Suzzy Roche
author of Wayward Saints
Monday, July 9 at 7:30 pm

The Great Neck Library is thrilled to welcome first-time novelist and long-time member of the three-sister band “The Roches,” Suzzy Roche, to speak about her new book, Wayward Saints. Sisters Suzzy, Maggie and Terre Roche have been singing together for most of their lives. Known for their intricate harmonies, as folk-rock group “The Roches” they have recorded ten albums and performed all over the U.S. and Europe. Hailed as a Best Vocal Group by the New York Music Awards, their debut album The Roches was named album of the year in 1979 by The New York Times. Suzzy Roche is the mother of rising music star Lucy Wainwright Roche. She lives in New York City. She has written “Song for Wayward Saints” as a companion to the novel Wayward Saints. Performed by Lucy Wainwright Roche and Suzzy Roche, it is available free for download at the website: http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/suzzyroche.

Praised by Lorrie Moore, The New York Review of Books, “... as a charming and agile literary debut,” Wayward Saints is the story of rule-breaking, troubled musician Mary Saint, as she returns after a long absence to her small New York State hometown for a concert. Although it’s an emotional tale of a broken family, the novel is also a touching and hilarious look at confronting one’s past and going home again. Please join us for an exciting evening with multi-talented singer/songwriter/author Suzzy Roche. This program will include a book sale and signing, and a book raffle.

Matt Silverman, Mets expert and author of Best Mets
Thursday, August 9 at 7:30 pm

Parents, kids, and Mets fans of all ages are invited to spend an evening with Matt Silverman, Mets expert and baseball authority. Matt will talk about his most recent book, Best Mets: Fifty Years of Highs and Lows from New York’s Most Agonizingly Amazin’ Team. He will also talk about any and every New York Mets matter he can - current and recent teams and players, team history, great Mets stories, being a diehard Mets fan, and the trials and tribulations of loving a team that can sometimes let you down. Matt is the author of numerous books about the Mets and baseball in general, including New York Mets: The Complete Illustrated History (2011), Baseball Miscellany: Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Baseball (2011), 100 Things Mets Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die (2010), Shoo Good-bye (2008), which he co-wrote with Keith Hernandez, Mets by the Numbers: A Complete Team History of the Amazin’ Mets by Uniform Number (2008), and Mets Essential: Everything You Need To Know To Be a Real Fan (2007). Being a lifelong fan of the New York Mets and Major League Baseball has allowed Matt to convey the genuine perspective of an avid fan while maintaining author/expert objectivity. Matt has been a professional writer and editor for over twenty years, creating and collaborating on numerous books and annuals on the Mets, baseball, football, and sports in general. He is a recognized and respected authority on just about everything there is to know about the Mets. He lives in upstate New York and blogs about The Mets at www.metssilverman.com. This program will include a book sale and signing, and a book raffle. Mets caps and attire are optional.

Music for a Summer Evening

Back for a second season, “Music for a Summer Evening,” Great Neck Library’s summer concert series, will welcome two new musical groups and one returning performer. The series begins on July 12 and will run for three consecutive Thursday evenings. The performances will feature
4 Saxy Guys Saxophone Quartet on July 12; Nina Et cetera on July 19 and Aliie Isrambetova on July 26.

4 Saxy Guys will explore many styles of music including ragtime, baroque, jazz, modern and even the Beatles, using soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxes. Nina Et cetera, using guitar, keyboard and special effects, will celebrate artists as diverse as Elvis and Bob Dylan; Johnny Cash and Woody Guthrie. Influenced by a wide range of musicians, genres and styles, it is all reflected in their music. Aliie Isrambetova is making a return appearance at the Great Neck Library and she will perform pieces by Michael Nyman, Leo Delib, Reynaldo Hahn, Robert Schumann, Johannes Brahms and Russian composers Harito, Jerbin and Polovinnikov. Please join us this July to celebrate music in all its sounds, shapes and sizes.

Building Advisory Committee Update

The Building Advisory Committee comprised of four trustees, three staff members, four volunteers from the community and six members of the public, has been hard at work since January in order to present a plan to the Board and the community for renovation of the Main Library.

What is their goal? A renovation program that will enable us to modernize and make the Library more energy efficient, and to offer a better library experience to meet the changing information and social needs of the community, to incorporate new technologies, and to better serve all our patrons, young and old, those with disabilities and those who may not have been regular library users.

The Library has continued to change how it functions but it always welcomes everyone who comes through its doors and is a place for education, culture, entertainment, a gathering place for the entire community. To make this work we need everyone’s help. The meetings are all public. Dates and times are on our website, along with the agendas and minutes for all meetings. Attend a meeting, let us know what you would like to see in the Library, let your voice be heard.
A Message from the Board President, Varada Solomon

My friends already know that when they ask “Varada, how’s the Library?” they are not going to get the polite “very good” or “making progress” answer. Instead, they get a 5-minute update on the challenges of retrofitting a new cooling tower into an older building, the latest events in the Parkville expansion, the status of the elevator at the Station Branch (finally working) or the new programs at the Lakeville Branch.

After I tell them about all the exciting events at the Library, if I haven’t mentioned the Building Advisory Committee they will specifically ask about this topic. The Building Advisory Committee was formed after the 2011 referendum. Its mandate was to present a plan and budget for the renovation. However, their discussion was not only about the bricks-and-mortar that comprises the physical building.

