A deeply intimate and broadly evocative memoir, the eldest daughter of revered composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein offers a rare look at her father on the centennial of his birth. Jamie Bernstein's memoir shares the emotional depths of her childhood, invites us into her family's private world and details her youth growing up in an atmosphere bursting with music, theater and literature.

Tickets are required and will be available at the Main Library, Circulation Desk beginning September 23 for GNSD residents, and October 1 for non-residents. 2 tickets per cardholder/person. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

The best of 60s (and 70s) folk songs we all recall from the era when popular music took up the mantle of civil rights, peace, and social concern. Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul & Mary, Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs, Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell, plus hits like Lean on Me and Get Together.

The music of George Gershwin will be presented by composer/pianist Paul Joseph and his jazz trio. Hear inspiring instrumental jazz renditions of classics such as I Got Rhythm, Summertime, Embraceable You, and many others.

Warren Chiasm Trio with Gene Bertocnini & Alex Gressel presented by the Music Advisory Committee SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 1:30 pm

Warren Chiasm is a highly-regarded musician in the jazz world, having been called “one of the six top vibraphonists of the last half century” by the New York Times. Originally a member of the George Shearing Quintet, his distinctive four-mallet technique weaves into a percussive, melodic style.

The Nutcracker

as the clock strikes midnight on Christmas Eve, Marie's wooden nutcracker doll comes to life and transforms into a prince! Soon they are joined by her other toys that have also come to life. A holiday tradition for the whole family. The Nutcracker remains a treasure not to be missed!

Please contact the Library when there is inclement weather before attending a program.
Library Election Slate of Candidates
Monday, October 28, 2019 - 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Board of Trustees

Four-Year Term January 2020-24 for the seat currently held by Scott J. Sontag
Nominating Committee Endorsed Candidate

Scott J. Sontag
Great Neck, NY
Years of Residency: 8

Education:
- B.S. Electrical Engineering, SUNY Binghamton
- M.S. Computer Science, NYU Polytechnic
- Tandon School of Engineering

Current Occupation:
- Software Engineering Project Manager and Senior Engineer at Morgan Stanley

Membership/Service/Community Organizations:
- 2018/19 Tiger Den Leader, Cub Scouts, Parents Committee
- 2018 Coach White Team, Great Neck Soccer
- 2017-19 PTO – 4th grade Vice President and Shared Decision Committee
- 2018 Volunteer Tree Planting at Randall’s Island

Candidate Statement:
Libraries provide a critical building block in the foundation of education and socialization. Libraries are centers for development, providing an open space to research, read, socialize, and learn. The facilities provide universal access points to books, classes, and clubs. It’s important for us at a young age to understand that a library is more than books. The biggest change coming to libraries is the adoption of technology, and libraries need to adopt this carefully as it will bring, among other things, remote access to materials. I see remote access as a critical element balanced against the need to get people to the library. We are lucky to have access to such great facilities in Great Neck.

Nominating Committee

Three-Year Term January 2020-23 for the seat currently held by Patrick McDonnell
Nominating Committee Endorsed Candidate

Steve M. Jacob
New Hyde Park, NY
Years of Residency: 7

Education:
- B.S. Biochemistry & Sociology, Stony Brook University

Current Occupation:
- Program Manager, School Safety Coordinator

Membership/Service/Community Organizations:
- Leader, Troop #298, BSA
- Former Assistant Den Leader, Cub Scouts, BSA
- Former Secretary, Elim Full Gospel Assembly

Candidate Statement:
The public library service is an essential element of a thriving community. Professional service and welcoming facilities enable patrons to be enriched and enlightened. Our community of learners benefits greatly from the libraries. Candidates for the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee should continue the progress made, while listening and responding to the members’ needs.

Meet the Candidates Night: Thursday, October 3 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the Main Library
The public is invited to meet the candidates seeking positions on the Library’s Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee.

Library Election Information

How to Vote:
In order to be eligible to vote for Library Trustees and Nominating Committee members, you must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of the Great Neck School District and either a valid Great Neck Library card holder by the Record Date of Monday, October 7, 2019 or a registered voter with the Nassau County Board of Elections.

To obtain a valid Library card, present one form of identification showing your name and Library District address at the Circulation Desk at any of our Library locations. For general questions about the election, please call 516-466-8055, ext. 200.

Great Neck Library Voting Proxy Request Form
Use this form to request a Voting Proxy for the October 28, 2019 Election.

I, the undersigned member of the Great Neck Library Association, wish to vote by proxy ballot in the forthcoming Library election. After validating my Proxy Request Form, please send the actual Voting Proxy Ballot to me at the mailing address indicated below. I understand that no proxy ballot will be issued prior to Thursday, September 19, 2019.

