Have you ever wanted to ask a real expert what caused the current financial crisis? Well, Joe Nocera is just that expert. Nocera’s latest book is All the Devils Are Here: The Hidden History of the Financial Crisis, which he co-wrote with Bethany McLean (author of The Smartest Guys in the Room). All The Devils Are Here follows the financial meltdown of 2008 from its precedents, through its causes, major events, shock waves, and results, short and long term. What got us where we are today? Was it the volatile real estate market, the reliance on complex and unstable financial instruments, government policy, sheer folly, the repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act, greedy Wall Street investors, or too many homeowners who never should have gotten mortgages in the first place? Joe will discuss how the perfect storm of greed, opportunity, bad policy and undue influence led to the standard use of mortgage backed securities, the collapse of Merrill Lynch, the Troubled Asset Relief Program and all those billions in bailouts. AIG, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Alan Greenspan, Ben Bernanke, Hank Paulson, Goldman Sachs, predatory lenders, under-capitalized banks, real estate speculators, and many American homeowners - all the devils are here.

Joe will talk about All the Devils... and his other writings, answer your questions about the financial crisis, sign copies of his book, and maybe even make some predictions about what lies ahead in the realm of U.S. and world finance. Don’t miss this chance to find out what’s really been going on with the economy for the past decade. Joe Nocera has been a venerated investigative journalist for over 20 years. He is a New York Times columnist, a regular guest on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, a frequent contributor to the New York Times, Fortune and Newsweek.

Born in Cairo, journalist and memoirist Lucette Lagnado and her family were forced to flee Egypt as refugees when she was a small child, eventually coming to New York. In her memoir, The Arrogant Years Lucette Lagnado tells the story about “... her torn allegiances as both an Egyptian Jew growing up in America in the 1960s and ’70s and the youngest daughter of unhappily married parents.” Ms. Lagnado writes with great affection and compassion for her mother, and she describes displacement and the urgency of memory. Writing in the New York Times, reviewer Alana Newhouse called The Arrogant Years “a paragon of memoir writing, a story about the complex swirl of people and events and forces out of which individual lives are made.”

Lucette Lagnado is the author of The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit, for which she received the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature in 2008. The recipient of Columbia University’s prestigious Mike Berger Award for her reporting about the elderly residents of the Belnord, a fabled West Side apartment building, she is also the coauthor of Children of the Flames: Dr. Mengele and the Untold Story of the Twins of Auschwitz, which has been translated into nearly a dozen foreign languages.

The author will discuss her new book and sign copies at the event.
**A Message from the Board President, Janet Esagoff**

The cold weather is finally here, after a long stretch of beautiful fall temperatures atypical for our area. Now more than ever it is time to “nest-in” and enjoy the wonderful resources of the Great Neck Library and “tuck-in” with a great read or by enjoying our fine programs featured at the various locations.

Notwithstanding the chill in the air, activities of the Board and Library administration are just warming up. Given the results of the referendum, we are “back to the drawing board” with the hopes of keeping the momentum of our Main Building renovation campaign ongoing. As ever, we hope to keep our public “tuned-in” and motivated to continue their engagement with all the decision-making that lies ahead.

To that end, the Board decided in November to form an Advisory Committee comprised of 4 patrons, 4 local building and design experts, 4 trustees, 2 staff members and the Director to discuss and deliberate on how best to proceed. Whatever side of the referendum issue, it appears that the great majority of Great Neck residents agree—the Main Building of the Great Neck Library is in dire need of rehabilitation, renovation and modernization for the benefit and safety of our dear patrons and loyal staff.

The question of physical “requirements” of the Main Library has been a hotbed issue in the past, with expansion or even a modernization of the facilities questioned by many. We must re-examine the program needs of our Library so they continue to be responsive to our particular community. Many of our patrons think we need to invest in the physical building, in whatever capacity, while some may question the need for any libraries in our future, given the digital era. I can assure you that the need for libraries, as much more than repositories for books and “stuff” will continue to be a vital and necessary part of every community. Of course, the local and national economy will also likely be a factor in our discussions as well, given the financial forecasts both locally and around the globe. Our goal is to reach an accord. The Advisory group will make a recommendation to the Board that we hope the majority of the public will feel comfortable with. Once the entire Board votes on the “new” plan, we will again go to a referendum to get permission from our public to borrow the necessary monies to fund the building enterprise.

As Board President, I trust that the upcoming process will run smoothly, with members of the public from all corners of the Great Neck peninsula coming to meetings, voicing their opinions and getting better informed about the Board’s determinations regarding the proposed renovation of the Main Library building. The Board and administration will try harder than ever to keep the information flowing, inviting full public participation to the extent possible. Let’s all learn from the past and keep our sights on the future for the betterment of Great Neck and our beloved Library.

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**TEEN SCENE**

**FEBRUARY VACATION PROGRAMS**

**SPEED DATING – LIBRARY STYLE**  
Tuesday, February 21 at Main Library  
Wednesday, February 22 at Parkville Branch  
from 4 - 5 pm, for teens in grades 7 - 12

Spend a few minutes “getting to know” a new Young Adult book, then move on to more books. Keep track of the books that you would like to “see more of” in the reading log that you will receive at the start of the program. Registration starts on Monday, January 30 at 9 am from the Program Registration link on our homepage www.greatnecklibrary.org. Teen’s own Library card is required to register.

**BABYSITTER TRAINING CLASS**  
Monday, March 5 at Main Library  
from 5:30-8:30 pm, for teens in grades 7 - 12

Be the best babysitter on the block with training in infant and child care. Plus, you’ll gain the confidence you need to make smart decisions and stay safe in any babysitting situation. This three hour course is fun, and fast paced with hands-on activities, role-playing, and lively discussions. Each participant will receive a course completion certificate. Limited registration starts on Monday, February 13 at 9 am from the Program Registration link on our homepage www.greatnecklibrary.org. Teen’s own Library card is required to register. The class is funded with the generous support of the Adolf and Aida Snow Endowment.

**Teen Pages** is your online resource for all things Young Adult at the Library: program information and registration, book reviews by Great Neck Teens, book suggestions, and much more. Click on the Teen Pages link from the Great Neck Library homepage.

**The Teens’ Top Ten 2011** is a list of favorite books voted on by teens across the country. Take a look at this year’s favorites and see if one of your favorites made the top ten.

1. Clockwork Angel by Cassandra Clare
2. Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
3. Crescendo by Becca Fitzpatrick
4. I Am Number Four by Pittacus Lore
5. The Iron King by Julie Kagawa
6. Mortality by Ally Condie
7. Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel by James Patterson
8. Paranormalcy by Kiersten White
9. Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver
10. Nightshade by Andrea Cremer

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**GNNL E-Reader Help Desk**

**Drop-In Sessions**

Did you receive a new E-Reader for the holidays? If so, then you may be pleased to learn that the Great Neck Library offers free access for Library cardholders to over 3,100 e-Audiobooks and over 4,500 E-Book titles through the Nassau Digital Doorway collection. You can access the collection by clicking on the “Download” link on the Library’s website www.greatnecklibrary.org.