At the start of their discussion, Building Advisory Committee members developed a “vision statement” which can be read in its entirety on our website. It includes the statement that “The library of the future will be a community center that provides books, audio material, the latest in reading-related technology, video material, and programs that are intellectually stimulating.” Should I also add that this statement was formulated a few months before articles appeared in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal examining the evolving nature of the public library?

They are now in the process of translating their vision into reality by discussing Library functions and programs, aspirations and logistics. In addition to their twice monthly meetings, they have made field trips to see other libraries and met with our architect. I thank them for their energy and enthusiasm and look forward to the results of their effort which will be presented to the Board of Trustees in September.

I’ve come to realize that although there are many exciting events at the Library (did I mention the new Authors @ GNL program and the ever popular Music programs) and there are many issues involved in maintaining four facilities, the state of the Main Building, the only property we own, is first and foremost in our minds. It is also one of the topics where we find the most challenges in disseminating information to the public. For this reason, I have asked our Director to start a Building Advisory Committee update column which will appear on the first page of our newsletter. Yes, I know that the local newspapers have provided excellent coverage (and I thank them for that) and our website contains comprehensive coverage including architect’s schematics and a complete set of minutes from the Building Advisory Committee’s meetings. But no one reads the local newspapers, and not everyone has access to the website to click on the Building Advisory Committee update. However, every patron gets this newsletter. I also would like to invite you to stop in, share your concerns, or leave us messages.

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Museum Pass Program

Did you know that the Great Neck Library has passes to various local museums to lend Great Neck residents? Museums in the program include the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, the Nassau County Museum of Art, Old Westbury Gardens and the Long Island Children’s Museum. We have just added the Heckscher Museum of Art to the list. Click on the “Museum Passes” icon in the lower right of the Library homepage (greatnecklibrary.org) to see all of the ten museums in the program. The number of persons eligible to enter on one pass varies according to the rules of each individual museum. All passes are housed at the Main Library but can be sent, at your request, to any of the branches. All passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis for a three day loan. Passes are not available for reserve or renewal.

Express Books Collection

Did you know the Library has created an Express Books Collection? The Express Books Collection is a browsing collection, shelved apart from the New Books and consists of best-selling books that are available on a first-come, first-served basis. These best sellers circulate for 7 days and cannot be reserved or renewed. Late fines are $1 per day. An Express Books Collection will be available at the Main Library and at all 3 branches and is available to Great Neck Library district residents and fee-paying patrons only.

Compact + Portable Magnifiers

Last year the Lions Club of Great Neck very generously donated 2 Compact + portable magnifiers to the Great Neck Library. The Compact + lightweight magnifiers, the latest in low vision technology, are designed for an active lifestyle. The devices fit easily into your pocket, purse, knapsack or briefcase and can bring life into focus when you are on the go. With up to 8X magnification on a 4 inch color screen, reading a menu, checking your airline ticket, or signing a receipt are now all possible through the use of the Compact +. The magnifiers circulate from the Main Library and may be borrowed by Great Neck residents for 14 days.
Saturday, July 7

Parkville Branch: AARP Defensive Driving Class
Driver refresher course and reduction in points. Register online or call 466-8055, ext. 273. AARP members $17, non-members $19.
To reserve your place, checks are required 1 week after registration. Please make check out to AARP. Next class is August 4th.
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Monday, July 9

Main: Authors @ GNL welcomes Suzzy Roche
Join us for an exciting evening with multi-talented singer/songwriter/author Suzzy Roche as we welcome the first-time novelist and long-time member of the three-sister band “The Roches,” to speak about her new book, Wayward Saints.
Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event, which is free and open to the public.
See page 1 for details.
7:30 pm

Wednesday, July 11

Parkville Branch: Learning Computers with Sheila
Wednesdays, July 11 – Sept 19
The Parkville Branch holds weekly hands-on computer labs for first-time computer users.
Parkville Librarian, Sheila Cursio will be on hand from 9-10 am, Wednesdays to help even beginners learn “to surf.” Register online or call 466-8055, ext 273. Space is limited to 8 students per session.
9 - 10 am

Main: Voter Education Outreach
Demonstration presented by Nassau County Board of Elections
Voters will get a chance to see and try the new scanner voting machines. Two machines, one for the disabled, will be in the lower level lobby for people to try. A bipartisan team of workers from the Board of Elections will demonstrate how this new voting system works. They will also provide information on how to register to vote, vote by absentee ballot, and answer any questions people may have about the process.
1 - 4 pm in the Lower Lobby

Main: Wednesday Film Matinee
Albert Nobbs
A woman passes as a man in order to work and survive in 19th century Ireland. Some 30 years after donning men's clothing, she finds herself trapped in a prison of her own making. Adapted from a short story by Irish author George Moore.
2 pm

Saturday, July 12

Station Branch: Private Eyes: Detective Films
Sherlock Holmes
(2009, 128 minutes) Starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law. Holmes and Watson stop a serial killer, but must continue to hunt him when he returns from the dead. Doors open at 1:45 pm. Limited seating.
2 pm

Main: Music for a Summer Evening
4 Saxy Guys Saxophone Quartet with Marcello Bianco
Experience the splendor and whimsy of four saxophones on this evening of diverse musical expressions. You'll hear many styles of music during this concert including ragtime, baroque, jazz, modern, television show themes, and even The Beatles, all played by soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxes. This ensemble will take you on a musical voyage unlike any other you may have been on. Join us!
7:30 pm

Saturday, July 14

Main: ART EXHIBIT
TriCounty Artists of Long Island 65th Anniversary Celebration Exhibit of sculptures and paintings on view through August 26 in the Lower Lobby and Community Room during regular Library hours.

