**REVISED BRANCH HOURS WHILE MAIN BUILDING IS CLOSED FOR RENOVATION**

**STATION BRANCH**
- The Gardens at Great Neck, 26 Great Neck Rd (2nd level)
- **Monday**: 9 am - 9 pm
- **Tuesday**: 9 am - 9 pm
- **Wednesday**: 10 am - 9 pm
- **Thursday**: 9 am - 9 pm
- **Friday**: 9 am - 6 pm
- **Saturday**: 10 am - 6 pm
- **Sunday**: 1 - 5 pm

**LAKEVILLE BRANCH**
- 475 Great Neck Rd, Great Neck
- **Monday**: 10 am - 6 pm
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- **Sunday**: closed

**PARKVILLE BRANCH**
- 10 Campbell St, New Hyde Park
- **Monday**: 9 am - 9 pm
- **Tuesday**: 9 am - 9 pm
- **Wednesday**: 10 am - 9 pm
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- **Friday**: 9 am - 6 pm
- **Saturday**: 10 am - 6 pm
- **Sunday**: 1 - 5 pm

**LEVELS TEEN CENTER**
- **DAYS**: Monday - Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Sunday
- **HOURS**: Monday - Thursday: 4 - 10 pm, Friday & Saturday: 6 pm - 12 am, Sunday: closed

*Levels operating schedule will vary, depending upon school holidays.*

**Winter 2015 Film Series: “Take Two”**

Everything old is new again. These films with similar themes made years apart -- endure, captivate and delight over and over again. The Library’s film matinees will be held on Thursdays at the Station Branch at 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:30 pm).

- **January 8** .... **The Grand Seduction** (2014, 115 minutes, PG-13)
- **January 15** ..... **Local Hero** (1983, 111 min, PG )
- **January 22** ..... **Jersey Boys** (2014, 134 min, R)
- **January 29** ..... **Nowhere Boy** (2011, 98 min, R)
- **February 5** ..... **When Harry Met Sally** (1989, 95 min, R)
- **February 12** ..... **What If** (2014, 90 min, PG-13)
- **February 19** ... **The Railway Man** (2014, 108 min, R)
- **February 26** ... **The Deer Hunter** (1978, 184 min, R)
- **March 5** ...... **Big Night** (1999, 109 min, R)
- **March 12** ...... **The Hundred-Foot Journey** (2014, 122 min, PG )
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**AUTHOR VISIT**

**presented by the GREAT NECK LIBRARY**
**held at TEMPLE EMANUEL**
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 2 PM**

Gail Sheehy

The Great Neck Library presents world-renowned author, journalist, and lecturer, Gail Sheehy, at Temple Emanuel (150 Hicks Lane in Great Neck). Ms. Sheehy is the author of her recent memoir, *Daring: My Passages*, plus sixteen additional books. *Daring* is the chronicle of her trials and triumphs as a groundbreaking ‘girl’ journalist in the 1960s. She reveals the obstacles and opportunities she encountered when she dared to blaze a trail in a ‘man’s world’, and has changed the way millions of people worldwide look at the stages of their lives.

Her earliest book, *Passages*, was named by a Library of Congress survey as one of the ten most influential books of our times and stayed on *The New York Times* Bestseller List for more than three years. She was one of the original contributors to *New York* magazine and was a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* for more than three decades. Signed copies of *Daring: My Passages* will be available for sale at the conclusion of her talk.

Temple Emanuel is graciously hosting various Children’s and Adult programs while the Main Building is closed for renovation. Please see our Events Calendar for more information. Temple Emanuel parking is in the rear of the Temple. There is a rear entrance not far from the parking lot near the gardens. Call the Reference Department at 466-8055, ext. 218 for more information.
A Message from Board President
Marietta DiCamillo

Welcome to a new year and one that should prove to be a pivotal one in the history of the Great Neck Library as we embark on the construction phase of the Main Library renovations.

The Great Neck Library closed on the sale of its first tax exempt bonds on December 11. The $10.4M Dormitory of the State of New York (DASNY), Great Neck Library Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 produced net proceeds of $10.76M which are committed to be used for the renovation project.