The Library is offering hands-on training and demonstrations to assist you in downloading E-Titles at the following drop-in sessions scheduled at the Main Library in January.

**Wed, Jan 4 from 10 am - 12 pm**  
**Fri, Jan 6 from 7 - 8:30 pm**  
**Sat, Jan 7 from 10 am - 12 pm**

**Sun, Jan 8 from 1:30 - 3 pm**

**Wed, Jan 11 from 7 - 9 pm**

**Wed, Jan 18 from 7 - 9 pm**

**Wed, Jan 25 from 7 - 9 pm**

Library staff will be available at these sessions located near the front door to help you explore the Library’s collection of E-Titles and depending on your device, can actually walk you through the download process.

Please be sure to bring your Library card, your device, USB and laptop, if required. You must know your password and e-mail address that is linked to your device in order to use the OverDrive website.

In addition to these drop-in sessions, one-on-one appointments can be scheduled with the Audiovisual Department depending on staff availability. If you have any questions, or to schedule an individual appointment, please call Kashmira Shah in the Audiovisual Department at 466-8055, ext 221.
Tuesday, January 3

Station Branch: After Dark Book Group
Paradise Park by Allegra Goodman. Sharon begins her spiritual journey as a Honolulu hippie, and moves eastward into more traditional paths. Led by Librarian Kathleen Cotter. Books will be available at Station about 1 month before the meeting. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. 7 pm

Wednesday, January 4

Station Branch: Sunset Book Group
Paradise Park by Allegra Goodman. Led by Librarian Kathleen Cotter. Books will be available at Station about 1 month before the meeting. See January 3 for book details. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. 4 pm

Tuesday, January 10

Main: Speakers in the Humanities: Objects and Memory Lecture by Jonathan Fein
What would you save if your house were on fire? Using excerpts and additional material from his documentary film “Objects and Memory,” filmmaker Jonathan Fein raises questions about documentary film “Objects and Memory,” filmmakers and their audiences. This entertaining and stimulating lecture challenges the audience to question what is taken for granted and what we hold most dear. What are the things in our homes and museums that mean the most to us? How do we preserve the past and speak to the future? Focusing on meaningful objects invites discussion of issues of value, memory, contemporary history, museum collecting, heirlooms, artistic response, and authenticity. Librarian Kathleen Cotter has long been interested in the interrelationships of the intangible and the physical. As a sculptor, his work has evolved from the manipulation of physical material to sculpting in time: filmmaking. Shortly after 9/11/01 he saw that historians were working to collect meaningful objects as history was unfolding, and started filming their thoughts and actions. This led to the “Objects and Memory” documentary film, PBS’s special for the seventh anniversary of 9/11.

Wednesday, January 11

Main: Wednesday Film Matinee
One Day Adapted from the internationally praised and bestselling novel, this film charts an extraordinary relationship. After only one day together in 1989, Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhew cannot stop thinking about one another. Over the next 20 years, key moments of their relationship are revealed on the same day—July 15th—of each year. Cast: Anne Hathaway, Jim Sturgess, Patricia Clarkson, Jodie Whittaker. Director: Lone Scherfig. (2011, 108 minutes, rated PG-13) 2 pm

Thursday, January 12

Station Branch: Constant Star – The films of Elizabeth Taylor
Suddenly, Last Summer (1959) Co-starring Montgomery Clift and Katharine Hepburn. After a terrible experience, Catherine is confined by her aunt to a mental institution until a sympathetic neurosurgeon takes on her case. (114 minutes) Doors open at 1:45 pm, and seating is limited. 2 pm

Friday, January 13

Main: Socrates Salon with Ron Gross
Superstition What are You? Its roles in coping, hoping, health, relationships, finances, parenting, and ...? Is it a form of wisdom, foolishness, or ...? 3 pm

Sunday, January 15

Main: Authors@GNL welcome Joe Nocera
Have you ever wanted to ask a real expert what caused the current financial crisis? Well, Joe Nocera is just that expert. Nocera’s latest book is All the Devils Are Here: The Hidden History of the Financial Crisis. See page 1 for details. 2 pm

Sunday, January 22

Main: Highland Acoustic Rock Band
Greg Belmonte) have come together to craft their songwriting skills, blending rock, blues, R&B and country Americana. Highland always delivers a great musical performance at any venue. 2 pm

Monday, January 23

Station Branch: Book Discussion
Sweet and Low by Rich Cohen is a fascinating biography of the creator of the sugar packet and Sweet-n-low. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. 4 pm

Wednesday, January 25

Main: Wednesday Film Matinee
Sarah’s Key In modern-day Paris, a journalist finds her life becoming entwined with a young girl whose family was torn apart during the notorious Vel d’Hiv roundup, which took place in Paris, in 1942. She stumbles upon a family secret which will link her forever to the destiny of a young Jewish girl, Sarah. Director: Gilles Paquet-Brenner. Cast: Kristin Scott Thomas, Melusine Mayance, Niels Arestrup. Note: In French, English, Italian (some dialogue), German (some dialogue) with subtitles. (2011, 111 minutes, rated PG-13) 2 pm
**January continued**

**Wednesday, January 25 continued**

- **Lakeville Branch:** Wednesday Night Book Discussion Nicholas Sparks’ *Message in a Bottle* is a touching story of a thirty-something divorced single mother who discovers a beautiful love letter in a bottle that washes ashore, reigniting the possibility of new love. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext. 232. **7 pm**

**Thursday, January 26**

- **Parkville Branch:** Book Discussion Better: A Surgeon’s Notes on Performance. Atul Gawande is considered by many to be the leading popular author of his time. *Better* is a collection of engrossing true stories about how doctors are striving to close the gap between best intentions and best performance. Gawande’s accounts take us from battlefield surgeons in Iraq, to a polio outbreak in India, to courtrooms trying malpractice cases around the U.S. They show us doctors and others working to provide the best care possible, despite everyday, bureaucratic, and extraordinary obstacles. Taken together, the stories in *Better* comprise a fascinating portrait of our healthcare system today, with all its problems and all its successes. Led by Librarian Jonathan Aubrey. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext. 219. **1:30 pm**