Main: AARP Defensive Driving
Driver refresher course and reduction in points. Register online or call 466-8055, ext. 273. AARP members $17, non-members $19.
To reserve your place, checks are required 1 week after registration. Please make check out to AARP. Next class is August 4th.
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday, July 18

Main: Wednesday Film Matinee
Carnage
Two pairs of parents, one of whose child has hurt the other at a public park, meet to discuss the matter in a civilized manner. However, the evening becomes quite chaotic as the parents become increasingly childish.
2 pm

Thursday, July 19

Main: Music for a Summer Evening
Nina Et cetera
Nina Et cetera features originals and original takes on songs by Elvis, Bo Diddley, Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, The Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, Chuck Berry, Billie Holiday and many others. Nina on vocals, guitar, harmonica, auto harp, piano, and foot percussion, as well as Tim on bass and porchboard bass.
“What you say and how you say it defines you as a person, and as a performer.” Aside from the undeniable rhythm and personal accomplishment Nina creates, there are underlying themes in her work that remain constant. Her desire to make music is reflected in all of the choices and sacrifices she makes in her life to remain a full time musician.
7:30 pm

Saturday, July 21

Main: Art Reception for TriCounty Artists of Long Island 65th Anniversary Celebration Exhibit, held in the Lower Lobby and Community Room, 2 – 4 pm

Monday, July 23

Station Branch: Monday Book Club
The Lost Wife by Alyson Richman
A young art student and a doctor fall in love and marry in pre-war Prague but their dreams are torn apart by war. Long Island Reads 2012 selection. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, or call 466-8055, ext 233.
4 pm
**Wednesday, July 25**

Main: **Great Neck Library Community Blood Drive**
To schedule an appointment, contact the Programming Office at 466-8055, ext 246/208. Drop-ins are also welcome. For more details, see back page. For medical eligibility, call 800-688-0900.
Community Room from 1:30 – 7:30 pm

**Lakeville Branch: Book Discussion**

*The Girls From Ames* by Jeffrey Zaslow

Jeffrey Zaslow explores the friendship of 11 girls, now women in their mid-40s, who grew up together in Ames, Iowa. *The Girls From Ames* grew in response to a piece Zaslow wrote about the enduring bonds of women’s friendships. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, or call 466-8055, ext 232.

7 pm

**Thursday, July 26**

Main: **Music for a Summer Evening Piano Recital by Aliie Irsambetov**
The soothing and calming sounds of classical music help Aliie Irsambetov stay in touch with her dreams. Aliie says everyone has the ability to dream. So please, relax, listen and reconnect to your personal dreams while listening to these romantic compositions. Aliie has added more songs to her repertoire for her return visit to the Library, including that of one of her favorite composers, Michael Nyman. She will perform pieces by Michael Nyman, Leo Delib, Reynaldo Hahn, Robert Schumann, Johannes Brahms, and Russian composers Harito, Jerbin and Polovinnikov.

Aliie Irsambetov has been a pianist for 20 years, teaching and performing professionally for almost 10 years. Aliie was born in the Ukraine in 1983 and began her music education by attending music school at the age of 8. She studied music for a total of 15 years. Aliie is dedicated to achieving a deeper understanding of the musical arts, gaining a wide knowledge of the theory and techniques required to compose, produce and perform works of music.

7:30 pm

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**Friday, July 27**

Main: **Socrates’ Salon hosted by Ron Gross**

*Socrates’ Conversations* with Ronald Gross

Your thoughts, ideas, experiences, and opinions are warmly welcome, as some of Great Neck’s sharpest minds tackle provocative topics which will be announced in advance.

3 pm

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**Tuesday, August 1**

Main: **Wednesday Film Matinee**

*Naughty Marietta*

Marietta, a French princess, escapes from the court of Louis XV and arrives incognito in colonial New Orleans where she falls into the manly arms of a captain. The soaring Victor Herbert melodies, including *All Sweet Mystery of Life and Tramp, Tramp, Tramp*, became forever identified with the stars.

2 pm

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**Thursday, August 2**

Main: **Evening Book Club**

*Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James

Help us uncover the phenomenon behind this bestselling international hit. What is the appeal? What makes the characters tick? What should you read next? Share your thoughts about this book, both a racy romance and an erotic story of a young woman’s sexual coming of age.

Led by Librarian Janet Schneider. Register online or call 466-8055, ext 241.

7:30 pm

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**Saturday, August 4**

Main: **AARP Defensive Driving Class**

Driver refresher course and reduction in points. Register online or call 466-8055, ext 273. AARP members $17, non-members $19.

To reserve your place, checks are required 1 week after registration. Please make check out to AARP.

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

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**Wednesday, August 8**

Main: **Wednesday Film Matinee Sweethearts**

Broadway’s Gwen Marlowe and Ernest Lane are sweethearts, onstage as stars of a Victor Herbert opetta and offstage as happily married. Then Hollywood beckons, and their fretful stage producer puts the kibosh on any plans by trumping up a romantic triangle that sets the lovebirds feuding.

2 pm

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**Thursday, August 9**

Main: **Authors@GNL welcomes Mets expert Matt Silverman, author of Best Mets**

Mets fans of all ages are invited to meet Matt Silverman, Mets expert and baseball authority. Matt will talk about any and every New York Mets matter he can – current and recent teams and players, team history, great Mets stories. See page 1 for details. Book signing/book sale will be held at this event.