The entire issue of the bonds was sold within three hours of the offering by Roosevelt and Cross on November 19th, and generated an original issue premium of nearly $660,000. The success of the sale had much to do with the Library garnering a “Aaa” rating from Moody’s thanks to prudent fiscal management under the guidance of our Library Board, our Treasurer, Josie Pizer and our Business Manager, Neil Zitofsky.

In its review, Moody’s looked at the last six years of summary General Fund revenues and expenditures, as well as six years of Balance Sheets and audit reports for 2013 and 2014. Also, working in the Library’s favor is our tax collection process via the School District which practically eliminates the risk of default.

It is believed that the Great Neck Library is the first public Library to receive a Aaa rating from Moody’s. The Aaa rating, as compared to an Aa2 rating, saves the Library an estimated 10 basis points (0.10%) in bond interest expense. This equates to just under $25,000 per year, or nearly $500,000 over the twenty year term.

On November 19, 2013, the voting public in the District approved a referendum for the $10.4M bond with a maximum annual debt service of $875,000. The average annual debt service payment has now been finalized at $733,000, a savings of nearly $2.8 million for local taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

At a Special Board meeting on December 8, your Library Board of Trustees officially selected VRD Contracting Inc. of Holbrook, Long Island as our contractor for the Main Library Renovations. VRD was selected as the lowest qualified bidder as part of the public bid process as vetted by our Dominic Calgi and David Chen of Calgi Construction and Russell Davidson of KF&K Architects.

The Town of North Hempstead is currently in the process of reviewing our permit applications. As soon as the permits are approved, the construction work will begin. An updated project timeline is available for your review on our Renovation webpage at http://www.greatnecklibrary.org/libinfo/libreno.php.

Our Main Library will remain closed for the duration of the project for the safety of both our patrons and Library staff and to shorten the construction timeline. Hopefully by now you have had an opportunity to visit at least one of our three branch libraries which have all had improvements made to better accommodate additional library materials, staff and patrons to serve our public during this renovation year.

Additional evening hours have been added to the Parkville Branch on Monday nights and the Lakeville Branch on Friday nights along with Sunday hours added at our Station Branch. Library Staff is investigating the viability of adding an external book drop adjacent to Bayview Avenue at the Main Library site for your convenience when returning materials on the north end of the peninsula.

We are thankful to our community partners, the Great Neck School District, the Great Neck Park District, Temple Emanuel, Temple Israel, and the Village of Saddle Rock for generously offering us access to programming space for Levels, Children’s and Adult programming. Details on all of our offerings are provided in this newsletter. Most of all we are thankful to you, our Library patrons for your support of our renovation project and for your understanding and patience during this renovation period.

Laura Weir, Great Neck Library Interim Director, will retire from the library system effective December 26. Laura has been the Interim Director since January 2013. She also was Interim Director from 2007 to 2008, following the retirement of former director Arlene Nevens. Her library career began as a clerk in the West Hempstead Library while attending undergraduate school at Hofstra University, and continued at the Elmont Memorial Library and the Long Beach Public Library before joining the Great Neck Library as Assistant Director on October 7, 2002.

Laura says she has been looking forward to retirement for quite some time. She is a member of the New York City Audubon Society and both the New York and Queens Botanical Gardens. She plans to spend a great deal more time outside enjoying the natural world. Laura says she will miss the camaraderie she enjoys with the staff of the Great Neck Library. She states that the staff has worked very hard to ready the transfer of library materials to the branches during the Main Library closure for renovation, and has taken the move in stride while working diligently to ready the branches for increased activity. We all wish Laura the very best for her retirement.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6
West Egg Book Group: Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan
The year is 1972, and the Cold War is far from over. England’s legendary intelligence agency M15 is funding writers whose politics align with those of the government in an operation code-named “Sweet Tooth.” Cambridge student Serena Frome, a compulsive reader, is selected to infiltrate the literary circle of a young writer named Tom Haley. How long can she conceal her undercover life?

