Dance
West African
Say a Little Prayer, Think, legendary soul singer band in a tribute to tremendous backing Rhonda Denet and her requested performers, of the library's most we rescheduled one weather cancellation, In light of last year's 7 p.m. Friday, February 9, Tribute to Rhonda Denet: including footwear. dress comfortably, Participants must by a cool down. segment followed an across the floor Spiritual dance, and with a warm up, the class the lively art of West Dance Center will teach of the Rhythm & Culture Khadijah Abdus Samad classics like Respect, Chain of Fools, Son of a Preacher Man and many more. A dessert buffet will follow the event. Participants must dress comfortably, including footwear.

Hygge: The Danish Art of Embracing Wintertime
Wednesday, January 31, 7 p.m.
Embrace the season and learn to cozy up your spaces and to appreciate all that nature brings. Join Patricia Summers to learn to bring “hygge” into your home like they do in Denmark - the happiest place on earth!

Beginner Knitting
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., January 24 - February 14
Instructor Aimee Saccio teaches you how to knit and purl and make a lovely scarf and hat in the process! Please bring a pair of size 11 knitting needles and three balls of light color Bernat Softee Chunky Yarn to class. Four 90-minute classes.

Introduction to Photoshop
Tuesday, January 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Learn to alter images (size, shape, color), re-touch, filter and add effects to create works of art or just make your digital photos look the way you want them to.

Intermediate Photoshop
Tuesday, January 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Learn Adobe Photoshop intermediate features and editing techniques.

Advanced Photoshop
Tuesday, February 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Learn about the advanced features of Photoshop.

Heart Shaped Wreath
Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m.
Join artist Diana Conklin as we make this seasonally appropriate heart-shaped wreath using dried flowers and botanicals. $9.

Making Fermented Foods
Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m.
Fermented foods can aid digestion and metabolism and boost immunity and mood. Join Renato Stafford to learn more and taste samples while you watch how to make sauerkraut, kombucha, and sourdough bread.

Job Success Skills
Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m.
Need tips for job success? Résumés, interviews, dress, follow up, motivation, and employment retention are some of the steps covered in this class by Michael Coritsidis, a career and self-improvement coach and former Federation Employment & Guidance Service professional.

Financial Fitness, Tips A-Z
Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m.
If you are determined to improve your finances this year, this is the class for you. Daniel Mazzola's personal finance tips include ways to reduce your income tax, control spending, plan for retirement, and more.

Arts & Crafts Cart
Patrons now have an arts & crafts cart chock full of supplies to enjoy. Reserve the cart to explore on your own or get creative with a group of friends. Materials for crafts range from fiber (knitting, crocheting) to paper (calligraphy, colored pencils) to jewelry making, and more. Schedule with Reference. Instruction is not provided; a resource list is available.

Jerry McDonald Jazz Quartet
Friday, January 12, 7 p.m.
The Jerry McDonald Jazz Quartet played at the library in 2013 to a packed house and much acclaim. Join them for another tight and stirring set of original and traditional pieces; perfect for newcomers and jazz enthusiasts alike.

As always, feel free to drop by anytime to share with us, your library magazines and newspapers and a warm beverage! Happy New Year to everyone in our community! Here at the library we are looking forward to providing another year of exciting and fulfilling services, classes and community-wide events. To start your 2018 in the right direction, your New Year’s resolutions are covered. Classes for financial fitness, to learn new technologies, improve your mental and physical health and express your inner artist are detailed in this newsletter. Also see the Children’s section for our wide array of programming for your kids’ February break, all funded in part by the library’s Fall Paint Nite fundraiser. Finally, don’t forget to stop by the Fireside Café this winter and warm up by the library’s newly functioning fireplace to enjoy your books, magazines and newspapers and a warm beverage!

Kristina Sembler, Director
Patrick O'Leary, Assistant Director
January Programs
Registration begins Tuesday, January 2, 9:30 a.m. Sign up online, in-person or by phone.

Mother Goose
Newborn-2 years
Thursday, January 4, 10-10:30 a.m.