7:30 pm

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**Friday, August 10**

Main: **Socrates’ Salon hosted by Ron Gross**

*Socratic Conversations* with Ronald Gross

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3 pm

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**Wednesday, August 15**

Main: **Wednesday Film Matinee Bitter Sweet**

Songbirds and lovebirds Carl and Sarah Linden happily starve in a 19th century Viennese garret awaiting the day the world will cheer Carl’s operaetta. But a lecherous baron with an eye for Sarah and a taste for duel threats threaten to turn their hope to tragedy.

2 pm

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**Friday, August 17**

Main: **Socrates’ Salon hosted by Ron Gross**

*Socratic Conversations* with Ronald Gross

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3 pm
August continued

Monday, August 20

Station Branch: Monday Book Discussion

The Time Travelers Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

A couple struggles to stay together while dealing with involuntary time travel. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, or call 466-8055, ext 233.

4 pm

Wednesday, August 22

Main: Wednesday Film Matinee

Once A Czech immigrant meets an Irish street musician, and together they spend one eventful week writing and recording songs that describe their own unique love.

2 pm

Wednesday, August 29

Lakeville Branch: Book Discussion

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

is a story about Marietta Greer, a young woman who leaves her destitute roots in Kentucky and heads West. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, or call 466-8055, ext 232.

7 pm

Thursday, August 30

Main: BANNED BOOK EXHIBIT

Don Parker, Censorship in Schools and Libraries Exhibit on view through Oct 19 in the Community Room. Don Parker is a founding member of the Nassau Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union and the Co-coordinator of the Long Island Coalition against Censorship.

The newest edition of Censorship in Schools and Libraries presents 34 illustrations of censorship with accompanying text mounted on 17 matted boards. The history of censorship in public schools and libraries highlights incidents of censorship that have occurred nationally during the past 150 years. Included are descriptions of the censorship of the Catcher in the Rye, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, In the Night Kitchen, the novels of Judy Blume and the popular Harry Potter series. U.S. Supreme Court and lower court decisions regarding censorship are an integral part of the exhibit. This includes the landmark Island Trees book banning case. Banned Books Week is Sept 30 – Oct 6. See Sept 6th for Don Parker’s censorship lecture.

2 pm

September

Saturday, September 1

Main: ART EXHIBIT

Marty Kellerman, Collages of Social Commentary Exhibit on view through Sept 27 in the Lower Level Lobby

Martin Kellerman has worn many hats but mainly that of a teacher. He says: “The idea of collage-making developed for me over the last couple of years, oddly enough, it was an outgrowth of my drawing and painting (mostly landscapes). I believe I can say more, politically and socially and thus creatively, with collages. My main themes: nature, radical politics, anti-war and anti-exploitation, with social history/commentary, hyper-consumerism and our (oft debased) culture, mainly of the last 70 years or so...and humor.

Opening Reception, Saturday, Sept. 8, 3 – 5 pm

Tuesday, September 4

Station Branch: After Dark Book Group

The Edge of Sadness by Edwin O’Connor (1961) Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel about an alcoholic priest and the family with whose lives and secrets he becomes intertwined. Join Station After Dark as we enter our second decade! Led by Librarian Kathleen Cotter. Register online, or call 466-8055, ext 232. 7 pm

Wednesday, September 5

Station Branch: Sunset Book Group

The Edge of Sadness by Edwin O’Connor (1961) Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel about an alcoholic priest and the family with whose lives and secrets he becomes intertwined. Join Station Sunset as we enter our second decade! Register online, or call 466-8055, ext 232. 4 pm

Main: Wednesday Film Matinee

Anonymous Set in the political snake-pit of Elizabethan England, the film speculates on an issue that has for centuries intrigued academics and brilliant minds...who was the author of the plays credited to William Shakespeare? Anonymous poses one possible answer, focusing on a time when cloak-and-dagger political intrigue, illicit romances in the Royal Court, and the schemes of greedy nobles hungry for power were exposed in the most unlikely of places: the London stage.

2 pm

Thursday, September 6

Main: Lecture by Don Parker, Censorship in Schools and Libraries

Don Parker is a founding member of the Nassau Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union and the Co-coordinator of the Long Island Coalition against Censorship. His presentation traces the development of censorship in the U.S. over the past 150 years. Included are the censorship of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Catcher in the Rye, and the Harry Potter series.

Targets of the censors: Judy Blume, Maya Angelou, and Pete Seeger are given special attention.

2 pm


Saturday, September 8

Main: Art Reception for Marty Kellerman, Collages of Social Commentary Exhibit Opening Reception 3 – 5 pm. (on view through Sept 27)

Monday, September 10

Main: Shirley Romaine presents Bitter Herbs & Honey

Actress Shirley Romaine brings us Yiddish, Israeli and American Jewish women poets and writers who share themes of love, longing, loss, hope and joy.

Through the intimate thoughts and experiences expressed in these works, the writers bring us a history of Jewish women in the 20th century. Among the writers: Kadya Molodovsky, Rachel Korn, Celia Dropkin, Dahlia Ravikovitch, Leah Goldberg, Lila Zeiger, Shirley Kaufman, Grace Paley, Marge Penny and Beye Gottesman. Of course, there is music, too! 2 pm

Station Branch: Computer Class, Kindergarten for Growups™ This is a slow-paced, user-friendly class for first-time computer users. Using Windows computers, this unique class covers the basics in a way that even the most inexperienced user will understand. We will cover turning the computer on, the desktop, using the mouse, opening and closing programs, understanding Windows elements, getting out of trouble, and turning the computer off. All versions of Windows will be addressed. Prerequisites: None.