Registration is ongoing as of December 1, 2014 at 10 am in person, online, or by phone at 466-8055, ext. 231. Books will be available about 1 month before program.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series: The Grand Seduction
(2014, 115 minutes, PG-13)
Cast: Brendan Gleeson, Taylor Kitsch, Liane Balaban, Gordon Pinsent
A small fishing village must procure a local doctor to secure a lucrative business contract. When unlikely candidate and big city doctor Paul Lewis lands in their lap for a trial residence, the townsfolk rally together to charm him into staying.

(door open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
Socrates Salon with Ron Gross
“Our Values, Ourselves” will be the subject of robust conversation at this meeting of the Salon. What are some of your most important values? Independence? Family? Prosperity? Health? Fulfillment? Power? Come prepared to share one of yours - and hear a host of others. Let’s astonish one another with the diversity and depth of our commitments!

(door open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series: Local Hero
(1983, 111 minutes, PG)
Cast: Burt Lancaster, Peter Riegert
Knox Oil and Gas of Houston is far removed from the North Sea oil it desires, and the sleepy Scottish seaside village of Ferness it wants to buy and replace with a refinery. Knox decides to send its ace dealmaker to negotiate.

(door open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
Parkville Branch AARP Defensive Driving Class
Register for a six-hour refresher driving course for drivers 50+
Get a reduction on points or a discount on insurance.
Please bring your lunch, as this will be a full day class.
Fee: $20 for AARP members, $25 for non-members.
Call 466-8055, ext. 273 10 am to 4:30 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series: Jersey Boys
(2014, 134 minutes, R)
Cast: Erich Bergen, John Lloyd Young, Michael Lomenda, Vincent Piazza, Steve Schirripa, Christopher Walken
The story of four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic 1960s rock group, the Four Seasons.

(door open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
New Beginnings Singles: Age 50+

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
Lakeville Branch
Lakeville Library Club: Wild by Cheryl Strayed
Wild tracks Strayed’s personal journey on the Pacific Crest Trail through California and Oregon, as she comes to terms with the devastating loss of her mother, her divorce, and her unpredictable reactions to it. Strayed does not want sympathy however, and her confident prose stands on its own, deftly pulling both threads into a story that inhabits a unique Riparian zone between wilderness tale and personal-redemption memoir.

Register online at www.greatnecklibrary.org, in person, or by phone at 466-8055, ext. 231 7 pm
February

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

West Egg Book Group: How It All Began by Penelope Lively

When Charlotte Rainsford, a retired schoolteacher, is accosted by a petty thief on a London street, the consequences ripple across the lives of acquaintances and strangers alike. A marriage unravelled after an illicit love affair is revealed through an errant cell phone message; a posh yet financially strapped interior designer meets a business partner who might prove too good to be true; an old-guard historian tries to recapture his youthful vigor with an ill-conceived idea for a TV miniseries; and a middle-aged central European immigrant learns to speak English and reinvents his life with the assistance of some new friends. Call 466-8055, ext. 234/235. 7 pm

**WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 4 - APRIL 8**

Parkville Branch Free AARP Tax Aide

AARP Tax Preparers will assist in preparing and filing simple federal tax returns online only, every Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm starting February 4 through April 8.

Registration for Tax Assistance appointments will begin on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 10 am. You must have an appointment and bring all relevant tax papers. Call the Parkville Branch at 466-8055, ext. 273 for details or to make an appointment.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series:

What if (2014, 90 minutes, PG-13)

Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Zoe Kazan

Wallace decides to put his love life on hold after being burned by bad relationships, but then meets Chantry. The two form an instant connection, striking up a close friendship. Still, there is no denying the chemistry between them, leading the pair to wonder: what if the love of your life is actually your best friend? (doors open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Socrates Salon with Ron Gross

At the Great Neck Salon you are welcome to a different kind of conversation. One with open-mindedness: listen to and respect all points of view; acceptance: suspend judgment as best you can; curiosity: seek to understand rather than persuade; discovery: question assumptions and look for new insights; sincerity: speak from your heart and personal experience; brevity: go for honesty and depth while being brief. Topics will be announced one month before the Salon. 3 pm