**Sunday, January 29**

- **Charlotte Sear Art Exhibit Opening Reception (Exhibit on view Feb 1 – 29)** Charlotte Sear is both an educator and an artist. Her background in education includes teaching elementary school and working with children who have reading disabilities. For the past 18 years she has been an adjunct professor at Long Island University and New York Institute of Technology teaching college reading strategies. These two interests have converged in the creation of her new book *The Runaway Pink Ball*. The story with her charming illustrations revolves around a pink ball that initially rolls into the house of a little girl and then rolls out wanting to be free. The mediums used to compose the original illustrations are gouache and collage. *Book signing and reception 2 - 4 pm***

**Tuesday, January 31**

- **Main:** Bayview Book Club: Half A Life by Darin Strauss. A high school car accident, a moment in time when, driving his dad’s Oldsmobile, a tragedy occurred. This biography examines issues of guilt, responsibility and living with one’s past. Led by Librarian Maureen McKenna. Register online or call 466-8055, ext 241. **1 pm**

**February**

**Wednesday, February 1**

- **Main:** Wednesday Film Matinee: *The Tree of Life* The story of a Midwestern family in the 1950s that follows the life journey of the eldest son, Jack, through the innocence of childhood to his disillusioned adult years as he tries to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father (director: Terrence Malick). Cast: Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, Will Wallace, Jessica Chastain. (2011, 139 minutes, rated PG-13) **2 pm**

**Saturday, February 4**

- **Parkville Branch:** Computer Lecture Facebook 101 Don’t know how to get started on Facebook? Just can’t figure out how it works? Led by Librarian Jonathan Aubrey. Questions are welcome, but we will not be able to sit down with you one-on-one at a computer. Register online or call 466-8055, ext 271. **3 pm**

**Sunday, February 5**

- **Main:** Mark Brier, host of Laughs at the Library Mark Brier brings his second Comedy Extravaganza to the Library. Enjoy an afternoon of laughter with Mark and some of LI’s funniest comedians. **2 pm**

**Tuesday, February 7**

- **Station Branch:** After Dark Book Group 21st Century Women Writers Three Junes by Julia Glass. (Pantheon, 2002). On separate Junes over 10 years, a set of interrelated characters make discoveries about love, marriage, and family. Led by Librarian Kathleen Cotter. *Books will be available at Station about one month before the meeting.* Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. **7 pm**

**Wednesday, February 8**

- **Main:** Wednesday Film Matinee: Valentine’s Day follows the intertwining storylines of a diverse group of Los Angelenos as they navigate their way through romance and heartbreak over the course of one Valentine’s Day. Director: Garry Marshall. Cast: Hector Elizondo, Shirley MacLaine, Julia Roberts, Kathy Bates, Queen Latifah, Patrick Dempsey, Jamie Foxx, Ashton Kutcher, Jennifer Garner, Jessica Alba, George Lopez. **2 pm**

**Station Branch:** Sunset Book Group Three Junes by Julia Glass. Led by Librarian Kathleen Cotter. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. See February 7 for book details. **4 pm**

**Thursday, February 9**

- **Station Branch:** Constant Star – The Films of Elizabeth Taylor Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (1966) Co-starring Richard Burton. Bitter, battling couple Martha and George terrorize each other and their guests through a long cocktail party. Taylor’s second Academy Award. (131 minutes) Doors open at 1:45 pm, and seating is limited. **2 pm**

**Friday, February 10**

- **Main:** Socrates’ Salon with Ron 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 one month in advance. **3 pm**

**Sunday, February 12**

- **Main:** Shelia Washington, Founder of the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center Shelia Washington, founder of the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center in Alabama, was determined not to let the town and America forget what happened in Scottsboro to nine innocent boys. Opened in February 2010, the Museum commemorates the lives and legacy of nine young African Americans who, in the 1930s, became international symbols of race-based injustice in the American South, and celebrates the positive actions of those of all colors, creeds and origins who have taken a stand against the tyranny of racial oppression. **2 pm**

**Tuesday, February 14**

- **Main:** Famous Artist Couples - Love and Inspiration Art Lecture/Slide presentation with Mary Vahay Work, creativity and love are closely intermeshed in these intense relationships. Whatever the course of the romantic alliance, the mutual dependence between the partners and the resulting influences between them were important factors in the artistic production of each of these artist couples. This program will address the phenomenon of the ‘artist couple’ by looking at 7 couples including Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. **2 pm**

**Wednesday, February 15**

- **Main:** Book Lovers’ Book Swap Librarians Maureen McKenna, Janet Schneider and Jonathan Aubrey welcome enthusiastic readers, book group leaders, and anyone else who’s curious about good books to share their favorite recent reads. Librarians will present numerous books in many genres that are worthy of notice by individuals and book groups. Patrons are invited to come with their own suggestions for books you just can’t put down. Register online or call 466-8055, ext 219. **3 pm**
**February**

**Thursday, February 16**
**Parkville Branch: Book Discussion** Half A Life
by Darin Strauss. Led by Librarian Maureen McKenna. See January 31 for book details. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext. 271. 1:30 pm

**Wednesday, February 22**
**Main: Wednesday Film Matinee** The Debt
The story begins in 1997, as shocking news reaches retired Mossad secret agents Rachel and Stephan about their former colleague David. All three have been venerated for decades by Israel because of the secret mission that they embarked on for their country back in 1965-1966, when the trio tracked down Nazi war criminal Dieter Vogel, the feared Surgeon of Birkenau, in East Berlin. At great risk, and at considerable personal cost, the team’s mission was accomplished - or was it? Director: John Madden. Cast: Helen Mirren, Tom Wilkinson, Ciaran Hinds, Sam Worthington. (2011, 114 minutes, rated R) 2 pm

**Sunday, February 26**
**Main: Music concert by pianist Edward Kalendar**
Edward Kalendar will play classical, jazz, and Jewish music, as well as Beethoven’s Moonlight Sonata, Eli Eli and Tum Balalaika, and selections from Ravel, Chopin, Scriabin and Broadway. Most recently Mr. Kalendar’s Spring Breeze Sonata was debuted on WQXR radio NY and on 250 other stations throughout the United States. 2 pm

**Monday, February 27**
**Station Branch: Book Discussion** Message in a Bottle by Nicholas Sparks. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. See January 26 for book details. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext. 233. 4 pm

**Tuesday, February 28**
**Main: Bayview Book Club** Better: A Surgeon’s Notes on Performance by Atul Gawande. Led by Librarian Jonathan Aubrey. See January 26 for book details. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 219. 1 pm

**Wednesday, February 29**
**Lakeville Branch: Book Discussion** The Saturday Wife by Naomi Ragen chronicles a beautiful, materialistic rabbi’s wife torn between the demands of her congregation, her faith, her life and the modern world. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. Register online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext. 232. 7 pm

**March**

**Friday, March 2**
**Main: Sally Feng Fader Art Exhibit (Exhibit on view March 2 – 29)**
Long Island artist Sally Feng Fader’s show will feature Chinese semi-e watercolors, oil paintings and portraits. Her style blends her Chinese training with Western influences to become uniquely hers. Ms. Feng is a graduate of the prestigious Tianjin Institute of Fine Arts in China. She came to the United States to study at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan, from which she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2002. For additional information, visit her website at www.Sallystudio.com.