6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 11

Main: Art Lecture/Slide presentation by art historian Mary Vahey: The Luncheon of the Boating Party
This lecture is inspired by Susan Vreeland’s book The Luncheon of the Boating Party that is based on Renoir’s most famous painting. The event will feature many works of art by Renoir, his colleagues, and his many influences while bringing this changing Paris to life.
2 pm

Wednesday, September 12

Main: Wednesday Film Matinee
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close
Oskar is convinced that his father, who died in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, has left a message for him hidden in the lock that fits a mysterious key he found in his father’s closet. His journey through the five boroughs takes him beyond his loss to a greater understanding of the world around him.
2 pm

Thursday, September 13

Main: Last Survivor of Chelmno,
The Story of Shim on Srebnik presented by Rita and Jay Steingold
The Steingold’s will reveal an amazing and untold story of Shimon Srebnik, the sole survivor of the Chelmno Extermination Camp in Poland. This moving presentation includes an adapted interview between filmmaker Claude Landzmann and Shimon Srebnik, interspersed with film clips, when they returned to the death camp after 40 years to record what had happened for the making of the movie, Shoah.
2 pm

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Main: Oskar Gundersen
The Time Traveler’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger
This novel tells the compelling story of artist Clare and her husband, Henry who are struggling to stay together while dealing with involuntary time travel. Henry’s time travels enable him to visit Clare as a little girl and later as an aged widow and explain “how it feels to be living outside of the time constraints most humans are subject to.” Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, or call 466-8055, ext 232.
2 pm

Sunday, September 23

Main: Beth Jucovy presents Dance Visions: Future, Past, Present
This program is a unique mix of dance and theater. Characters from the future present a “history lesson” and embody seven present day women who span in age over seven decades. The work shares a deep and personal look at the views and attitudes of these women expressed through movement. The program will include live original piano works, media and text. The topics they will explore include spirituality, discipline, conformity, love, loss and creativity.
2 pm
Independence Day Celebration
Friday, July 6
For children ages 3–12 from 10 am–8 pm
Come to the Library as we celebrate July 4th with some patriotic giveaways while supplies last. No registration required.

Read, Learn, Grow!
Monday - Friday, July 9 - August 31
For children ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver from 10:30-11 am
Attend this parent/child time with your preschooler. Help your child get on the road to reading. Join us for stories to be read aloud. No registration required.

Starry Night Crafternoon
Tuesday, July 10
For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 6-6:45 pm
Listen to Kitten’s First Full Moon and create a Starry Night craft. Limited registration begins Thursday, July 5.

Schoolyard Games
Wednesday, July 11
For children in grades 3–6 from 4–4:45 pm
Gather your friends and participate in some fun outdoor games like Mother May I, Red Light Green Light, and Simon Says. No registration required.

P.J. Storytime
Wednesdays, July 11 - August 15
For children ages 3-7 with parent/caregiver from 7:30-8:10 pm
Join us under the Library stars for our favorite stories. Put on your pajamas, bring your grown-up, and get ready to enjoy stories read by an enthusiastic librarian. Limited registration begins Thursday, July 5.

Craft Studio
Thursdays, July 12 - August 30
For children in grades PreK-6 with parent/caregiver from 10 am–8 pm
Drop in and pick up a new craft to make each Thursday. Tell your friends and bring them along to make it more fun! No registration required.

Book Bonanza
Thursdays, July 12 - August 16
For children in grades 3–4 from 5–5:30 pm
Each week of this lively drop-in features a variety of stories aimed at building a love of language, books, and reading. Pull up a chair, put your listening ears on, and follow the story being read to you. Limited registration begins Thursday, July 5.

Rock & Read Toddlers
Thursdays, July 12, 19, August 9, 16
For children 10-24 months of age with parent/caregiver from 11-11:30 am
Toddlers interact with their parents, or caregivers through stories, finger-plays, and music. Siblings welcome. Limited registration begins Thursday, July 5 for the July sessions; register Thursday, August 2 for the August sessions.

Mini Carnival Day
Fridays, July 13, 27, August 10, 24
A family program from 11 am–12 pm
Family and friends are invited to our mini carnival. This event is free, and will feature crafts, games, and snacks with a festive carnival theme. Limited registration begins Friday, July 6.

All A-Board Game Night
Fridays, July 13 - August 31
For children ages 6-12 from 6:30-8:30 pm
Find out how much fun games can be when we play without joy sticks, computers or handheld gizmos and gadgets. Come and challenge your skills with some “unplugged” games on a Friday night. No registration required.

Hopscotch Tournament
Wednesday, July 18
For children in grades 3-6 from 4:45 pm
Have you ever thought of bumping your hopscotch skills up to the next level? Join us for a lighthearted hopscotch tournament with prizes to be won. No registration required.

Ice Cream Social
Friday, July 20
For children in grades 4-6 from 3-3:30 pm
You scream, I scream, We all scream for ICE CREAM! Make and eat your very own homemade ice cream float! It’s fun and super delicious. Every effort will be made to accommodate Kosher diets; however, we cannot guarantee all foods will be Kosher. Limited registration begins Friday, July 13.

Sunshine Babies
Mondays, July 23, 30, August 6
For infants-9 months of age with parent/caregiver from 10-10:30 am
Sit, sing, and play with your baby as our librarian teaches you new and traditional songs, finger-plays, and very simple stories. Meet and share this delightful experience with other parents and their new babies. Limited registration begins Monday, July 16.