Name: _______________________
Address: _______________________
_________________________________________       Date _________________________

Signature (required) ______________________ Date ____________
Name (printed) ______________________

Please check one or both if appropriate:

☒ Great Neck Library Card Holder (Card Number 21266 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___)
☒ Nassau County Board of Elections Registered Voter

My Address in the Great Neck Library District is: _______________________

Please mail my Voting Proxy Ballot to me at the following address: _______________________

ONLY ONE PROXY REQUEST PER FORM! UNSIGNED PROXY REQUEST FORMS WILL NOT BE HONORED.

Return this Form to: Office of the Director, Great Neck Library - 159 Bayview Avenue - Great Neck, NY 11023 or in person at any of our Library locations in a sealed envelope labeled “Proxy Request Form – ATTN: Office of the Director, Great Neck Library.”

Please note: Candidate information may be edited for space considerations.
Adults

PRESENTATIONS

Neighborhoods of the Empire City:  
Flushing: Where Religious Freedom was Born  
presented by Ronald Brown  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 at 2:00 pm  
Flushing has become famous as the home of American religious freedom and diversity. Today it is a city where Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus live in freedom and tolerance. Ron Brown will discuss the history of Flushing and how it evolved to what it is today.

West Side Story  
presented by Jack Schnur  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 at 2:00 pm  
Jack Schnur will present a multimedia program about the behind-the-scenes stories and details associated with one of the industry’s most iconic and memorable films.

Edith Halpert and the Rise of American Art  
art lecture presented by Mary Vahey  
The Jewish Museum exhibit  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 at 2:00 pm  
A pioneer in the field and the first significant female galleryist in the United States, Edith Halpert (1900-1970) propelled American art to the fore at a time when the European avant-garde still enthralled the world. The artists she supported — Stuart Davis, Jacob Lawrence, Georgia O’Keeffe, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Ben Shahn, and Charles Sheeler key among them — became icons of American modernism.

U.S. Propaganda in WWI  
presented by Don Parker  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 at 2:00 pm  
In a time before radio, sound films, television and Twitter, the nation used unique means of communication to make the world safe for democracy.

Life and Poetries of the Great Gnostic & Poet: Rumi  
presented by author Parviz Nezami  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 1:30 pm  
Parviz Nezami, accomplished scholar and author of a series of books on Persian history and literature, will discuss the life and work of the great Gnostic & Poet of the 12th century, Mowlavi, also known as Rumi.

Weimarer Cabaret: a lecture presented by Maria Tegzes, soprano  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 at 2:00 pm  
Maria Tegzes presents a brief history of the cabaret style, concentrating on its most potent incarnation during the Weimar Republic and the onset of the Third Reich, illustrating how its influence has been carried forward to the present.

“My Name is Alexander Hamilton”  
presented by Jim Coll  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 at 2:00 pm  
Jim Coll will explore the life and political philosophy of the New York Founding Father currently dancing his way across Broadway - and the way the musical addresses some of the events that helped shape him.

The Little Rascals  
presented by Keith Crocker  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 at 2:00 pm  
The Little Rascals is perhaps the most beloved comedy team of the 1930s. Consisting of all child actors, producer Hal Roach created one of the most enduring series of comedy shorts loved not just by adults in the theaters, but by children who later embraced them on television.

Behind the Camera:  
The Art of Great Filmmaking  
presented by Richard Knox  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 at 2:00 pm  
By means of video clips from a variety of classic movies, Richard Knox examines how great directors past and present, such as Stanley Kubrick, Orson Welles, Martin Scorsese, Alfred Hitchcock, and Steven Spielberg made use of key elements to make their films enjoyable even after repeated viewings.

Pay Your Fines Online!  
Pay your fines and bills in excess of $3.00 via the Library’s online catalog. Log in to your library account by entering your name and library card number, then click Unpaid Fines and Bills. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are accepted, and debit cards must display the logo for either MasterCard or Visa.

Please contact the Library when there is inclement weather before attending a program.

Register online, in person, or call 516-466-8055, exts. 208/254 beginning Monday, September 23 unless specified. Registration is not required but suggested for notifications of schedule changes.
WELLNESS

Free Blood Pressure Screenings courtesy of St. Francis Hospital
THURSDAYS from 12:00 to 2:00 pm:
OCTOBER 3, NOVEMBER 7, and
DECEMBER 5 at the Station Branch, Reference Area
Have your blood pressure checked by a clinical nurse from St. Francis Hospital. No registration required.

Yoga & Meditation with Sharon Epstein MONDAYS at 10:00 am:
OCTOBER 7 to DECEMBER 16* OR THURSDAYS at 7:00 pm:
OCTOBER 10 to DECEMBER 12* at the Main Library, Community Room
Please bring a yoga mat, meditation pillow to sit on, water bottle and small towel. Dress in comfortable clothing. Open to all skill levels.

$40 fee for entire series of 8 classes - in-person registration at Main begins Monday, September 23 for GNSD residents and Wednesday, October 2 for non-residents (cash, check/money order or charge card made payable to "GREAT NECK LIBRARY"). Please call 516-466-8055, ext. 254 for more information.