**Sunday, March 4**
**Main: Persian Children’s Norooz Celebration**
Details to be announced at a later date. 3 pm

**Monday, March 5**
**Main: Computer Kindergarten for Grownups**
This is a hands-on 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 and closing programs, understanding windows elements, getting out of trouble, and turning the computer off. All versions of Windows will be addressed. Prerequisites: None. Register online or call 466-8055, ext 246 or 208. 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Tuesday, March 6**
**Main: Speakers in the Humanities – Remember the Ladies: A History of American Women in Song lecture/music demo by Linda Russell**
Accompanying herself on mountain and hammered dulcimers, pennywhistle, guitar and limerjack, Linda Russell explores the images of 18th and 19th century American women in the songs of the day, interspersing the music with lively commentary including excerpts from diaries and letters in which the women tell their stories in their own words. By looking at the popular songs of the past—the ballads, love songs, suffrage anthems, work songs and dance tunes—we can trace the perceptions and realities of women’s lives.

*This Speakers in the Humanities event, which is free and open to the public, is made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. 2 pm

**Tuesday, March 6 continued**
**Station Branch: After Dark Book Group**
21st Century Women Writers The History of Love by Nicole Kraus. (Norton, 2005) In his old age, Leo rediscovers the novel he wrote, and its effect on the lives of a mother and daughter. Led by Librarian Kathleen Cotter. Books will be available at Station about 1 month before the meeting. Registration online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. 7 pm

**Wednesday, March 7**
**Main: Wednesday Film Matinee** Crazy, Stupid, Love
Fortysomething Cal Weaver is living the dream: good job, nice house, great kids, and marriage to his high school sweetheart. So when Cal learns that she has cheated on him and wants a divorce, his ‘perfect’ life quickly unravels. Cal, who hasn’t dated in decades, stands out as the epitome of un-smooth, so handsome player Jacob Palmer takes him on as wingman and protege. Director: Glenn Ficarra, John Requa. Cast: Julianne Moore, Ryan Gosling, Steve Carell, Emma Stone. (2011, 107 minutes, rated PG-13) 2 pm

**Station Branch: Sunset Book Group**
The History of Love by Nicole Kraus. Led by Librarian Kathleen Cotter. See March 6 for book details. Registration online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. 4 pm

**Thursday, March 8**
**Station Branch: Constant Star – The Films of Elizabeth Taylor**
The Taming of the Shrew (1967) Co-starring Richard Burton. Petrucho courts the evil-tempered Kate for her money, but who ends up the victor? Based on Shakespeare’s play. (122 minutes) Doors open at 1:45 pm, and seating is limited. 2 pm

**Sunday, March 11**
**Main: Authors@GNL presents an afternoon with Lucette Lagnado, author of The Arrogant Years: One Girl’s Search for Her Lost Youth, from Cairo to Brooklyn**
Lucette Lagnado, author of the award-winning The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit—returns with this, the extraordinary follow-up memoir. Lucette Lagnado tells the story of her mother, Edith, coming of age in a magical old Cairo of dusty alleys and grand villas inhabited by pashas and their wives. Then Lucette revisits her own early years growing up in America. See page 1 for details. 2 pm

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Monday, March 12
Main: Fascinating Rhythm: The Music of George and Ira Gershwin. A video presentation performed and edited by Jack Schnur

George & Ira Gershwin was one of America’s most popular songwriting teams.
Enjoy music performed by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Ethel Merman and others including performances from Porgy and Bess and a rare clip from a 1930 early color film, The King of Jazz featuring Paul Whiteman conducting Rhapsody in Blue.
Oscar Levant will perform and there will be commentaries by Michael Feinstein. Mr. Schnur will sing several Gershwin songs.

Station Branch: Computer 2nd Grade for Growups
In this hands-on class, you will learn how to work with numbers, inputting, inserting, moving, erasing and simple mathematical operations. Included will be an introduction to basic spreadsheet techniques, creating a workbook, inputting and working with data, formulas and functions, formatting and spreadsheet design.
Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten and Computer 1st Grade. Registration online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, March 13
Main: Author Book Reading Richard Ehrlich

This is a presentation, NOT a workshop. We will get started on Facebook? Just can’t figure out how it works? This is a presentation, NOT a workshop. We will not be able to sit down with you one-on-one at a computer. Led by Librarian Jonathan Aubrey.
Register online or call 466-8055, ext 232 2 pm

Wednesday, March 14
Main: Wednesday Film Matinee

The Help Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, Skeeter is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her “friends’ lives—and a small Mississippi town—upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Aibileen, Skeeter’s best friend’s housekeeper, is the first to open up—to the dismay of her friends in the tight-knit black community. Despite Skeeter’s life-long friendships hanging in the balance, she and Aibileen continue their collaboration and soon more women come forward to tell their stories—and as it turns out, they have a lot to say. Director: Tate Taylor.
Cast: Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Bryce Dallas Howard, Octavia Spencer, Jessica Chastain, Cicely Tyson, Mike Vogel, Sissy Spacek.
(2011, 146 minutes, PG-13) Main: Socrates Salon with Ron 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 one month in advance. 3 pm

Sunday, March 18
Main: A Concert of Flute, Cello & Piano with Bart Feller, flute, Frances Rowell, cello, and Linda Mark, piano

This music recital will feature Trio for Flute, Cello and Piano by Martinu; Three Watercolors for flute, cello and piano by Gaubert; a Vivaldi Sonatas with flute and piano, the charming Benjamin Godard Suite and the intense and rhythmic Jolivet Chant de Linos.