A Family Affair
Mondays, July 23, August 13
A family program from 4:30–5:30 pm
Bring in the whole family to complete simple art crafts at different stations. Each family will go home with a fun takeaway of the afternoon’s festivities. Limited registration begins Monday, July 16 for the July 23 session and Monday, August 6 for the August 13 session.

Creatures of the Night
Monday, July 16
For children ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver from 7-8 pm
Come and meet some exotic nocturnal animals featuring 10-12 animals, including a kangaroo. Each will demonstrate their unique adaptations and role in nature’s plan. Limited registration begins Monday, July 9.

New Moon Crafternoon
Tuesday, July 17
For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 6-6:45 pm
Listen to Eric Carle’s Papa Please Get the Moon for Me and then craft a new moon. Limited registration begins Tuesday, July 10.

Calling All DREAMERS
Great Neck Library Launches its 2012 Summer Reading Club for 3 year olds through those entering 6th grade
Three year olds to those entering 6th grade will explore the night this summer as the Great Neck Library presents “Dream Big–READ!” Activities will include programs on stargazing and moon lore, dreams and wishes, space exploration, nocturnal animals, an evening pajama storytime and much more.

Online registration is going on now. Reporting of books begins July 9. Going away for the summer? You can still join the Summer Reading Club, post your book reviews online and pick up your prizes when you return. For more information, call the Library at 516-466-8055 or visit our website at: www.greatnecklibrary.org/children/web.php.

Families are invited to join the Smart Start Club for Infants to 35 months of age. Smart Start packets can be picked up beginning July 9.

All program registration begins at 9:30 am ONLINE at www.greatnecklibrary.org, 10:01 am in-person or phone 466-8055. Check registration date for each program.
If you have participated in the Summer Reading Club, you will not want to miss our finale program. Encouraging kids to sing loud, jump high, and Dream Big, two-time Parent’s Choice Award-winner Roger Day will urge kids to reach their potential by using body and brain, mind and muscle. His intent will be to empower you to follow your dreams and make a positive impact on the world.

Tickets available Thursday, August 2 at 8:00 pm at the Main Library and the Parkville and Station Branches and on Friday, August 3 at 9:00 am at the Lakeville Branch.

JUMP BUNCH

Jump Bunch
Wednesday, August 22, 29
For children 15 months–2 years of age, 10:15–11 am
For children ages 3-4, 11:15 am – 12 noon
For children ages 5-6, 12:15–1 pm
JumpBunch will provide great exercise in a structured format for the sport of soccer. Our time together will build coordination, balance and confidence in a non-competitive environment. Each class includes warm-ups, floor exercises, the sport activity, stretching and a cool down. The kids will just think its fun! Limited registration begins Wednesday, August 15.

Leaping Lizards Craft
Monday, August 27
For children in grades 3-6 from 7-8 pm
Let your imagination soar as you create these oversized rain forest lizards. Limited registration begins Monday, August 20.

Nocturnal Buddies Crafternoon
Tuesday, August 28
For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 6-6:45 pm
Listen to While the World is Sleeping by Pamela Duncan Edwards and then craft your very own nocturnal animal. Limited registration begins Tuesday, August 21.

PRE-SCHOOL DINOSAUR ISLAND

Pre-school Dinosaur Island
Wednesday, September 5
For children ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver
from 11 am –12 pm
This class is a chemical reaction! Participants will create icy slopes, treacherous quick sand pits, and oozing rivers. Limited registration begins Wednesday, August 29.

Dinosaur Island
Monday, September 10
For children in grades 1-4 with parent/caregiver from 7-8 pm
This class is a chemical reaction! Participants will create icy slopes, treacherous quick sand pits, and oozing rivers. Limited registration begins Wednesday, September 4.

BACK 2 SCHOOL CRAFT

Back 2 School Craft
Thursday, September 13
For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 4-4:30 pm
A wise decision for fall! Create a barn owl from a plain paper bag and foam pieces that we provide. Limited registration begins Thursday, September 6.

All program registration begins at 9:30 am ONLINE www.greatnecklibrary.org, 10:01 in-person or phone 466-8055. Check registration date for each program.
Lakeville & Station Branch SUMMER Storytimes continue July - August

Lakeville Branch Storytimes Tuesdays, July 3 - August 28 for 2-5 year olds from 10:30 - 11 am
Station Branch Storytimes Tuesdays, July 10 - 31, August 7 for 3-6 year olds from 4 - 4:30 pm and Wednesdays, July 11 - August 29 for 2 - 5 year olds from 4 - 4:30 pm

**FALL Storytimes**

Storytimes Registration begins Wednesday, September 12 from 9:30-10:00 am online only.
Registration continues in person or by phone at 466-8055.
To register online, please have your children’s Great Neck Library card available.
Go to the Library’s website: www.greatnecklibrary.org.
(Check registration date for each program)

### Main Library

- **Baby Time** Infant-9 months of age with parent/caregiver
  - Mondays, September 17 - October 22, 11:00 - 11:30 am
  - Tuesdays, September 18 - October 23, 11:00 - 11:30 am

- **Toy Time** 10 - 17 months of age with parent/caregiver
  - Tuesdays, September 18 - October 23, 10:30 - 11:15 am
  - Thursdays, September 20 - October 25, 10:30 - 11:15 am

- **Stories for Tots** 18-23 months of age with parent/caregiver
  - Wednesdays, September 19-October 24, 10:30 - 11:00 am
  - Thursdays, September 20-October 25, 10:30 - 11:00 am

- **2’s Storytime** 2 years of age with parent/caregiver
  - Mondays, September 17 - October 22, 10:00 - 10:30 am
  - Tuesdays, September 18 - October 23, 10:00 - 10:30 am