Parkville Yoga & Meditation with Carolyn Carpentiere FRIDAYS, OCTOBER 11 to DECEMBER 6* at 10:30 am at the Parkville Branch, Programming Room

Tai Chi facilitated by Joseph Panico SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 12 to DECEMBER 7* at 10:30 am at the Main Library, Community Room

Medical Marijuana presented by Dr. James T. D’Olimpio, Northwell Health
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 7:00 pm at the Main Library, Community Room
Dr D’Olimpio will be covering the appropriate use of medical marijuana in different clinical situations, such as pain, appetite stimulation, nausea, neuropathic conditions, insomnia/ anxiety. He will be focusing on cancer patients, not on patients with other chronic conditions.

Conversations on Personal Transformation facilitated by Librarian Mimi Rabizadeh
THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 12 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room
Learn tools and meditations for achieving higher energy and personal transformation. Registration suggested by calling 516-466-8055, exts. 218/219 or go online.

Shingles and the Shingles Vaccine presented by Frank Cacace, MD, Northwell Health
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 at 2:00 pm at the Station Branch, Community Room
Learn the cause, epidemiology (the branch of medicine which deals with the incidence, distribution, and possible control of diseases) and treatment. Dr. Cacace will also answer questions. Registration suggested by calling 516-466-8055, ext. 258 or go online.

WORKSHOPS

Unraveling DNA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 7:00 pm at the Station Branch
Join us as Millennial Scnce™ recreates the revolutionary double helix strand (DNA) by using candy! All ages are welcome!

AARP Driver Safety Course SATURDAYS from 10 am to 4:30 pm:
OCTOBER 19, NOVEMBER 16, and DECEMBER 14 at the Parkville Branch, Community Room
Refresher course for drivers age 50+ for reduction in points or discount on insurance. This is a six-hour class; please bring your lunch. AARP member fee: $20; Non-member fee: $25. Checks only; please (make payable to "AARP"). Register by phone at 516-466-8055, ext. 273.

BOARD GAME CLUBS

No registration required. Open to all skill levels.

Chess weekly WEDNESDAYS* from 12:30 to 4:30 pm at the Main Library
*No chess October 23.

Scrabble weekly WEDNESDAYS from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Station Branch

Classic Games Afternoons weekly THURSDAYS from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Parkville Branch

Virtual/Print on Demand Museum passes are here!
Go to bit.ly/gnl-museums or scan the QR code with your device for more information and a complete list of museums available. Please review our museum policy on our website for more information.

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Are you looking to teach yourself a new software skill? Improve your job skills? Increase proficiency in basic computer applications? Hoonuit provides video training for more than 500 software applications, including Microsoft Word and Excel, Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Google Docs. Find it on the Library’s homepage under Research > Online Resources > Computer Skills.
**CREATIVITY**

**Coloring for Relaxation**

weeklies MONDAYS* at 2:00 pm at the Parkville Branch, Programming Room

We will play nice, soft music, and supply pencils and coloring pages. All you have to do is come in, relax, and color – let your stress just melt away! No registration required.

*No class September 2.

**Station's Stitches:**

Cross Stitch Club

weekly MONDAYS* at 7:00 pm at the Station Branch, Community Room

Do you love cross stitch and want to share projects and ideas with others? Maybe you simply want to stitch in the company of others? Join our new weekly cross stitch circle! No registration required.

*No class November 11.

**Sticks in the Stacks**

weekly WEDNESDAYS in NOVEMBER & DECEMBER at 3:30 pm at the Lakeville Branch

Come and learn the basics, perhaps just brush up on what you already know and help us crochet and knit for a cause! All skill levels are welcome. Supplies will be provided, or bring your own from home. Please call to register at 516-466-8055, ext. 232.

**Knitting & Crocheting Circle**

weekly THURSDAYS at 6:30 pm at the Parkville Branch, Programming Room

Just starting out and like having others to help you? Advanced and like working with company? Come join us! Help, advice, and chitchat will be facilitated. All skill levels welcome. Supplies will be provided, or bring your own from home. No registration required.

**Performance Poets Association Readings**

coordinated and facilitated by George Pafitis

SATURDAYS from 1:00 to 3:00 pm: OCTOBER 5, NOVEMBER 2, and DECEMBER 7 at the Station Branch, Community Room

Participate by reading your own work and/or listen and support others. Performance Poets Association is a non-profit that brings original poetry and related arts to the public. No registration required.

**The Writer Within**

with Lynda Aron

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 and FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 15 & DECEMBER 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room

Access your authentic voice and explore the power of imagination, self-expression and storytelling. New writers, professionals and everyone in between are welcome. Sharing encouraged but not required. Registration begins Monday, September 23 by calling 516-466-8055, exts. 208/254 or go online.

**English Language Conversation Group (NEW TIME!)

facilitated by Librarian Barbara Buckleyn

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 24 and OCTOBER 8 to DECEMBER 17 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the Station Branch, Community Room

This informal group allows newcomers a comfortable and stress-free environment in which they can practice their English skills. Refreshments will be served. Registration not required but strongly suggested by e-mailing bbuckley@greatnecklibrary.org.