Monday, March 19
Station Branch: Book Discussion
The Saturday Wife by Naomi Ragen. Led by Librarian Judy Snow. See February 29 for book details. Registration online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 233. 4 pm

Tuesday, March 20
Lakeville Branch: Computer Lecture, eBooks and Audiobooks Online
Learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks from the Library’s website to your eReader or MP3 player. In this class, you will learn how to access the collection of books, create a user name and password, maneuver around the website, download books, work with your eReader or MP3 player, and more.
Prerequisites: For intermediate and advanced computer users. Registration online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 232. 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Main: Painters Wives: Lost and Found presented by actress Shirley Romaine

Shirley Romaine is the story teller about women whose careers as painters were cast in the shadow of their super-star lovers and husbands. Many of them didn’t come into their own until they separated, divorced or became widows. Included in these stories is Elaine de Kooning, wife of Willem de Kooning. 2 pm

Wednesday, March 21
Main: Wednesday Film Matinee

Midnight in Paris A romantic comedy about a family traveling to the French capital for business. The party includes a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better.
Director: Woody Allen.
Cast: Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Kurt Fuller, Mimi Kennedy, Michael Sheen.
(2011, 94 minutes, rated PG-13) 2 pm

Main: Jimmy Moore’s Irish Show

It’s a great day to be Irish with music from Broadway to Blarney celebrating the day for the “Wearin’ o’ the Green. Enjoy heartfelt standards including My Wild Irish Rose, It’s a Great Day for the Irish, Sweet Rosie O’Grady, Harrigan and more. Jimmy mixes the Irish folk songs with a tribute to George M. Cohan and of course will sing Daring Boy.
2 pm

Wednesday, March 28
Main: Wednesday Film Matinee

Moneyball The story of Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane’s successful attempt to put together a baseball club on a budget by employing computer-generated analysis to draft his players.
(2011, 133 minutes, rated PG-13) 2 pm

Lakeville Branch: Book Discussion

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett is a creative drama about hostages seized at an embassy party, including an opera singer and a CEO who is her fan, and how they cope when thrown together.
Led by Librarian Judy Snow.
Registration online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 232. 7 pm

Parkville Branch: Wednesday Night Film

Midnight in Paris Woody Allen’s latest film is a tribute to the Jazz Age in Paris. Spend an evening with Hemingway, Fitzgerald and Picasso. With Owen Wilson. (2011, 94 minutes, rated PG-13) 7 pm

Thursday, March 29
Main: Wednesday Film Matinee

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain is a deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal which captures a remarkable period of time and a love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley. (See the film Midnight in Paris on March 28 at 7 pm)
Register for this book discussion online, in person, or call 466-8055, ext 273. 1:30 pm
Levels offers a wide array of programs geared toward the artistic and social development of Great Neck’s seventh grade through college-age youth. Current workshops include Zumba®, Video Production, Arts & Crafts, Comedy Writing, Puppetry, Cooking, Chess, Improv and more. The following are highlights of Levels events. For a more complete listing of activities check out the Levels Newsletter, call Levels at (516) 466-8055, ext. 216, or visit our website at www.greatnecklibrary.org/levels/home.html

ON THE LEVELS STAGE

We ended 2011 with Agatha Christie’s classic murder mystery The Mousetrap. October’s “haunted house” offering was DYSTOPIA, a public tour through a dark future inspired by George Orwell’s book 1984. Summer brought our mainstage musical Man of La Mancha, directed by South High senior and Levels veteran Michael Levinson, our music and art festival LevelsPalooza produced by recent graduate Jane Coons, and our 6th annual Levels Film Festival featuring short films by Great Neck student filmmakers. Lastly (or in this case firstly), our Spring musical was the hilarious Tony Award winner The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, which marked the directing debut of sophomore Marissa Martino.

So how do we top 2011? With YOUR help!!!

Come to our SPRING THEATRE PROPOSAL MEETING on MONDAY, JANUARY 23 at 7:30 p.m.! Levels does several fully-staged plays and musicals every year, all proposed and voted on entirely by students! Our Spring show is traditionally a musical, but you can offer a serious proposal for any available title...or just come down and vote!

Jr. Levels offers exceptional workshops including Make a Mystery Movie, Theatre Games, and Arts & Crafts for students in 5th and 6th grades. Our Winter/Spring season gets underway beginning Monday, January 23rd and runs through May 10th. Jr. Levels workshops take place Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Library’s Main Building. Flyers with workshop information and times are mailed to students’ homes, and are available in the Library or in Levels.

Please note - space is limited. Phone registration begins Monday, January 9th at 3:00 p.m.
What do you want to do today?

1. Decorate a cake
2. Make an action movie
3. Create a Halloween haunted house
4. Play in a video game tournament
5. Learn to belly dance
6. Make your own candy
7. Give a coconut a face
8. Create a new invention
9. Watch "Wizard of Oz" in sync with "Dark Side of the Moon"
10. Write & record a song
11. Make a suit out of duct tape
12. Do Bollywood dancing
13. Shoot a movie
14. Join an improv troupe
15. Make art out of aluminum foil
16. Play a game of giant chess
17. Sew a stuffed animal
18. Do a fashion show
19. Make yourself up as a monster
20. "Joust" with hula hoops
21. Join a bluegrass band
22. Make a documentary
23. Learn to sing
24. Carve a jack o' lantern
25. Make a new friend
26. Toss around a frisbee
27. Dress up as a Japanese monster and step on cardboard buildings
28. Have a fiesta
29. Shoot a comedy sketch
30. Do Shakespeare
31. Invent a new musical instrument
32. Make a piñata
33. Learn Photoshop
34. Produce an album
35. Draw anime characters
36. Be an actor
37. Play a game of cards
38. Make your own musical
39. Do karaoke
40. Go stargazing
41. Cook a meal
42. Host a talk show
43. Do hip-hop dance
44. Have a luau
45. Become an "Olympic" champion
46. Sew a quilt
47. Make a mosaic
48. Play a board game
49. Do a magic show
50. Make your own soda
51. Wear a fake mustache
52. Have a medieval night
53. Compete on a game show
54. Become a Mythbuster
55. Do some push-ups
56. Bake some bread
57. Sculpt something from clay
58. Paint a mural
59. Fly paper airplanes
60. Become a rock star
61. Make people out of pipe cleaners
62. Have a picnic
63. Make a pillow
64. Star in a Superhero
65. Have a Thanksgiving feast
66. Tie-dye something
67. Make sushi
68. Go on a video scavenger hunt
69. Write a story
70. Make a zombie music video
71. Join a zumba class
72. Make a pizza
73. Pick up an instrument and jam
74. Paint faces on tortillas
75. Recreate your favorite movie with sock puppets
76. Build & ride in a soap box racer
77. Make a giant pancake
78. Play basketball
79. Launch a rocket
80. Turn garbage into art
81. Perform a monologue
82. Write an opera about a lactose intolerant cow
83. Make a chocolate house
84. Paint a panda
85. Just chill

