9:00pm (No class 2/16) **via Zoom**



Whether you would just like to have fun writing your life stories, create a lasting gift for your family, or publish a memoir, the *Life in Paragraphs Memoir Workshop* will offer an easy way to preserve and share your memories. Through simple writing exercises, author/instructor Debby Peoples will help you to hone your writing skills and transform your life experiences into creative works of non-fiction, one paragraph at a time. Non-refundable class fee: \$90.

A WRITER'S WORKSHOP **via Zoom**

Tuesdays, January 13-February 17, 7:00-9:00pm

No matter where you are in your creative journey, now is the perfect time to join a writing workshop. Through instruction, story prompts, and gentle critiques, author/instructor Debby Peoples will help you hone your skills and gain confidence in your writing ability. Limit: 14. Non-refundable class fee: \$90, payable by credit card only.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH MEDITATION

Wednesday, January 14, 7:00pm **via Zoom**

The New Year is a time to create a clean slate. Join Jim Rose, longtime meditator, for this powerful workshop. Jim has been inspiring audiences on how to practice and learn this very simple technique which provides many benefits. There will even be a meditation session at the end. Bring joy, peace, positivity, and relaxation into your daily life and begin the New Year with a fresh start.

SAVE YOUR PHOTOS: PROTECTING MEMORIES FOR GENERATIONS

Saturday, January 31, 11:00am-2:00pm



Join us for an informative program that will help you preserve your treasured memories! Learn practical tips and see demonstrations on how to safeguard your photographs, slides, and documents from damage, loss, and fading. Participants may bring three items (up to 11" x 17" in size) to be scanned and saved to a flash drive. Each flash drive will include a PowerPoint presentation on digitizing and organizing your collection, plus other helpful information — and it's yours to keep!

KNOW YOUR RISK: USING TODAY'S TOOLS TO PREVENT TOMORROW'S HEART ATTACKS

Tuesday, February 3, 11:00am **via Zoom**

Join Interventional Cardiologist Dr. Kunal Chawla as he discusses the newest screening and treatment recommendations to prevent heart disease. Dr. Chawla will discuss how to identify patients at elevated cardiovascular risk, and the tools available to detect disease earlier and more accurately.

Programs for Adults

INHALE

Saturday, February 7, 10:00am

Join us for an unforgettable, immersive session that will blend ancient breath and meditation practices with modern sound technology to help release stress, awaken creativity, and expand awareness. Headphones on. World off. Beginners are welcome.

JUDY'S CUCINA: TIRAMISU

Wednesday, February 11, 2:00–4:00pm

This no-bake dessert boasts layers of delicate ladyfingers dipped in espresso, rich and creamy mascarpone filling, and a dusting of cocoa. A symphony of flavors that are a delight to the palette. Non-refundable fee: \$5.

BOTANICAL TEACUP

Thursday, February 12, 2:00pm

Create a beautiful botanical bouquet with pressed flowers and greenery on an adorable, 2-D, hand-painted cup made with love. Your one-of-a-kind piece is sure to warm up many hearts and will look lovely when framed.

YANKEE STARGAZERS **via Zoom**

Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm



Stars figure large in our early American identity — from the first flags of 1777 to the star charts in Ben Franklin's popular almanacs. We'll explore how the science of astronomy developed from the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence right up to the present time. And we'll clue you in on where to look in the sky to see a star, whose light began on its journey to Earth 250 years ago, and is only arriving now, for us to view in 2026.

FLAMENCO PERFORMANCE WITH MICHELLE VICALE

Sunday, February 22, 2:00pm

Join us for a special Flamenco dance performance by professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicale. Flamenco is a powerful and emotional art form from southern Spain that blends music, dance, and singing.

BROWN BUTTER GINGER COOKIES

Saturday, February 28, 11:00am

Chef Kelly McConnell will lead you through the steps to make these delicious cookies! Start with a quick demonstration on browning butter, then make your own cookie dough from scratch.

Book Discussions

Books will be available at the Circulation Desk.



PAGE TURNERS

Wednesdays, 11:00am

Join librarian Allison for a monthly book group! Dive into a new read and meet for an in-person book discussion.

January 14 – *James* by Percival Everett

February 11 – *Ella* by Diane Richards

HEART OF THE HARBOR

Thursdays, 7:00pm **via Zoom**

Join librarians Carolyn and Scott in exploring books in different genres each month. The discussion will take place via Zoom.

January 15 – *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali

February 12 – *The Piano Tuner* by Chiang-Sheng Kuo

BEYOND THE BOOK, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COLD SPRING HARBOR WHALING MUSEUM

Wednesdays, 6:30pm
Dive into your next read with The Whaling Museum's *Beyond the Book* club. We hand select texts that explore stories and history related to the Museum's collection for a truly unique experience. Look up close at artifacts that enhance discussions around the monthly read. Participants may read up on a related topic to join the conversation. Enjoy light snacks and drinks while you chat.