**Project Independence Discussion Groups**

weekly THURSDAYS at 11:30 am (Social) AND weekly FRIDAYS at 10:30 am (Men’s) at the Parkville Branch, Programming Room

No registration required. Group dates are subject to change due to poor weather and/or at the discretion of the facilitator. Please call 516-869-6311 to see if a meeting has been canceled.

**Socrates Salon**

with Ron Gross

FRIDAYS at 3:00 pm: OCTOBER 4, NOVEMBER 1, and DECEMBER 6 at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room

Come share your life experiences, knowledge, and wisdom about topics that matter. No registration required. For more information, e-mail Ron at grossasoo@aol.com.

**New Beginnings:**

Singles 50 Plus

facilitated by Marla Matthews

SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 26 & NOVEMBER 23 at 4:00 pm at the Main Library, Community Room

Marla Matthews facilitates this growing discussion, social and support group for divorced, widowed, single, or empty nesters age 50 plus. No registration required.

**World in Motion**

facilitated by Martha Cohen

MONDAYS at 2:00 pm: OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 18, and DECEMBER 23 at the Main Library, Community Room

Come join us for a lively discussion on current world issues.

**Great Decisions**

with Librarian Christy Orquera

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 24 & NOVEMBER 21 at 2:00 pm at the Main Library, Community Room

October 24: State of the State and Diplomacy Annual fee for all eight 2019 sessions and the Briefing Book $80 for GNSD residents, $20 for non-residents. Please call 516-466-8055, exts. 218/254 for more information.

**Title Talks**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 at 11:00 am at the Lakeville Branch

Readers of all genres are welcome to discuss new books, audio, streaming, and video titles. No registration required. Can’t make the in-person discussion? Submit your picks at Lakeville throughout the month to be featured in our lists of must-see titles!

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Photo: Librarian Barbara Buckley (seated far left, far right) facilitates English Language Conversation at the Great Neck Library. Station Branch, from October 8 to December 17 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at the Station Branch of the Great Neck Library, 26 Great Neck Road (2nd level) Gardens at Great Neck Plaza, above Best Market. Flyers in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, Farsi and Hebrew are available at all of the Great Neck Library locations.
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Lakeville Literary Club
WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 pm at the Lakeville Branch
Copies of the book will be available to registered patrons for pick-up at the branch of their choice. Participants must be registered by the first of the month by calling 516-466-8055, ext. 232 in order to guarantee receiving the book on time.

The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn
NOVEMBER 20
Anna Fox lives alone—a recluse in her New York City home, unable to venture outside. She spends her day drinking wine, watching old movies, recalling happier times, and spying on her neighbors. When Anna, gazing out her window one night, sees something she shouldn’t, her world begins to crumble—and its shocking secrets are laid bare.

The Library Book by Susan Orlean
DECEMBER 18
On the morning of April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. As the moments passed, the patrons and staff who had been cleared out of the building realized this was not the usual fire alarm. The fire was disastrous: it reached 2,000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

Parkville Pageturners
THURSDAYS at 1:30 pm at the Parkville Branch
Copies of the book will be available to registered patrons for pick-up at the branch of their choice. The club will not meet in December - Happy Holidays!

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
OCTOBER 24
Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live aboard their family’s Mississippi River shantyboat, until one stormy night when Rill is left in charge and strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. Rill fights to keep her siblings together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Caleb’s Crossing by Geraldine Brooks
NOVEMBER 21
Bethia Mayfield is a restless and curious young woman growing up in Martha’s Vineyard in the 1660s amid a small band of pioneering English Puritans. At age twelve, she meets Caleb, the young son of a chieftain, and the two forge a secret bond that draws each into the alien world of the other. Bethia’s father is a Calvinist minister who seeks to convert the native Wampanoag, and Caleb becomes a prize in the contest between old ways and new, eventually becoming the first Native American graduate of Harvard College. Inspired by a true story.

Non-Fiction Book Club
facilitated by Librarian Mimi Rabizadeh
TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 19 & DECEMBER 17 at 7:00 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room

Rising Strong by Brené Brown
As a theory researcher, Brown has listened as a range of people—from leaders in Fortune 500 companies and the military to teachers and parents—shared their stories of being brave, falling, and getting back up. What these people had in common was the ability to recognize the power of emotion and being unafraid of leaning into discomfort.

West Egg Book Club
TUESDAYS at 7:00 pm at the Station Branch
Please contact Reference early enough to obtain your copy of the book. Books may take 10 to 14 days to reach us from outside the Library. The club will not meet in December - Happy Holidays!

The Martian by Andy Weir
OCTOBER 29
Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he’s sure he’ll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he’s alive. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills, and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit, he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next.