DIRECT A PLAY

GAME OF GIANT CHESS • SEW A STUFFED ANIMAL • DO A FASHION SHOW • MAKE YOURSELF UP AS A MONSTER • "JOUST" WITH HULA HOOPS • JOIN A BLUEGRASS BAND • MAKE A DOCUMENTARY • LEARN TO SING • CARVE A JACK O' LANTERN • MAKE A NEW FRIEND • TOS AROUND A FRISBEE • DRESS UP AS A JAPANESE MONSTER AND STEP ON CARDBOARD BUILDINGS • HAVE A FIESTA • SHOOT A COMEDY SKETCH • DO SHAKESPEARE • INVENT A NEW MUSICAL INSTRUMENT • MAKE A PIÑATA • LEARN PHOTOSHOP • PRODUCE AN ALBUM • DRAW ANIME CHARACTERS • BE AN ACTOR • PLAY A GAME OF CARDS • MAKE YOUR OWN MUSICAL • DO KARAOKE • GO STARGAZING • COOK A MEAL • HOST A TALK SHOW • DO HIP-HOP DANCE • HAVE A LUAU • BECOME AN "OLYMPIC" CHAMPION • SEW A QUILT • MAKE A MOSAIC • PLAY A BOARD GAME • DO A MAGIC SHOW • MAKE YOUR OWN SODA • WEAR A FAKE MUSTACHE • HAVE A MEDIEVAL NIGHT • COMPETE ON A GAME SHOW • BECOME A MYTHBUSTER • DO SOME PUSH-UPS • BAKE SOME BREAD • SCULPT SOMETHING FROM CLAY • PAINT A MURAL • FLY PAPER AIRPLANES • BECOME A ROCK STAR • MAKE PEOPLE OUT OF PIPE CLEANERS • HAVE A PICNIC • MAKE A PILLOW • STAR IN A KUNG-FU MOVIE • HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS • DESIGN YOUR OWN FASHIONS • BUILD A PUPPET • MAKE SPOOKY MUFFINS • PLAY THE PIANO • DO SPOKEN-WORD POETRY • HAVE A SQUARE DANCE • BUILD A HOUSE OF CARDS • MAKE A SUndaE • TRAIN TO BE A SUPERHERO • HAVE A THANKSGIVING FEAST • TIE-DYE

BECOME THE NEXT "IRON CHEF"

ACTOR • PLAY A GAME OF CARDS • MAKE YOUR OWN MUSICAL • DO KARAOKE • GO STARGAZING • COOK A MEAL • HOST A TALK SHOW • DO HIP-HOP DANCE • HAVE A LUAU • BECOME AN "OLYMPIC" CHAMPION • SEW A QUILT • MAKE A MOSAIC • PLAY A BOARD GAME • DO A MAGIC SHOW • MAKE YOUR OWN SODA • WEAR A FAKE MUSTACHE • HAVE A MEDIEVAL NIGHT • COMPETE ON A GAME SHOW • BECOME A MYTHBUSTER • DO SOME PUSH-UPS • BAKE SOME BREAD • SCULPT SOMETHING FROM CLAY • PAINT A MURAL • FLY PAPER AIRPLANES • BECOME A ROCK STAR • MAKE PEOPLE OUT OF PIPE CLEANERS • HAVE A PICNIC • MAKE A PILLOW • STAR IN A KUNG-FU MOVIE • HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS • DESIGN YOUR OWN FASHIONS • BUILD A PUPPET • MAKE SPOOKY MUFFINS • PLAY THE PIANO • DO SPOKEN-WORD POETRY • HAVE A SQUARE DANCE • BUILD A HOUSE OF CARDS • MAKE A SUNDae • TRAIN TO BE A SUPERHERO • HAVE A THANKSGIVING FEAST • TIE-DYE

BE A NINJA

SOMETHING • MAKE SOME SUSHI • GO ON A VIDEO SCAVENGER HUNT • WRITE A STORY • MAKE A ZOMBIE MUSIC VIDEO • JOIN A ZUMBA CLASS • MAKE A PIZZA • PICK UP AN INSTRUMENT AND JAM • PAINT FACES ON TORTILLAS • RECREATE YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE WITH SOCK PUPPETS • BUILD & RIDE IN A SOAP BOX RACER • MAKE A GIANT PANCAKE • PLAY BASKETBALL • LAUNCH A ROCKET • TURN GARBAGE INTO ART • PERFORM A MONOLOGUE • WRITE AN OPERA ABOUT A LACTOSE INTOLERANT COW • MAKE A CHOCOLATE HOUSE • PAINT A PANDA • JUST CHILL

Levels. We do that.
KIDS WORLD

Storytimes

Storytimes Registration  For Winter Storytimes January through March register on Tuesday, January 24.
For Spring Storytimes April through May register on Tuesday, March 27th

Register for Storytime programs from 9:30 - 10:00 am ONLINE ONLY.  Registration continues in person or by phone at 10:01 am by calling 466-8055.  To register online, please have your child’s Great Neck Library card available.  Go to the Library’s website: www.greatnecklibrary.org.

MAIN LIBRARY

BABY TIME 11:00 - 11:30 am, for infant - 9 months of age with parent/caregiver
Mondays: Winter Jan 30; Feb 6, 13, 27; March 5, 12. Spring April 2, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14
Tuesdays: Winter Jan 31; Feb 7, 14, 28; March 6, 13. Spring April 3, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15

TOY TIME 10:30 - 11:15 am, for 10 - 17 months of age with parent/caregiver
Tuesdays: Winter Jan 31; Feb 7, 14, 28; March 6, 13. Spring April 3, 17, 24, 30; May 1, 8, 15
Thursdays: Winter Feb 2, 9, 16; March 1, 8, 15. Spring April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17

STORIES FOR TOTS 10:30 - 11:00 am, for 18 - 23 months of age with parent/caregiver
Wednesdays: Winter Feb 1, 8, 15, 29; March 7, 14. Spring April 4, 18, 25, 30; May 2, 9, 16
Thursdays: Winter Feb 2, 9, 16; March 1, 8, 15. Spring April 5, 19, 26, 30; May 3, 10, 17

2’S STORYTIME 10:00 - 10:30 am, for 2 years of age with parent/caregiver
Mondays: Winter Jan 30; Feb 6, 13, 27; March 5, 12. Spring April 2, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14
Tuesdays: Winter Jan 31; Feb 7, 14, 28; March 6, 13. Spring April 3, 17, 24, 30; May 1, 8, 15

3 - 5’S STORYTIME 2:15 - 2:45 pm, for 3 - 5 years of age with parent/caregiver
Mondays, Winter Jan 30; Feb 6, 13, 27; March 5, 12. Spring April 2, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14
Wednesdays: Winter Feb 1, 8, 15, 29; March 7, 14. Spring April 4, 18, 25, 30; May 2, 9, 16

K-2 STORYCRAFTS 4:00 - 4:40 pm, for Kindergarten - 2nd grade
Tuesdays, Winter Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 28; March 6, 13. Spring April 3, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15

STATION BRANCH

WINTER TALES FOR TOTS 2:00 - 2:30 pm, for 2 - 5 years of age with parent/caregiver  (no registration required)
Tuesdays, Winter Jan 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