Please note: this program will take place at The Whaling Museum.

January 21 – *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing

February 25 – *A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck* by Sophie Elmhirst

Classes for Adults

Register for adult programs online, at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at (631) 692-6820, with a valid Cold Spring Harbor Library card. Registration is required, unless otherwise noted. Library programs with class or materials fees are non-refundable and make-up classes are not permitted.

Fitness, Health & Wellness Classes

DANCE, BALANCE & STRETCH WITH LAUREN SINGER Tuesdays, January 13–February 17, 10:00am

This energizing, no-partner class keeps it fun as you get fit, flexible, and more steady on your feet. Learn exciting global dances and rhythms (Latin, swing, folk, line dance, and more) to great music, then cool down with balance exercises. Designed for all levels! Bring a water bottle and wear clothes to move in and low tread sneakers. Limit: 15. Non-refundable class fee: \$60.

YOGA FOR ALL LEVELS WITH NANCY KELLY

Wednesdays, January 14–February 18, 10:00am

Students at all levels of yoga practice are invited to participate in this all-inclusive class. A certified and experienced instructor, Nancy Kelly modifies her teaching to match each student's abilities. Please wear loose-fitting clothing and bring a yoga mat. Limit: 20. Non-refundable class fee: \$60.

CHAIR YOGA WITH GAIL FAUST

Thursdays, January 15–February 19, 10:00am

Yoga instructor Gail Faust will lead students through seated and standing poses to stretch and strengthen, using a chair for support and balance. This class is suitable for beginners and those with limited mobility. Please wear comfortable clothing. Limit: 20. Non-refundable class fee: \$60.



Art Classes

Supply lists are available on the registration page to review before registration. All levels welcome!

WATERCOLOR WITH HELEN MURDOCK-PREP

Mondays, January 12–February 23, 10:00am–12:00pm (No class 2/16)

Come join us to learn about the wonderful world of watercolor! We will learn the techniques needed to make beautiful artwork out of this fun medium. All levels welcome. Non-refundable class fee: \$150.

DRAWING FOR THE PAINTER WITH MARIE SHEEHY-WALKER

Wednesdays, January 14–February 18, 10:00am–12:00pm

Learn drawing and composition techniques to enhance your paintings. Appropriate for all levels of experience. Limit: 10. Non-refundable class fee: \$150.

JOY OF PAINTING WITH PASTELS WITH MARIE SHEEHY-WALKER

Fridays, January 16–February 20, 1:00–3:15pm (No class 1/30)

Learn to paint with pastels with Marie Sheehy-Walker. Appropriate for both beginners and continuing students. Limit: 18. Non-refundable class fee: \$125.

THE ART OF BEAUTIFUL LETTERING: AN INTRO TO CALLIGRAPHY WITH HELEN MURDOCK-PREP

Tuesdays, February 3–17, 1:00–3:00pm

Discover the art of beautiful lettering in this hands-on calligraphy workshop designed for beginners and enthusiasts alike. In this class, you'll learn the fundamentals of modern calligraphy — how to hold the pen, create basic strokes, form elegant letters, and develop your own unique style using three different writing instruments. No prior experience is needed; beginners welcome. Come unwind, get creative, and leave with personalized pieces of hand-lettered art to take home. Non-refundable class fee: \$75.

Programs For Teens & Tweens

For kids in grades 6–12. Register for teen and tween programs online, at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at (631) 692-6820. Programs are in person at the Library and registration is required, unless otherwise noted. Visit our Teen Room! The Underground is where we have our makerspace, computers, board games, and more.

The majority of programs have a teen volunteer credit element, marked with a (V) next to the title. Volunteering is suggested for grades 7–12. All programs require registration and are for CSH Library cardholders only, unless otherwise noted. Check our online calendar for an updated list of events, including our volunteer orientations, which are mandatory for all new teen volunteers.

TEEN VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

**Mondays, January 26 & February 9 and
Wednesdays, January 7 & February 4,
6:30–7:00pm**

New volunteers must attend one of our regular volunteer orientations, or contact us at teen@cshlibrary.org to set up a way to get our introductory folder and information.

NEW YEAR'S SCRAPBOOKING

Sunday, January 4, 2:00–3:00pm

Create your own scrapbook or junk journal with our scrapbooking materials!

COMMUNITY SERVICE BOOKMARKS (V)

**Wednesday, January 7 & Monday, January 26,
7:00–8:00pm**

Decorate bookmarks that we will laminate and provide to the community at our Circulation Desk!