Days Without End by Sebastian Barry
NOVEMBER 26
Thomas McNulty, aged barely seventeen and having fled the Great Famine in Ireland, signs up for the U.S. Army in the 1850s. With his brother in arms, John Cole, Thomas goes on to fight in the Indian Wars—against the Sioux and the Yurok—and, ultimately, the Civil War. Orphans of terrible hardships themselves, the men find these days to be vivid and alive, despite the horrors they see and are complicit in.

Are you or do you know someone in the District who is homebound and would like library materials delivered to them?

Please contact Nick in the Circulation Department at 516-466-8055, ext. 207 for information.

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**FILM MATINEES**

**THE PUBLIC**  
October 2 & 3  
2019, 120 minutes, PG-13  
Cast: Emilio Estevez, Jena Malone, Taylor Schilling, Christian Slater, Alec Baldwin, Michael Kenneth Williams, Gabrielle Union, Jeffrey Wright, Jacob Vargas  
An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold.

**TONI MORRISON: THE PIECES I AM**  
November 6 & 7  
2019, 120 minutes, PG-13  
Cast: Toni Morrison, Oprah Winfrey, Angela Davis, Walter Mosley  
Note: Documentary  
An artful and intimate meditation on the life and works of the acclaimed novelist. From her childhood in the steel town of Lorain, Ohio, to 70s-era book tours with Muhammad Ali, from the front lines with Angela Davis to her own riverfront writing room, Toni Morrison leads an exploration of race, America, history, and the human condition as seen through the prism of her own literature.

**POMS**  
October 16 & 17  
2019, 92 minutes, PG-13  
Cast: Pam Grier, Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Bhea Perlman  
An uplifting comedy about Martha, a woman who moves into a retirement community and starts a cheerleading squad with her fellow residents, Sheryl, Olive, and Alice, proving that it’s never too late to follow their dreams.

**ALL IS TRUE**  
October 23 & 24  
2019, 101 minutes, PG-13  
Cast: Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench, Ian McKellen  
The year is 1613, and Shakespeare is acknowledged as the greatest writer of the age. But disaster strikes when his renowned Globe Theatre burns to the ground. Devastated, he returns to Stratford, where he must face a troubled past and a neglected family.

**THE FRONT RUNNER**  
November 13 & 14  
2018, 113 minutes, R  
Cast: Hugh Jackman, Vera Farmiga, J.K. Simmons  
The 1988 presidential campaign for American Senator Gary Hart is derailed when he’s caught in a scandalous love affair.

**THE FAREWELL**  
December 11 & 12  
2019, 98 minutes, PG  
Cast: Awkwafina, Tzi Ma, Billi reluctantly returns under the joyful guise of an expedited wedding, uniting family members scattered among new homes abroad.

**FIDDLER: A MIRACLE OF MIRACLES**  
December 18 & 19  
2019, 92 minutes, PG-13  
Note: Documentary  
The first in-depth documentary film that chronicles the life and themes of this iconic offering of American culture.

**THE WHITE CROW**  
October 30 & 31  
1990, 127 minutes, R  
Cast: Oleg Ivenko, Ralph Fiennes  
Note: Russian with English subtitles  
With his magnetic presence, Rudolf Nureyev emerged as ballet’s most famous star, a wild and beautiful dancer limited by the world of 1950s Leningrad. His flirtation with Western artists and ideas leads him into a high-stakes game of cat and mouse with the KGB.

**AVALON**  
November 20 & 21  
1990, 127 minutes, PG  
Cast: Joan Plowright, Elijah Wood, Kevin Pollak, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Elizabeth Perkins, Aidan Quinn  
A powerful but quiet portrait of the breakup of the family unit as seen from the perspective of a Russian family settled in Baltimore at the close of WWII.

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Children’s

WINTER BREAK SHOWS!

Tickets available Thursday, December 12 at 8:00 pm at all GNL locations.

Stomp It Up Party
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 at 7:00 pm at the Main Library

Kids will hop, stomp, and rock to high energy sing-along concert. For 1 to 8 years with parent/caregiver.

Squeaky Clean Band
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 11:00 am at the Parkville Branch

Enjoy a lively program of classic songs from the 80s! For 2 to 10 years with parent/caregiver.

Winter Wonderland Music & Comedy Show
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 at 11:00 am at the Station Branch

This sensory-friendly bubble and comedy show is crafted to be inclusive for all children, including those on the Autism Spectrum. For 1 to 10 years with parent/caregiver.

Jester Jim Show
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 at 11:00 am at the Main Library

Juggling, balancing, and beatboxing, this show is packed with fun and excitement. For 2 to 12 years with parent/caregiver.

Our Storytime Format
Children’s language development is likely to progress more rapidly when they are given frequent opportunities to read to. Language development is the process by which children come to understand and communicate language during early childhood. Our Preschool Storytime programs help them develop both the language and skills before kindergarten. They will be taught simple songs, rhymes, nursery rhymes, and develop hearing, speech, and cognitive skills.

Stations

• Parents/caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the supervision of their children.