WINTER/SPRING STORYTIME 4:00 - 4:30 pm, for 2-5 years of age with parent/caregiver  (no registration required)
Wednesdays, Winter Jan 4, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21.
Spring April 4, 18, 25

LAKEVILLE BRANCH

STORYTIME 4:00 - 4:30 pm, for 2 - 5 years of age with parent/caregiver  (no registration required)
Tuesdays, Jan 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27.
Spring April 3, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15

PARKVILLE BRANCH

TOY TIME 10:30 - 11:15 am, for 9 - 24 months of age with parent/caregiver
Thursdays: Winter Feb 2, 9, 16; March 1, 8 15, 22, 29.
Spring April 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

2’S STORYTIME 10:30 - 11:00 am, for 2 years of age with parent/caregiver
Tuesdays: Winter Jan 31; Feb 7, 14, 28; March 6, 13. Spring April 3, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15

3-5’S STORYTIME 2:30 - 3:00 pm, for 3 - 5 years of age with parent/caregiver
Tuesdays: Winter Jan 31; Feb 7, 14, 28; March 6, 13. Spring April 3, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15

SNEW BETTER TIME TO READ JANUARY 3 through JANUARY 31

Join our Winter Reading Club.  Readers will enter the books they’ve read online beginning Tuesday, January 3.  Participants ages 3 - 12 will record and write a review of what they’ve read during the month of January.  After January 31 readers who have registered and reported on a minimum of five books will be eligible to receive a prize bag.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 3 through Tuesday, January 24, 9:30 am online, 10:01 am in person or phone 466-8055.

WINTER/SPRING FUN AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

All program registration begins at 9:30 am ONLINE, 10:01 am in-person or phone 466-8055.  www.greatnecklibrary.org.  Check registration date for each program.

BABIES JUMP FOR JOY For 6 - 23 months
Tuesdays, Jan 10 and 24 from 11:05 - 11:45 am
Joyce Oddo is back and will have the babies jumping for joy with her lively, upbeat program as you play pretend and sing along to popular children’s music.
Limited registration begins Tuesday, Jan 3.

TOODLERS JUMP FOR JOY For ages 2 - 5 with parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, Jan 10 and 24 from 12:00 - 12:45 pm
Joyce Oddo is back and will have you and your 2 - 5 year olds jumping for joy with her lively, upbeat program as you play pretend and sing along to popular children’s music.
Limited registration begins Tuesday, Jan 3.

GREAT NECK PRESCHOOL SHOWCASE
Wednesday, Jan 11
Refreshments: 7 pm
Program: 7:30 - 9:00 pm
The Great Neck Library is pleased to invite parents of preschoolers to a Preschool Showcase sponsored by the Great Neck/Manhasset Community Child Care Partnership.  Speakers will give short presentations and their school’s philosophy and programs.  Afterwards, parents will have the opportunity to meet the directors, ask questions, and receive brochures and applications.
No registration required.

A NEW YEAR CRAFT For ages 2 - 10 with parent/caregiver
Thursday, Jan 12 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Let It Snow!  Especially when you can appreciate the snow from the warmth of being indoors.  Together we will create a winter window that will snow whenever you want.
Limited registration begins Thursday, Jan 5.

PRE-SCHOOL WINTER SNOWFLAKE
For ages 2 - 5 with parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Jan 18 from 11:00 - 11:30 am
Enjoy the enchantment and serenity of a winter snowfall without the chill.  Spend time making a sparkly snowflake decoration.  Limited registration begins Wednesday, January 11.
**WINTER SNOWFLAKE** For grades 1st – 4th
Wednesday, Jan 18 from 4:45 - 5:15 pm

Enjoy the enchantment and serenity of a winter snowfall without the chill. Spend time making a sparkly snowflake decoration. Limited registration begins Wednesday, January 11.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR** For grades 1st - 6th
Friday, Jan 20 from 10:30 am - 8:00 pm

Celebrate the Chinese New Year 2012, the Year of the Dragon, with wonderful, simple crafts to make and celebrate the holiday. Come in and ask for your take home Chinese New Year craft! No Registration required.

**OWL BABIES** For ages 3 - 5 with parent/caregiver
Monday, Jan 23 from 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Who! Who! Who! Who!
Come and listen to a story about three baby owls and then create your own baby owl to take home. Limited registration begins Tuesday, January 17.

**PUZZLE DAY** For all ages
Friday, Jan 27 from 11:30 am - 8:30 pm

Come celebrate with a day dedicated to... puzzles. This family and friends event will feature various leveled puzzles to enjoy throughout the day. Stop in to test your puzzle skills. No registration required.

**VALENTINE CRAFT** For ages 2 - 10 with parent/caregiver
Thursday, Feb 9 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

This mailbox craft is the perfect candy and card holder...just in time for Valentine’s Day. Limited registration begins Thursday, February 2.

**B’TWIXT & BETWEEN: CRIME LAB** For grades 3rd - 4th only
Monday, Feb 13 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Participants will investigate a crime scene using the techniques of fingerprinting, chromatography and various clues. The goal will be to solve the crime of the missing Madagascar hissing roaches. Limited registration begins Monday, February 6.

**WINTER MADNESS CRAFT** For ages 2nd - 10th
Wednesday, March 21 from 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Test your skills and knowledge of everything dealing with Lemony Snicket’s books. Expect lots of puzzles and fun as we celebrate his birthday! Limited registration begins Tuesday, February 21.

**BOOK NETWORKING** For grades 5th - 6th
Wednesday, March 14 from 5:15 - 5:45 pm

12 Again by Sue Corbett
When 12 year old Patrick’s mother disappears from their Long Island home the night before her fortieth birthday, he is determined to find her or he will face a life of taking care of his younger brothers. Can Patrick do the impossible? Snacks will be served. Limited registration begins Monday, March 5.

**AWESOME STORIES** For grades 3rd – 4th
Monday, March 12 from 6:30 - 7:00 pm

The Landry News by Andrew Clements
Join us as we discuss this compelling novel about a young girl who creates and writes a classroom newspaper, and the positive effect it has on Mr. Larson, her teacher. Snacks will be served. Limited registration begins Monday, March 5.

**UNFORTUNATE EVENTS** For grades 2nd – 6th
Tuesday, Feb 28 from 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Test your skills and knowledge of everything dealing with Lemony Snicket’s books. Limited registration begins Tuesday, February 21.

**ROCKIN’ READERS** For grades 1st - 2nd
Tuesday, March 6 from 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Join us as we discuss the book Poppleton in Winter by Cynthia Rylant. Poppleton the pig knows how to make the most of a season’s offerings. In three short, charming chapters, Poppleton deals with fallen icicles, makes a bust of his llama friend’s head, and enjoys a very happy surprise birthday party. Snacks will be served. Limited registration begins Tuesday, February 28.