- **3-5’s Storytime** 3-5 years of age with parent/caregiver
  - Mondays, September 17 - October 22, 4 - 4:30 pm
  - Wednesdays, September 19 - October 24, 4 - 4:30 pm

- **K-2 Storycrafts** Kindergarten - 2nd grade
  - Tuesdays, September 18 - October 23, 4:00 - 4:40 pm

### Lakeville Branch

- **Storytime** 2-5 years of age with parent/caregiver
  - Tuesdays, September 11, 18, 4 - 4:30 pm
  (No registration required)

### Parkville Branch

- **Toy Time** 9 - 24 months of age with parent/caregiver
  - Thursdays, September 20 - October 25, 10:30 - 11:00 am

- **2’s Storytime** 2 years of age with parent/caregiver
  - Tuesdays, September 18 - October 23, 10:30 - 11:00 am

- **3-5’s Storytime** 3-5 years of age with parent/caregiver
  - Tuesdays, September 18 - October 23, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

### Station Branch

- **Wed Wednesday Storytime** 2-5 years of age with parent/caregiver
  - Wednesdays, September 12 - October 24, 4:00 - 4:30 pm (no registration required)

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**PARKVILLE BRANCH**

Dream BIG... Parkville Summer Crafts
- **Tuesdays, July 10 - 31, August 7**
  - For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 3-3:30 pm
  - If you can dream it, you can craft it. Come to the Library each week to make a cool craft.
  - No registration required.

- **Pajama Storytime** Wednesdays, July 11 - 25, August 1 - 8
  - For children ages 2 and up from 7:30-8 pm
  - Come to the Library in your pajamas for a fun filled half hour of stories, songs and dances.
  - Enjoy a quick bedtime snack before heading home to bed.
  - No registration required.

- **Bubbles, Bubbles and More Bubbles** Tuesday, July 17
  - For children entering grades 1-6 from 7-8 pm
  - Learn all about making your own bubbles.
  - We will experiment with different sizes of bubbles and learn some unique ways to create them.
  - Limited registration begins Tuesday, July 10.

- **Starry Night T-shirts** Thursday, August 9
  - For children entering grades 1-6 from 3-3:45 pm
  - Make your very own glow in the dark t-shirt.
  - You can paint stars, moons, planets or whatever you choose - the sky is the limit! Limited registration begins Tuesday, July 31.

- **Roger Day’s Dream Big** Summer Reading Club Finale
  - **Tuesday, August 14**
  - **Main Library 11 am - 12 pm**
  - **Parkville Branch 2:30 – 3:15 pm**
  - **For readers age 3 – 12**

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  - Encouraging kids to sing loud, jump high, and Dream Big, two-time Parent’s Choice Award-winner Roger Day will urge kids to reach their potential by using body and brain, mind and muscle. His intent will be to empower you to follow your dreams and make a positive impact on the world.

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- **Book Bingo** Saturday, September 8
  - For children entering grades 1-6 from 11 am – 12 pm
  - Come to the Library and play BINGO for a chance to win some awesome books.
  - No registration required.

- **Back 2 School Craft at Parkville** Thursday, September 13
  - For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 4-4:30 pm
  - A wise decision for fall! Create a barn owl from a plain paper bag and foam pieces that we provide.
  - Limited registration begins Thursday, September 6.

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**LAKEVILLE BRANCH**

- **Pajama Storytime** Wednesdays, July 18, August 22
  - For children ages 3-7 with parent/caregiver from 7-7:30 pm
  - Come in pajamas if you like, for a fun filled half hour of stories, songs and dance.
  - No registration required.

- **B’Twixt & B’Tween-Decoupage Treasure Box**
  - **Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26**
  - For children entering grades 3-4 only from 5-5:45 pm
  - With old magazines and a lot of imagination, you will create a personalized decoupage treasure box in this three week program.
  - Limited registration begins Tuesday, August 28.

- **Back 2 School Craft at Lakeville** Thursday, September 13
  - For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 4:30-5 pm
  - A wise decision for fall! Create a barn owl from a plain paper bag and foam pieces that we provide.
  - Limited registration begins Thursday, September 6.

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**STATION BRANCH**

- **Back 2 School Craft at Station** Thursday, September 13
  - For children ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver from 4-4:30 pm
  - A wise decision for fall! Create a barn owl from a plain paper bag and foam pieces that we provide.
  - Limited registration begins Thursday, September 6.
Levels is a safe, supervised teen center that teaches leadership and responsibility by giving students the opportunity to conceive, organize and complete projects in the various arts. We feature daily workshops, weekend events and other fun, creative opportunities for teens.

Summer Sports. Come to Memorial Field every Monday at 4:00 for Frisbee®, and every Thursday at 5:00 for Basketball. Let’s play!

Cooking ‘n’ BBQ! For one measly dollar, you can have a burger, a hot dog, some guacamole, a cookie or whatever else we’re making. At 4:00 on Wednesdays, come down and pick up a spatula with us.

It’s two great events in one! On Saturday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m. all Great Neck residents are invited to join us on the Village Green for Levelspalooza, our outdoor festival of music and art. Hear local teen musicians play. Enjoy interactive art, play Frisbee®, or just soak up the sun and have a great time.

Then, at sundown, just when you’ll be thinking things can’t possibly get any better…it’s the 7th Annual Levels Film Festival. Student filmmakers from all of the Great Neck schools will present short films on the Great Neck Park District’s huge, inflatable movie screen. Munch on some popcorn and check out the work of our innovative filmmakers.