• Please call the Children’s Department to cancel your registration if you’re unable to attend.

• Please contact the Library when there is inclement weather before coming to a program.

Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K) today!

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Stop by any of our locations and pick up your starter kit!

Parkville Branch

Registration begins Wednesday, October 2 at 9:30 am (online only), 10:01 am in person or by phone at 516-466-8055, ext. 272 unless specified.

LEGO Night
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 1, NOVEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 3 at 6:30 pm

Children under 10 must have a grown-up with them. For all ages! No registration required.

Preschool Art Lab
MONDAYS, OCTOBER 7 to NOVEMBER II (Session I) & NOVEMBER 25 to DECEMBER 9 (Session II) at 4:15 pm

For 2-5 years with parent/caregiver. Registration begins October 2 for Session I and November 20 for Session II.

Tiny Tots Storytime
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 8 to NOVEMBER 12 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 26 to DECEMBER 10 (Session II) at 11:00 am

For 2 to 5 years with parent/caregiver. Registration begins October 2 for Session I and November 20 for Session II.

60-Second Challenge
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 8 to DECEMBER 10 at 2:15 pm

In this Minute to Win It-style game, compete against the clock and accomplish tasks in 60 seconds. For 3 to 5 years with parent/caregiver.

Children’s Crochet Club
WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 9 to DECEMBER 11 at 3:30 pm

For grades 3 to 6. No registration required.

Station Branch

Registration begins Wednesday, October 2 at 9:30 am (online only), 10:01 am in person or by phone at 516-466-8055, ext. 209 unless specified.

Toy Time
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 8 to NOVEMBER 12 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 26 to DECEMBER 10 (Session II) at 11:00 am

For 1 to 23 months with parent/caregiver. Registration begins October 2 for Session I and November 20 for Session II.

Pizza Month
Celebration MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 3:00 pm

Celebrate National Pizza Month by making your own English Muffin Pizza! For 2 to 10 years with parent/caregiver; siblings welcome.

Paper Planes
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 at 4:00 pm

Celebrate National Aviation Month by experimenting with paper planes! For all ages! Registration begins November 13.

Make a Difference Day FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 at 4:00 pm

Learn how you can make a difference in your community by creating a craft for a cause! Materials will be provided. For all ages! No registration required.

Preschool Storytime
WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 16 to NOVEMBER 13 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 27 to DECEMBER 11 (Session II) at 1:00 pm

For 2 to 5 years with parent/caregiver. No registration required.

Children’s Crochet Club
WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 9 to DECEMBER 11 at 3:30 pm

For grades 3 to 6. No registration required.
Winter Reading BINGO Club! DECEMBER 16 to JANUARY 24 (2020) at all locations during regular Library hours

Stop by the Children’s Department and pick up your BINGO card! Complete every activity to get a “Blackout Bingo” and receive credit when you hand in your completed card by January 18. Prizes must be claimed by January 31. For grades K to 6.

ALL TOGETHER STORIES SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 5 to DECEMBER 14 at 11:00 am Can’t make the weekday storytime? Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities. Geared for preschoolers - siblings welcome. No registration required.

PRESCCHOOL STORYTIME MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, & THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 7 to NOVEMBER 14 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 25 to DECEMBER 12* (Session II) at 11:00 am For ages 3 to 5 years with parent/caregiver. No registration required. *No class 11/28.

60-SECOND CHALLENGE MONDAYS, OCTOBER 7 to DECEMBER 9 at 2:15 pm In this Minute to Win It-style game, compete against the preschoolers - siblings welcome. For ages 3 to 5 years with parent/caregiver.

Toddler STEM MONDAYS, OCTOBER 7 to DECEMBER 9 at 6:30 pm Join us each week for a different activity and theme, from ABC’s and 123’s to dinosaurs and more! For ages 3 to 5 years with parent/caregiver.

CREATIVE CORNER TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 8 to NOVEMBER 12 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 26 to DECEMBER 10 (Session II) at 4:00 pm Join us as we explore, experiment in this open-ended art program. For ages 2 to 10 years with parent/caregiver. Registration begins October 1 for Session I and November 20 for Session II.

STEM EXPLORERS TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 8 to NOVEMBER 12 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 26 to DECEMBER 10 (Session II) at 6:30 pm Exercise design, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills in this science-based program. For ages 2 to 5 years. Registration begins October 1 for Session I and November 20 for Session II.

ITTY BITTY BABY (non-crawlers) WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 9 to NOVEMBER 13 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 27 to DECEMBER 11 (Session II) at 11:00 am Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books. For Infant to 9 months with parent/caregiver. Registration begins October 2 for Session I and November 20 for Session II.

THE GREAT GIVE BACK PROJECT OCTOBER 14 to 19 at 3:30 pm Make bracelets from recycled paper beads to support Reason2Smile, a non-profit that helps support the Jambo Jipya School and Children’s Home in Mtwapa, Kenya. For ages 7 to 12 years. No registration required. *No class October 16.