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Author Talk/Book Signing with Rick Ehrlich: A Little Consideration

Over the past 20 years, Richard Ehrlich has kept track of life’s smallest moments, by giving “a little consideration” to the things that take place around us every day. Borrowing that phrase for his title, Rick has compiled personal essays that reveal the constants of his daily routine. He shares his memories of gathering palms for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot and wearing his father’s prayer shawl. He makes sense of those moments by drawing from Jack Kerouac and Paul McCartney, as well as the Talmud and the Bhagavad Gita.

Born in Brooklyn, Rick grew up in Long Beach, has been teaching high school since 1986 and began teaching at Great Neck South in 1997, where he now teaches 9th and 10th grade. Books available for sale at the event. 2 pm

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series:

Railway Man

(2014, 106 minutes, R)

Cast: Colin Firth, Nicole Kidman, Stellan Skarsgard, Hiroyuki Sanada, Jeremy Irvine, Sam Reid

Eric Lomax is a British Army officer captured by the Japanese during WWII and sent to a POW camp, where he is tortured and forced to work on the Thai-Burma Railway. Years later and still suffering from the psychological trauma, he’s persuaded by his wife to confront one of his captors in an attempt to let go of a lifetime of bitterness and hate. Based on a true story. (doors open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Brown Bag Program: Meet Me at the Musee d’Orsay in Paris

Art Lecture/Slide Presentation by Louise Cella Caruso

The Musee d’Orsay is a world renowned museum at the center of Paris, formed from a silenced train station along the banks of the River Seine. Works by Monet and other Impressionists, as well as Degas, Cezanne, van Gogh, and Gauguin will be covered. Bring your lunch if you like!

Louise Cella Caruso is an art appraiser, art historian, and lecturer. Her research is ongoing and she is always developing new art shows to present to the public. 11 am

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Lakeville Branch Lakeville Literary Club: Inferno by Dan Brown

In the heart of Italy, Harvard professor of symbology Robert Langdon is drawn into a harrowing world centered on one of history’s most enduring and mysterious literary masterpieces—Dante’s Inferno. Against this backdrop, Langdon battles a chilling adversary and grapples with an ingenious riddle that pulls him into a landscape of classic art, secret passageways, and futuristic science. Drawing from Dante’s dark epic poem, Langdon races to find answers and decide whom to trust... before the world is irrevocably altered. Call 466-8055, ext. 222. 7 pm

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Parkville Branch Book Discussion: Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

A brilliant and suspenseful novel set in present day Appalachia. A young wife and mother on a faling farm in rural Tennessee experiences something she cannot explain. Her discovery energizes various competing factions—religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians—trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world. Call 466-8055, ext. 273. 1:30 pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Parkville Branch AARP Defensive Driving Class

AARP

Register for a six-hour refresher driving course for drivers 50+. Get a reduction on points or a discount on insurance. Please bring your lunch, as this will be a full day class. Fee: $20 for AARP members, $25 for non-members. Call 466-8055, ext. 273. 10 am to 4:30 pm
March