Busy Builders
Story & Craft 2½-5 years
Saturday, January 6, 10:30-11 a.m.

Snow-bot
Story & Craft 2½-5 years
Monday, January 8, 10:30-11 a.m.

Parent/Child Workshop 1-4 years
Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Some weeks will feature a childhood specialist who can answer parenting questions within their specialty.

Mothers’ Discussion Group
3 months-3 years
Wednesdays, January 10 & 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Sleepy Rhyme Time
Newborn-2 years
Thursday, January 11, 6-6:30 p.m.

Playdate: Pet Vet
18 months-5 years
Friday, January 12, 1-3 p.m. Drop in program.

Program descriptions are available online.
Registration required unless noted.
If your child needs special accommodations, let us know.
Children in Grades K and up attend programs independently unless noted.
Space is held for registrants only five minutes unless we are notified a child will be late.
Parents/guardians are responsible for the supervision of child’s library use and material selection.
Staff may take publicity photos at programs. Please inform us if you do not want photos taken.

1, 2, 3, Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead
2-5 years
Wednesday, January 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Independent Pajama Storytime
3-5 years
Thursdays, January 18 & 25, 6-6:30 p.m.

Baby & Me Storytime
Newborn-2 years
Friday, January 19, 10-10:30 a.m.

Little Listeners
3-5 years
Monday, January 22, 2-2:30 p.m.

Shake ‘n Make Music
3 months-2 years
Saturday, January 27, 10-10:45 a.m.

Trivia Challenge
Grades 2-5
Monday, January 8, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Book Buddies Grades K-3
Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30-5:15 p.m. and Thursdays, January 11, 18, & 25, 6-6:45 p.m.
Book a 15-minute slot with a Book Buddy (teen student volunteer). Tues. times: 4:30; 4:45; 5 p.m. Thurs. times: 6; 6:15; 6:30 p.m. Child and Book Buddy read in the children’s room; adult must stay within their view.

Guided Maze Fun
Grades K-5 AND an adult
Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Read to a Dog Grades K-3
Saturdays, January 13, 20, & 27, 2-3 p.m.
Sign up for a 15-minute slot at 2, 2:15, 2:30, or 2:45 p.m.

Melting Snowmen
Grades K-5
Tuesday, January 16, 7-7:30 p.m.

Ozobots Grades 2-5
Wednesday, January 24, 7-7:45 p.m.

Lego Club Grades K-5
Friday, January 26, 5-6 p.m.

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2-5 years
Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Thursdays, February 15 & 22, 6-6:30 p.m.

Squirrels, Owls, and a Fox Story & Craft 2½-5 years
Saturday, February 24, 10:30-11 a.m.

Time for Mother Goose Newborn-2 years
Saturday, February 17, 10:30-11 a.m.

February Programs
Registration begins Thursday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. Sign up online, in-person or by phone.

family programs
must include an adult

Heart Art
all ages
Wednesday, February 14, 3-6 p.m. Drop in program.

Travelin’ Trunk Show from ThinkBIG!
Theater Arts
2 years-Grade 2 AND an adult
Tuesday, February 20, 7-7:40 p.m.

for newborn-5 years
must include an adult

Construction Zone
3-5 years
Saturday, February 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

Valentine’s Day Origami Grades 2-5
Wednesday, February 7, 7-7:45 p.m.

Lego Club Grades K-5
Friday, February 9, 5-6 p.m.

Read to a Dog Grades K-3
Saturdays, February 10 & 17, 2-3 p.m.
Sign up for a 15-minute slot at 2, 2:15, 2:30, or 2:45 p.m.

Love Your Pet Day Grades K-5 AND an adult
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Stop Motion Movie: Paper Scenes Grades 2-5
Thursday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Imagination Playground Grades K-5
Friday, February 23, 2-3 p.m.

Cooking With Kids Grades K-5 AND an adult
Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Young Adults

Registering for programs requires SCL library card. Full descriptions and online registration: sctylib.org

ALL YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS
FOR GRADES 6-12

Regents Week Study Space January 21-January 27
Students seeking a quiet study space during Regents examinations will have access to a library tutoring room.