SHELF MOTIVATION (V)

Monday, January 12, 6:30–8:00pm

Help us do a much needed “shelf read” of our collections, making sure things are in their proper spots, so that everyone can find them easily!

WINTER FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS (V)

Saturday, January 17, 11:30am–2:15pm

Assist our librarians in setup, breakdown, conducting crafts, and more at our Winter Festival. Earn 4 hours of community service credit. Dress for a mess! You may be assigned to a craft or food station.

SAT STUDY SKILLS PRESENTED BY PROJECT EXCEL

Tuesday, January 27, 6:30–8:00pm

Before taking the SAT, boost your study skills with this informative program where you will learn tricks and tips to get your brain in gear for test time.

TEEN ART COUNCIL: PAINT TO MUSIC (V)

Sunday, February 1, 3:00–4:00pm

Explore the paintings of famous modern artists and the jazz music that influenced them. Then, have fun creating your own jazz-inspired art. Earn 1 hour of community service by lending your art to the Library for display in The Underground.

VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS FOR SENIORS (V)

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30–8:00pm

Make Valentine's Day postcards with kind messages that will be delivered to a local senior center. Presented by Project Excel.

SERVICE DOG TRAINING HELPERS (V)

Saturday, February 7, 1:00–2:30pm

Program open to ages 12 and up. Meet vested service-dogs-in-training. Their handlers will demonstrate training activities and test the dogs with distractions (you!). A brief Q&A will follow.

REVOLUTIONARY BOOKMARKS (V)

Wednesday, February 4 &

Monday, February 9, 7:00–8:00pm



Create themed collage bookmarks ahead of our 250th Anniversary observances. These bookmarks will be laminated and given out to the community at our Circulation Desk.

TEEN LIBRARY AMBASSADORS (V)

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00–8:00pm

A librarian will give you a tour of the Teen Room, collections, and cool things that the Library has to offer, so that you can spread the word! Provide your feedback and opinions.

SEED SORTERS (V)

Monday, February 15, 2:00–3:00pm

Help us package up and label wildflower and produce seeds that will be put into our Seed Library in March.

SAT/ACT PRACTICE TEST

Saturday, February 28, 11:00am–2:15pm

For students in grades 9–12. Take your practice test of choice and receive a diagnostic report after it is scored. Presented by Curvebreakers. Non-refundable test fee: \$20.

Programs for Children

For Pre-K to Grade 5. Register for programs online, at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at (631) 692-6820. Programs are in person at the Library and registration with a valid Cold Spring Harbor Library card is required.

For Preschool Children (Ages 2 & Up) with an Adult

SNOW GLOBES

Thursday, January 8, 4:00pm

Listen to a winter book, then make a snow globe!



MINI MASTERS: SCULPTURES

Tuesday, January 13, 4:00pm

For children ages 3-5 with adult

Have fun exploring famous artworks and making your own art in this program designed especially to support early childhood learning.

SPONGE PAINT

Friday, January 16, 3:00pm &

Tuesday, February 10, 4:00pm

Using winter-inspired shaped sponges, create your own masterpiece.

TUMBLE TIME WITH MY GYM

Wednesday, January 21, 4:00pm

For children ages 6 months-2 with adult

Join My Gym Huntington for a fun-filled Tumble Time for grown-ups and kids!

SNOWY OWL PAPERCRAFT

Thursday, January 22, 2:00pm

Hoot hoot! Create your own owl!



SING-ALONG

Tuesday, January 27, 2:00pm

Join Meghan VK as she sings and plays classic nursery rhymes, modern classics, and more!

PLAYDOUGH DAY

Wednesday, January 28, 11:00-11:45am

& 4:00-4:45pm

Use household ingredients to make playdough. Then, use cookie cutters to make fun shapes.

LET'S DANCE!

Friday, January 30, 10:30am

For children ages 3-5 with adult

Dance the morning away with Great South Bay Dance. Learn the basics of dance and play some fun games!

PLAY & SING WITH MOLLY MOUSE!

Tuesday, February 3, 4:00pm

Sing along with Molly Mouse while using scarves, bells, balls, and more.

MINI MASTERS: CLAY CREATIONS

Thursday, February 5, 4:00pm

For children ages 3-5 with adult

Have fun exploring famous artworks and making your own art in this program designed especially to support early childhood learning.

DIP IT: VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE

Wednesday, February 11, 4:00pm

Create chocolate treats as a gift!



PAPER PLATE SNOWMAN

Thursday, February 19, 11:30am

Create a frosty friend to take home!

WINTER HAT PAPERCRAFT

Tuesday, February 24, 4:00pm

Using paper, pom-poms, and your imagination, create your very own mixed-media art!

BABY START

Friday, February 27, 10:30am

For children ages 6 months-2 with adult

Join A Time for Kids for a program designed for our littlest learners. Sing, play, and learn in this fun class!