KIDS PLAY, PARENTS LEARN WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 16 to NOVEMBER 13 (Session I) & NOVEMBER 27 to DECEMBER 11 (Session II) at 4:00 pm Caregivers have an opportunity to socialize, make new friends and talk one-on-one with a community resource professional while the kids play! For preschoolers with parent/caregiver. Registration begins October 3 for Session I and November 20 for Session II.

Registration begins Wednesday, October 2 at 9:30 am (online only), 10:01 am in person or by phone at 516-466-8055 unless specified.

CRAFTS FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 15 & DECEMBER 6 at 4:30 pm Join us for storytime followed by creative activities! Parents are asked to remain with child during the program. For 2 to 10 years with parent/caregiver. Registration begins a week before each class.

DRESS A FRIDGE FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 29 & DECEMBER 13 at 3:30 pm Decorate a fridge to take home and enjoy - box included! For grades 1 to 6.

FROZEN FUN! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 at 11:30 am (grades K to 2) & 1:00 pm (grades 3 to 5) Have a blast as you create your own kingdom of Arendelle using LEGO bricks. For 3 to 10 years. Registration begins November 20.

QUICK MEALS WITH AIDAN DECEMBER 13 at 4:30 pm "Quick Meals with Aidan" is back to prepare delicious meals using the Instant Pot (pressure cooker)! Samples and recipes available. For all ages - please register separately for each class:
- Monday, November 4:
  - Breakasts (registration begins October 2)
  - Monday, November 4: Breakfasts (registration begins October 30)
- Monday, December 9:
  - Dinners (registration begins December 4)

PUMPKIN DECORATING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm Dress for a mess (costumes optional) and we will provide a small pumpkin, paint, and other surprises to decorate your pumpkin! For 3 to 12 years with parent/caregiver. Tickets required and available October 14 at 8:00 pm at all locations (1 ticket/pumpkin per child). No entry after 5:00 pm.

HALLOWEEN PARADE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 from 4:00 to 4:15 pm A Children’s Librarian will lead the scary parade starting from the Children’s Room and around the library to show off your costumes! Prizes available at designated stops while supplies last. For 2 to 7 years with parent/caregiver. No registration required.

MUSIC WITH CHRISTINA TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 19 to 21 & DECEMBER 17 to 19 at 11:00 am Build on your child’s natural enthusiasm for music and movement! For ages 2 to 7. No registration required.

KIDS CAN GROW: ORGANIC GARDENING FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 & 21 at 2:00 pm Build a compost pile, learn how to set up a garden bed, watering, weeding, and maybe even see a worm or two. For 6 to 12 years. Registration begins December 11.
FOR ALL AGES

1. **Fall Fun Laser Engraving**
   - **Location:** OCTOBER 2 at 4:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Course:** Wednesday, October 2 at 4:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Come join us in the STEM Lab to create a fall-themed laser engraving project.

2. **Meet the Maker!**
   - **Location:** OCTOBER 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Ryan Lee, a senior at Great Neck South High School, will demonstrate how a smart trash can sorts recyclables and non-recyclables using machine learning!

3. **Family Photo Magnets**
   - **Location:** OCTOBER 13 at 2:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Using our laser engraver, we will create one-of-a-kind magnets for the entire family to enjoy! Please come prepared with a family photo on your phone, e-mail, or flash drive.

4. **Light-Up Card**
   - **Location:** DECEMBER 7 between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm OR 2:30 and 5:30 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Stop in and learn about simple circuits while creating a cool personalized card that lights up!

5. **Kid Art Keychain Engraving**
   - **Location:** DECEMBER 15 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Turn your child’s art into a custom keychain that you can use as a gift or your own keepsake! Sign up for a 15-minute slot (each slot is enough time for up to a family of four.)

6. **Halloween Window Clings**
   - **Location:** DECEMBER 21 at 7:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Learn how to create spooky window clings for Halloween! Costumes encouraged - no talking about Episode IX will be allowed.

7. **3D Printed Cookie Cutters**
   - **Location:** NOVEMBER 3 at 1:30 & 3:30 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Make your own 3D printed holiday cookie cutters in this beginner level class! For all ages.

8. **3D Printing Classes at the Main Library**
   - **Location:** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 at 11:00 am at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Learn how to create folders, use shortcuts, organize your dock, and more! For adults.

9. **Great Give Back Tech Hour**
   - **Location:** OCTOBER 24 at 4:00 pm at the Main Library
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10. **Cybersecurity for Seniors**
    - **Location:** FRIDAYS at 2:00 pm at the Main Library
    - **Description:** Learn to stay safe, and more. Attendees must be 13 years or older.

11. **Computer Coding**
    - **Location:** MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 at 11:00 am at the Main Library
    - **Description:** Learn the basics of computer coding for adults. For teenagers and adults.