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
West Egg Book Group: The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett
When her corgis stray into a mobile library parked near Buckingham Palace, the Queen feels duty-bound to borrow a book. Discovering the joy of reading widely and intelligently, she finds that her view of the world changes dramatically. Abetted in her newfound obsession by Norman, a young man from the royal kitchens, the Queen comes to question the order of the world and lose patience with the routines of her role as monarch. Her new passion for reading order of the world and loses patience with the routines of her role as monarch. Her new passion for reading.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
Brown Bag Program: Speakers in Humanities
The Golden Age of Television: What Made the 1950s So Special for American TV presented by Brian Rose
American television was all set to launch in the late 1930s, but its progress was interrupted by the start of World War II. By the end of the 40s, NBC and CBS began broadcasting to their east coast affiliates, but by the end of the 50s, the era of live TV “theater” was over. This presentation will look at the forces that made this “golden age” such an intriguing chapter in TV history and why it was so short-lived.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series: Big Night
(1999, 109 minutes, R)
Cast: Ian Holm, Stanley Tucci, Tony Shalhoub, Minnie Driver, Isabella Rossellini, Marc Anthony
Set in the 1950s, this film provides an Old World/New World look at Italian brothers and their elegant but failing restaurant. (doors open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series: The Hundred-Foot Journey
(2014, 122 minutes, PG)
Cast: Helen Mirren, Om Puri, Manish Dayal, Charlotte Le Bon, Aamir Khan
Hassan is a culinary ingenu displaced from his native India. When he and his family settle in a quaint village in the south of France, they plan to open an Indian restaurant. However, Madame Mallory, the owner of a classical French restaurant, gets wind of it. Her cry protests against the new Indian restaurateur so near her own escate to all-out war, until Hassan’s cooking talent and love for Madame Mallory’s assistant escalate to all-out war, until Hassan’s.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
(2012, 128 minutes, R)
Cast: Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Tom Hardy, Mark Strong, Benedict Cumberbatch
At the height of the Cold War, an operation goes horribly wrong, and the head of British Intelligence wonders if a double agent is leaking secrets. Master spy George Smiley is brought out of retirement to expose the potential mole. As the emotional and physical tolls mount on the high-ranking suspects, Smiley will be forced into the ultimate spy game where everyone’s motives are in question. (doors open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
Take Two Thursday Film Matinee series: A Most Wanted Man
(2014, 121 minutes, R)
Cast: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Rachel McAdams, Robin Wright, Willem Dafoe
German intelligence agent Gunther Bachmann (Philip Seymour Hoffman, in his final starring role) must race against time to solve a perilous mystery: Is the half-Chechen, half-Russian Muslim who’s surfaced in Hamburg a victim seeking refuge, or a terrorist seeking revenge? (doors open at 1:30 pm) 2 pm

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT 3 PM
Anton Polezhaev with Yelena Polezhaev: Recital for Violin & Piano
Enjoy a recital of violin favorites from the classical, romantic, and virtuoso repertoire. Works featured include Paganini, Wieniawski, Sarasate, Kreisler, Bach, and others.
Violinist Anton Polezhaev was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1976, and began his musical studies at the Central Music School of Moscow State Conservatory. He won “Grand Prix” and gold medal at the International Violin Competition of Pierre Lantier in Paris, France, 1997. He has won numerous other competitions, awards and scholarships. Mr. Polezhaev was a member of the New York Philharmonic from 2002 to 2004, and was a member of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra from 2000 to 2002.

Accomplished pianist Yelena Polezhaev, and mother of Anton, has performed with her husband Vladimir throughout Europe, Canada, and the United States. Since coming to New York in 1998, they founded a successful music school and have appeared on various television and radio shows. Their programs include original classical masterworks as well as their own arrangements of Broadway, Folk, Tango, Gypsy, Klezmer, and Jazz music.
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The Great Neck Library

A Picture History of How We’ve Grown

Middle Neck Road
1892-1907

Arrandale Library
1907-1969

Main Library
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JANUARY 3 to MARCH 28
Read, Learn, Grow!
Saturdays 2 - 2:30 pm

JANUARY 12
Creative Comer
Mondays 5:15 - 5:45 pm

TUESDAYS
JANUARY 27 to MARCH 10
B’Twixt & B’Tween
5 - 6 pm

WEDNESDAYS
JANUARY 28 to MARCH 11
Totally Tweens
5 - 6 pm

THURSDAYS
FEBRUARY 19
Chinese New Year
10 am - 8 pm

FEBRUARY 7
MARCH 14
Family LEGO Day
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18
Row Circus
11 - 11:45 am

JANUARY 17 • FEBRUARY 21 • MARCH 1
B’Twixt & B’Tween
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JANUARY 20
MARCH 24
B’Twixt & B’Tween
Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:15 pm

ATTENDANCE

- JOIN A FUN FAMILY EVENT!
- MEET NEW FRIENDS!
- HAVE FUN!
- LEARN NEW SKILLS!
- ENJOY FREE ACTIVITIES!
- ATTEND A UNIQUE PROGRAM!