For School-Aged Kids (K-5)

HOT CHOCOLATE POP ART

Monday, January 5, 4:30pm

Create art in the style of Andy Warhol.



ADVENTURES IN ART: LET IT SNOW!

Wednesday, January 7, 4:30pm

Discover the art and science behind Wilson Bentley's groundbreaking photographs of snowflakes, then create your own winter art.

LEGO CLUB

Saturdays, January 10

& February 7, 2:00pm

Get creative with our Legos! Each month will be a different themed set to complete at the Library and take home.



SNOW GLOBES

Monday, January 12, 4:30pm

Create a snow globe using glycerin, water, and glitter.

Programs for Children

SNOWFLAKE RESIST ART

Thursday, January 15, 4:30pm

Using crayons and watercolors, create a painting that is as unique as a snowflake!

LET IT SNOW!

Thursday, January 29, 4:30pm

Paint a snowman on canvas for a wall hanging!

ADVENTURES IN ART: HOW TO BE A FAMOUS ARTIST Monday, February 2, 4:30pm

Discover the story of Horace Pippin, a disabled African-American veteran who overcame obstacles and taught himself to be an artist. Explore his paintings of Abraham Lincoln and his scenes of childhood memories, then create your own art.

CUDDLY SNOWMAN

Wednesday, February 4, 4:30pm

Stuff a snowman to cuddle and take home!



WINTER POINTILLISM TREE

Monday, February 9, 4:30pm

Create a winter tree using pointillism, a painting style created by Georges Seurat and Paul Signac.

DIP IT: VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE

Thursday, February 12, 4:30pm

Create chocolate treats as a gift!



PAPER-MACHE SNOWMAN

Tuesday, February 17, 4:30pm

Do you want to paint a snowman? Using paint, decorate your very own paper-mache snowman!

BIRCH WINTER TREE

Wednesday, February 25, 4:30pm

Create a wintery scene using upcycled magazines and paint!



BOOK CLUB: LOYALTY BY AVI

Thursday, February 26, 4:30pm



Join us for our book club to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Snacks will be provided.

For Children of All Ages & Their Families

DROP-IN: GIANT & OLD SCHOOL BOARD GAMES

Friday, January 2, 2:00-4:00pm

Game on! Bring your friends and family to the Library to play games!

DROP-IN: VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS!

Friday, February 13, 3:30-4:30pm



Let me be your sweetheart! Create cards to give to yours.

DROP-IN: FAMILY BUILD IT

Saturday, February 14, 2:00-3:00pm

Work together to build with our blocks, Lincoln Logs, and more!

Check our monthly calendar for special drop-in programs in February!

Storytimes

Children must be the appropriate age to attend. Register in advance with a valid Cold Spring Harbor Library card.

MOTHER GOOSE TIME

For children 6-23 months with an adult

A beginning storytime filled with rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and more.

Tuesdays, 10:30am

January 6, 13 & 20

February 3, 10 & 17

Wednesdays, 10:30am

January 7, 14 & 21

February 4, 11 & 18



TODDLER TIME

For children ages 2-3 with an adult

Enjoy a more advanced storytime with rhymes, songs, stories, and activities.

Thursdays, 10:30am

January 8, 15 & 22

February 5, 12 & 19

Fridays, 10:30am

January 9, 16 & 23

February 6, 13 & 20



Explore, Engage & Enjoy

DONATION DRIVE

January – Winter Clothing

Donate clean or new winter clothing that will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island. The donation bin will be in our Main Lobby.

EXHIBIT: WINTER'S REMEDY – THE ART OF HELEN MURDOCK-PREP

Wednesday, January 7–Thursday, February 26, during Library hours

Reception: Thursday, January 22, open from 6:30–8:00pm

As the chill of winter settles over our region, artist Helen Murdock-Prep invites you to take in her warm and whimsical art — the perfect remedy to drive the cold away.

EXHIBIT: BECOMING THE UNITED STATES – COLONIAL AMERICA TO RECONSTRUCTION



Tuesday, February 3–Thursday, February 26, during Library hours

This exhibit was created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History using items from their collection. It explores individuals, groups, and documents that have contributed to the history of the United States. On view in the Large Meeting Room.

BECOME A LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Petitions are now available for any qualified resident who is interested in a position on the Cold Spring Harbor Library Board of Trustees. The qualifications for Library Board candidates are U.S. Citizenship, at least eighteen years of age, and residency within the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District for at least one year prior to the election, which will be held April 14. The election will be for three 3-year terms and one 2-year term. Petitions can be obtained at the Library from the Election Clerk, Suzette Vano, Monday through Friday, 9:30am–5:00pm. Completed petitions must be returned to the Election Clerk by March 6 at 5:00pm.

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