At this time, entries are still being accepted for all parts of this day/night festival. Got a musical act? Give Levels a call to talk about playing Levelspalooza. Want to show your film? Independent entries for the Film Festival are being accepted up until 10 p.m. on Thursday, August 2.

Levels’ 2012 Summer Musical

Tony®-Award-winning songwriters Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty (authors of Ragtime, Seussical and the animated film Anastasia) bring you an exciting and highly theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale The Little Mermaid. Once on this Island tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death. As is traditional at Levels, this fully staged theatre production is directed, choreographed, musically directed, designed and performed entirely by teenagers. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 16, 17 & 18 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are free but are strongly recommended in order to guarantee seating. Call us at (516) 466-8055 ext. 216 for more information.

Wanna Redecorate Levels???

Teens have been telling us that it’s time to repaint and redecorate Levels, so it’s time to decide how we’re going to do it! What colors should the place be? Should there be murals? What kind? How can we take this room into the 21st Century while still respecting its history? Well, if you spend time at Levels, it’s your room, so it’s your decision!

We’re having a meeting on Thursday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. to talk about possibilities and then decide what we’re going to do, so if you’re between seventh grade and college age, and care about Levels, come down and share your ideas!

The Levels SAT Prep Course

This six-session course will be held at the Library’s Main Building. Class sessions run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Advance registration for the course is required and limited to 25 students.

The course is taught by experienced, NYS certified teachers. There is a $25.00 fee per student for the course (fee includes the textbook). High school juniors and seniors, and those who have not taken this course in the past will be given priority.

In-person registration will take place on Monday, Sept. 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Library’s Main Building. Arriving early is strongly recommended. For more information, please call Levels at (516) 466-8055 ext. 216 or consult the Sept./Oct. Levels Newsletter. Telephone registration for any remaining openings will begin Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 3:00 p.m.

5th & 6th Grade Programs

Announcing the return of our Camp Jr. Levels Summer Program!!! This program will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for five weeks from July 10 to August 9. The program will include Arts & Crafts, outdoor fun, as well as special events like cooking and origami workshops. Great Neck residents who will be attending 5th or 6th grade in September are eligible. Phone/walk-in registration will begin Tuesday, July 3, or just mail in the registration portion of the Summer 2012 Camp Jr. Levels newsletter.
TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM:

Read books, write mini-reviews, and receive prizes. The more books you read and review, the more chances for bonus raffle prizes. Register, write reviews, read reviews by Great Neck teens, and find out about upcoming Young Adult programs from Teen Pages on the Library website. Stop in and ask the Young Adult librarian for book suggestions. Or, ask her for online “Personalized Book Suggestions” from Teen Pages.

Register and write reviews through Monday, August 20

NONSTOP NONFICTION

The Young Adult nonfiction booklist series includes “Get it Together: Relationships and Personal Finance” and “Get Creative: Cooking, Music, Writing, and More.” Two new nonfiction lists join the series, “Get Real: Biographies Tell the Real History of Real People” and “Get a Life: Biographies of Artists, Athletes, and Scientists”

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone

Andy Warhol: Prince of Pop by Jan Greenberg

Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith by Deborah Heiligman

Delicious: The Life & Art of Wayne Thiebaud by Susan Goldman Rubin

Dr. Jenner and the Speckled Monster: The Search for the Smallpox Vaccine by Albert Marrin

Feeling WICKED? CATS got your tongue? BOOK OF MORMON...er...OK, I don’t have a bad pun for that one. Celebrate your favorite Broadway musicals with crafts, games and a chance to perform onstage!

END OF SUMMER BBQ

Celebrate the end of summer with food and fun in the Great Outdoors...our patio (NOTE: in case of rain, we’ll be in the Great Indoors). Food will be sold at cost, please bring $!

TEENS’ TOP TEN is an annual “teens choice” list of favorite books.

The winning books will be announced the week of October 14, during Teen Read Week: “It Came From the Library!”

In August and September you can VOTE online for your favorite books. Go to www.ala.org/teensbtp to see the list of nominated books and to cast your vote.

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**Library Hours**
Main Library - 159 Bayview Ave., Great Neck, NY 11023
(516) 466-8055  www.greatnecklibrary.org
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.  (Sunday hours resume September 16)

Lakeville - 475 Great Neck Road, Great Neck, NY 11021
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Parkville - 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Monday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.  (Sunday hours resume September 16)

Station - The Gardens at Great Neck:
26 Great Neck Road (2nd level), Great Neck, NY 11021
Monday & Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**Library Closings**

**Independence Day**
Wednesday, July 4

**Labor Day**
Monday, September 3

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**Board of Trustees Meeting**
Thursday, September 20
at 7:30 pm, Main Library
open to the general public

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2 FREE Mets Tickets
For Donating Blood
Take a Friend to a Mets Game and Save Lives!

**Great Neck Library**
Community Blood Drive

**When:**  Wednesday, July 25 from 1:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:**  Main Library, Community Room
159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck

To schedule an appointment, contact the Programming Office at 466-8055, ext 246/208.
For medical eligibility, call the New York Blood Center at 800-688-0900
For more information, call: Michele McCaffrey 516-478-5013 mmccaffrey@nybloodcenter.org

**Donor Requirements:**
- Bring ID with photo or signature
- Age requirements: 16 - 75 (16 yr olds need parental consent, 76 and older need doctor’s note)
- Minimum weight 110 lbs
- Eat well and drink fluids before donating
- No new tattoos for the past 12 months

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