Reading and Writing

Book Discussion: The Memory of Things
by Gae Polisner
Monday, February 12, 3-4 p.m.

Advanced Battle of the Books
Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
January 19-March 16
Compete: Friday, 3/23, 6 p.m.,
Connetquot HS

Make It

Comic Book Charms & Keychains
Monday, January 22, 3-4 p.m.

DIY Water Globes
Tuesday, January 30, 3-4 p.m.

Chocolate Covered Treats
Wednesday, February 14, 3-4:30 p.m.

Teens

Teen Advisory Group
Tuesday, January 9, 3-4 p.m.

Book Buddies
Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
January 9-February 13
Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
January 11-February 15
Listen to K-3 readers practice or read to them. No 2/1 meeting. Apply at YA desk.

Volunteer

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Coupons for the Troops
Wednesday, January 10, 3-4 p.m.
Clip and sort coupons for military families.

Blood Drive Volunteers
Friday, January 26, 3-7 p.m.
Help out during blood drive.

Seed Library Volunteers
Thursday, February 15, 3-5 p.m.
Sort and package seeds for Seed Library’s new season.

Garden Club
Thursday, March 1, 3-4 p.m.
See description under Clubs.

Read, Review, Get Credit
Read and finish a new YA book, write a review and return it to the Reference Desk to receive a certificate for 1.5 service hours.

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Library Board of Trustees - Call for Nominations
Residents and registered voters in the South Country Central School District interested in running for the Board of Trustees of the South Country Library are invited to submit applications to the Library Director’s office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018.

Petitions will be available at the Reference Desk commencing Friday, February 16, 2018; the petitions should be submitted with a minimum of 25 supporting signatures of qualified voters registered in the District, and a brief biographical statement from the nominee.

The Trustee election will coincide with the Library budget vote to be conducted on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Three vacancies on the Board of Trustees will be filled by the three candidates receiving the largest number of votes. Recipients of the three highest vote counts will fill terms until May 20, 2021. Newly elected Trustees will be seated at the second Board meeting after the election, on May 17, 2018.

Absentee Ballot applications are available at the School District office.

Adult Programs

Do you need special accommodations to participate in library programs? We can provide accommodations for your disability with advanced notice.

REGISTERING for Adult Programs
18 and older

Free Programs Register by phone at 631-286-0818 Reference, in-person, or online at sctylib.org. You will need your South Country Library card online.

Programs with Fees Payment must be made at the library. Stop by Reference Desk to register. Pay by check, cash, or by credit card for certain programs. Fees are non-refundable.

Symbols below are used in the newsletter to indicate sign-up options and/or requirements.

Online registration available sctylib.org

In-person registration required.

For South Country Library cardholders. Out-of-district persons may register one week before program, if space permits.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Programs listed below are scheduled and held regularly at South Country Library. These programs have no registration unless noted by symbol/info.

Acoustic Jam (varied music) Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., monthly. 1/05, 2/02.
Blues Acoustic Jam (strictly Blues music) 1/19, 2/16
Alzheimer Dementia Caregiver Support Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m., monthly. 1/8, 2/12. Register: 516-586-1507
Blood Drive Friday, 1/26, 1-7 p.m.
Books & Bagels Saturdays, 10-11 a.m., monthly; discussion. Details page 4
Book a Librarian Appointments. One-on-one tech help with librarian.
Bridge Club Tuesdays, 1-3:30 p.m.
Canasta Club Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Chess Club Mondays, 12-2 p.m. No meetings 1/01, 1/15, 2/19.
Child/Family Health Plus Wednesdays, 3-6 p.m., monthly, 1/10, 2/14, 516-656-9783 for items you need.
Defensive Driving /Empire Safety Council $ Saturdays, 1/20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. OR Saturday, 2/17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. $27.
ESOL Basic English Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jan. 22-April 16. No 2/19 meeting.
ESOL Clases de Ingles Nivel Básico Lunes hasta 18:30-20:30. 2 de enero al 16 de abril. No hay reunión del 19 de febrero.
Mah-Jongg Club Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Open Mic Night Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., monthly, last Thursday, 1/25, 2/22.
Senior Advocate Mondays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., bi-monthly. February 12.
Thursday Afternoon at the Movies Thursdays, 2 p.m. No registration. Details page 4
Writing Workshop Tuesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., bi-weekly. Two sessions per year. February 13-May 22. Details page 4
Yoga $ Saturdays, 4:30-6 p.m. or 6:15-7:45 p.m. 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/6. 4 weeks, $28. Details page 4.