**AWESOME STORIES** For grades 3rd – 4th
Monday, March 12 from 6:30 - 7:00 pm

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**MARCH MADNESS CRAFT** For ages 2nd - 10th
with parent/caregiver
Thursday, March 15 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Will spring come in like a lion and out like a lamb? You will be prepared either way with this reversible paper plate craft featuring a lion and a lamb. Limited registration begins Tuesday, March 6.

**GRAPHIC CHAT** For grades 3rd – 6th
Wednesday, March 21 from 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Smile by Raina Telgemeier
Middle school is hard enough, but when Raina falls and breaks her teeth, she has to deal with braces, surgery, a retainer, AND middle school! Join a librarian for a discussion of Smile by Raina Telgemeier. Snacks will be served. Limited registration begins Wednesday, March 14.
FLOW CIRCUS For family audience Tuesday, Feb 21 from 11:00 - 11:45 am
You are invited to a “Read Yourself Silly” show with Paul Miller. Paul incorporates phenomenal juggling, awesome magic, fresh character improvisation, history of the circus and a load of audience participation to guarantee a great time for all. TICKETS REQUIRED

PINOCCHIO For grades K – 6th Wednesday, Feb 22 from 11:00 - 11:45 am
Everyone’s favorite puppet begins his adventures with a trip to the Land of the Toys, meets a singing-and-dancing fox and Cat, is saved by the magical Blue Fairy and is rescued from the belly of a whale. Come enjoy this outstanding theatrical production. TICKETS REQUIRED

LEE’S MUSIC CONCERT For grades Pre-K - 4th Thursday, Feb 23 from 11:00 - 11:45 am
Picture your children singing, dancing and improving as their favorite books come alive through music! Each original song introduces props, costumes, puppets and percussion instruments that will stimulate interest and creativity. TICKETS REQUIRED

PINKALICIOUS For grades Pre-K – 4th Friday, Feb 24 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Pinkalicious loves pink and wants everything in her life to be pink. A girl who can’t stop eating pink cupcakes, despite warnings from her parents. She then develops an ailment called Pinkittis. At first she is thrilled, but when reality sets in, she has to figure out a way to return back to normal. Follow her through this musical romp of the famous children’s book by Elizabeth Victoria Kahn. TICKETS REQUIRED

A NEW YEAR CRAFT For ages 2 - 10 with parent/caregiver Thursday, Jan 12 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm
For A New Year Craft program description see page 9. Limited registration begins Thursday, January 5.

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY For grades 1st - 6th with parent/caregiver Thursday, Jan 19 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm
In honor of Chinese New Year, learn the six basic strokes used to form Chinese characters and use a graph to place the letters. Create your own scroll using elegant brushes, Sumi ink, rice paper and authentic seals.
Registration begins Thursday, January 12.

VALENTINE CRAFT For ages 2 - 10 with parent/caregiver Thursday, Feb 9 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm
For Valentine Craft program description see page 10. Limited registration begins Thursday, February 2.

CUPCAKE FOR YOUR VALENTINE For ages 3-8 Saturday, Feb 11 from 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Come to the Library and decorate a cupcake for your Valentine. We’ll provide the cupcake, icing and some fun and quirky decorations – the rest is up to you.
Limited registration begins Thursday, February 2.

THE GREAT CRAFT CLOSET CLEAN OUT For ages 2 and up Tuesday, Feb 21 – Friday, Feb 24 from 2 – 4 pm
Explore your creativity at the Library as we go through our craft closets and find many old crafts from past years. You can come one day or every day – we have plenty of crafts for kids to make and take. No registration required.

LEE’S MUSIC CONCERT For grades Pre-K - 4th A Special School Vacation Program Thursday, Feb 23 from 2:00 - 2:45 pm
For Lee’s Music Concert program description see top of this page. TICKETS REQUIRED

MARCH MADNESS CRAFT For ages 2-10 with parent/caregiver Thursday, March 15 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm
For March Madness Craft program description see page 10. Limited registration begins Tuesday, March 6.

BOOK BUDDIES Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl For grades 3rd – 5th Thursday, March 22 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm
You’re invited to a very special book discussion. Once you register you will receive a copy of the book. Read it, then join us on March 22 to discuss what you thought of the book. Snacks will be served. Registration begins Thursday, March 1.

WASHINGTON, D.C. by Roald Dahl For grades 3rd – 5th Thursday, March 15 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm
For March Madness Craft program description see page 10. Limited registration begins Thursday, March 22 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm
It’s the 18th century and a young boy, Charlie Bucket, is down the rabbit hole of a chocolate factory. What he finds inside is amazing and beyond his imagination.

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**Parkville Branch**

**AARP Defensive Driving Classes**

AARP Defensive Driving Classes will be held Saturdays, January 21, February 11 and March 17 from 10 am to 4 pm. AARP members $17, non-members $19. Register online or at www.greatnecklibrary.org or call 466-8055, ext. 273. Classes will be held at the Parkville Branch, located on 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park (off Lakeville Road).

**Adelphi Hy Weinberg**

**Free Hearing Screenings**

This Adelphi University Hy Weinberg Center for Communication Disorders community outreach program consists of a free basic hearing screening for adults of all ages. Students and faculty from Adelphi University will perform the hearing screenings for those who suspect they have a hearing loss. Screening results are given immediately and appropriate recommendations are made by a licensed audiologist. The screening will be held on Tuesday, March 27 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Main Library, Multipurpose Room.

No appointments necessary. First come, first served.

**Tax Preparation Assistance**

**AARP Tax Help** Sign up for Tax Assistance. Tax Preparers will assist in preparing and filing Federal forms online. Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 11 from 10 am to 1 pm. AARP Tax Coordinator, Michael Dougherty. Call Parkville Branch for an appointment 466-8055, ext. 272. The Parkville Branch is located on 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park (off Lakeville Road).

**Tax forms** and publications will be available by the end of January at all Great Neck Library locations to take or to photocopy. Also, the Library’s website (www.greatnecklibrary.org) will have a link to tax forms available from the IRS and New York State. Or you may connect directly to those sites at www.irs.gov or www.tax.ny.gov.

**Tax advisory services** will be available at the Main Library to help you prepare your taxes. These include J. K. Lasser’s Your Income Tax; RIA Federal Tax Handbook; CCH U.S. Master Tax Guide; Guidebook to New York State Taxes; CCH State Tax Handbook and Your Federal Income Tax.

**Thanks to the Great Neck Community’s generosity, Island Harvest has received 800 pounds from our food drive.**

**E-Mail Notification Is Here!**

E-mail is a convenient and efficient way for you to be notified about your items on hold that are ready for pickup.

- All items must be picked up by the date indicated in the e-mail, phone call or postcard.
- We can no longer extend pickup dates.

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