12. **Digital Paint Night**
    - **Location:** FRIDAYS at 7:00 pm at the Main Library
    - **Description:** Create a beautiful landscape using our Wacom Intuos drawing tablets and Corel Painter Essentials. Space is extremely limited! For teens and adults.

13. **Adult Crafty Hour**
    - **Location:** WEDNESDAY at 7:00 pm at the Main Library
    - **Description:** Crafts are subject to change.

VR & EMERGING TECH

1. **Learn GNL: Teen Hack Day**
   - **Location:** DECEMBER 7 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Teach a variety of new skills, from game development with Unity to building your first website!

2. **Raspberry Pi 101**
   - **Location:** TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 22 & 29 at 7:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Learn all about the Raspberry Pi computer and get a taste of what you can do with it! Intermediate to advanced computer skills required. Space is extremely limited! For teens and adults.

3. **Experience Virtual Reality (VR)**
   - **Location:** THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 24 & NOVEMBER 21 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Stop by to start your own virtual experience using our Oculus Go and Oculus Rift VR devices! Participants must be 15 years or older. Sessions last 15 to 30 minutes.

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5. **Website Creation**
   - **Location:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 at 11 am at the Main Library
   - **Description:** Learn basic web design and create your own website! For teens and adults.

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Teens

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Recycled Paper Beads - Bracelet: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 at 7:00 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 through FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 (drop-in) at the Lakeville Branch
Make a bracelet from recycled paper beads to support Reason2Smile, a non-profit in New York that supports the Jambo Jipya School in Mwtapa, Kenya.
No registration required for Lakeville.

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ACT Crash Course SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room
Learn strategies, tips, and tricks for each section of the exam. There will also be time for student questions. Bring a calculator, pen or pencil, and a notebook. For grades 9 and up.

Unraveling DNA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 7:00 pm at the Station Branch
Join us as Millennial Sense re-creates the revolutionary double helix strand (DNA) by using candy! All ages are welcome!

Lanyard Club WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 16 & DECEMBER 18 at 4:30 pm at the Station Branch
Come stitch cobras, boxes, barrels, twisting staircases, and more!
Lanyard will be provided. For all ages!
No registration required.

College Essay Writing 101 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 7:00 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room
Many students make mistakes writing about the wrong subject matter--this plagues even the best writers. Make sure you’re hitting all of the correct points as we outline the major pitfalls and how to choose your essay topic. Parents are welcome to attend.

Unfiltered Photo Shoot SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room
See yourself in a new light at the PAALS Unfiltered Photo Shoot. Have fun and inspire others by joining our social media challenge “My Life in Pics,” where you accurately portray yourself on social media! Bring a phone or thumb drive so you can walk away with your digital pics.

SAT Prep Course WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room
Students will spend each class on a different topic, addressing the strategies, tips and tricks for that section along with content and question review. Bring a calculator, pen or pencil, and a notebook to class.
$25 registration fee (includes course materials) will be collected at the first class. Cash or check made out to “GREAT NECK LIBRARY.” For grades 10 and up.

Your Path to College Admissions Success TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Station Branch
Learn how to build your best college admission foundation, differentiate yourself from all other applicants, determine which colleges are truly best for you, maximize your scholarship potential, and get colleges to say YES! Parents are welcome to attend.

Public Speaking 101 WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 20 & DECEMBER 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Main Library, Large Multipurpose Room
Do you hate making a speech in class? Come to the two workshops and learn how to speak with confidence using games, role playing and exercises in a non-stressful, fun, and effective manner.

FAFSA & Financial Aid Workshop WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Parkville Branch
Join Michael Turner from New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) for an informative presentation on FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the financial aid application process. Q&A will follow. Parents are welcome to attend.

For teens in grades 7 through 12. Register online, in person, or by phone at 516-466-8055, ext. 218 unless specified. Teens and parents register with their own library cards.
Please contact the Library when there is inclement weather before attending a program.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
Rosh Hashanah Eve: Sunday, September 29
Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 30 (Main & Parkville open; Station & Lakeville closed)
Yom Kippur Eve: Tuesday, October 8 (closed at 5:00 pm)
Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 9 (Main & Parkville open; Station & Lakeville closed)
Veterans’ Day: Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28
Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24 (closed at 1:00 pm)
Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25
New Year’s Eve: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 (closed at 1:00 pm)
New Year’s Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2020

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS
Meetings usually begin at 7:30 pm. Open to the general public.
Wednesday, September 18 at the Main Library
Tuesday, October 22 at the Parkville Branch
Monday, October 28 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm at the
Main Library & Parkville Branch (Annual Meeting/Election)
Tuesday, November 19 at the Main Library
Tuesday, December 17 at the Main Library

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Free Family Film Day of the
Gold Coast International Film Festival!
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
at the Main Library, Community Room

Great Neck Library is partnering with Gold Coast International Film Festival for a 75-minute program of short films for kids of all ages! Vote for your favorites and hear the winners announced at the end. Visit the Festival's website at www.goldcoastfilmfestival.org for more information.