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**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:**
Joann Neal, President  Regina L. Hunt, Vice President
Carole Gagliano, Secretary  Annelies Kamran, Treasurer
Sherry Binnington, Georgino Cruz, Martha Gillette,
June A. Johnson, Cameron Trent

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**ECRWSS**
RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

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

**Thursday, January 18**
**Thursday, February 15**

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**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**New Year**
Sunday, December 31
Monday, January 1

**Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day**
Monday, January 15

**President’s Day**
Monday, February 19

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**HELP & INFORMATION**

**AARP TAX ASSISTANCE**
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
February 6-April 10
By appointment only. Register beginning Tuesday, January 2.
Visit/call to schedule: Reference 631-286-0818.
AARP volunteer-run, free tax service only for South Country Library seniors and low- and mid-income patrons with basic returns. Appointments are limited. Valid South Country library card required; obtain/renew cards to register. To file a joint return both spouses must attend.

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**Smart Recovery**
Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
weekly beginning Jan. 4
An anonymous support group for addiction and addictive behavior recovery. Meetings teach a SMART Recovery 4-Point Program® for self-directed change, using scientifically-based tools and skills. Led by our on-site social work intern. Anyone age 18+ with any type of addiction is welcome. No registration required.

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**SNAP**
Supplemental Nutrition
Assist. Prog., previously Food Stamps
Wed., January 10, 2-4 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wed., February 7, 2-4 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Island Harvest will help with information, screening, applications, and more.

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**Career and Education Counseling**
Mon., March 26 and April 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
(No January or February mtgs.)
Appointments for library patrons. One-on-one college advising, résumé, job application help, interview preparation with education counselor Betty Velez.

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**Social Work Intern**
A social work student intern from Stony Brook U. assists patrons twice weekly with information, referrals and paperwork for housing, treatment, social services. Make an appointment or check her schedule at Reference. Or email Ashley at aculoeso@sclylib.org.

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**Memory Loss**
A social work intern from Stony Brook U. assists patrons twice weekly with information, referrals and paperwork for housing, treatment, social services. Make an appointment or check her schedule at Reference. Or email Ashley at aculoeso@sclylib.org.

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**Yoga**
Mondays, 4:30-6 p.m. or 6:15-7:45 p.m.
January 8-February 5
Unite body, mind, and spirit. Primarily for beginners; all welcome. This course covers standing, seated, twist poses, and more. Four classes 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5. $28.

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**Easy Tai Chi**
Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.
January 11-February 15
Learn Jim Cummings’ series of rhythmic, gentle moves to improve balance, flexibility, energy and strength. Six 1-hour classes. $10

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**Writing Workshop**
Tuesdays, 7-8:45 p.m.,
February 13-May 22
Join fellow authors to write, read, and critique each other’s work. A writing piece is due each date: 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22. First assignment is given to you at registration.

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**Friends of the Library**
Wednesday, January 10, 7 p.m.; Wednesday,
February 14, 7 p.m.
Friends support the library’s role in the community.

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**Blood Drive**
Friday, January 26, 1-7 p.m.
Healthy people age 17 to 75 years and at least 110 lbs. can donate blood. Consent forms allow those aged 16, or 76 and older, to donate. Call the LI Blood Services at 1-800-688-0900 with eligibility questions. Walk-ins welcome. Bring I.D.

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**Books & Bagels**
Our monthly book discussion with bagels, coffee and tea. Saturdays, 10 a.m.
February 3 Me Before You by Jojo Moyes Book available Tuesday, January 2.
March 3 A Man Called Ove by Fredrick Backman Book available Saturday, February 3.

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