JANUARY 5 for January class and February 2 for February class.

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Or visit our Library website at www.greatnecklibrary.org, then click on Program Calendar & Registration.
**ALL BRANCHES**

**JANUARY 5 to 31**

**Once Upon A Winter Reading Club**

Join our Winter Reading Club! Beginning online Monday, January 5, 2015, participants will record and write a review of what they have read.

After the 31st, readers who have registered and reported on a minimum of 25 books (for children ages 3-6), 8 books (for children ages 7-9), or 5 books (for children ages 10-12), will be eligible to receive a prize bag. *Ages 3 - 12 with parent/caregiver.*

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**JR. LEVELS**

**MONDAYS**

**JANUARY 26 to MARCH 9**

**Arts & Crafts with Gabby Volano**

Parkville Branch 5 - 6 PM

Release your inner artist! Paint or draw a masterpiece, make jewelry and other crafts for yourself or friends! *Grades 5 - 6 ONLY. There will be NO classes the week of February 16.*

**TUESDAYS**

**JANUARY 27 to MARCH 10**

**Theater Games**

Parkville Branch 4 - 5 PM

Come in to create improvised scenes, play theater games, and laugh your face off! *Grades 5 - 6 ONLY. There will be NO classes the week of February 16.*

**WEDNESDAYS**

**JANUARY 28 to MARCH 11**

**Songwriters Workshop**

Station Branch 4 - 5 PM

Write hit songs with your very own melodies and lyrics! *Grades 5 - 6 ONLY. There will be NO classes the week of February 16.*

**THURSDAYS**

**JANUARY 29 to MARCH 12**

**Make a Mini Movie with Mike Meehan**

Station Branch 5 - 6 PM

Write, shoot, and edit your shorts! Each workshop will start with planning, then shooting and finally editing a short movie. Have fun with your friends creating comedies, thrillers, and dramas! *Grades 5 - 6 ONLY. There will be NO classes the week of February 16.*

**TEHPE EMMANUEL**

**150 Hicks Lane, Great Neck**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**Peter Pan**

11 am - 12 pm

cosponsored by Temple Emanuel

Fly away with the Darling children to Neverland, where Peter battles with a band of pirates and his arch enemy: the villainous Captain Hook. Peter is a daring, courageous and mischievous boy - an incurable prankster with a valiant heart. This live performance of the ageless story of love and bravery will leave you in Aaaaah!

*For Grades K - 6 with parent/caregiver. Tickets available Thursday, February 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Station and Parkville Branches, and Friday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lakeville Branch.*

Parking is in the rear of the Temple. There is a rear entrance not far from the parking lot near the gardens.

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**TEMPLE ISRAEL**

**108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck**

**TUESDAYS**

**JANUARY 27 to MARCH 10**

**Baby Romp**

Class A: 10:15 - 10:45 am
Class B: 11:15 - 11:45 am

**STORYTIME REGISTRATION**

Registration for January/February Story Time programs begins Wednesday, January 21, 2015!

Beginning 9:30 am, go online at www.greatnecklibrary.org, in person at 10:01 a.m., or by phone at 466-8055.

**ALL CHILDREN FROM INFANT THROUGH AGE 5 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CAREGIVER.**

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**STATION BRANCH**

**TOY TIME**

11 - 11:45 am (10 - 17 months)

Mondays: Jan 26
Feb 2, 9, 23 • March 2, 9

**BABY TIME**

2 - 2:30 pm (infant - 9 months)

Tuesdays: Jan 27
Feb 3, 10, 24 • March 3, 10

**LITTLE LISTENERS**

3 - 3:30 pm (ages 3 - 5)

Wednesdays: Jan 28
Feb 3, 10, 24 • March 4, 11

**STORIES FOR TOTS**

11 - 11:30 am (2 years of age)

Thursdays: Jan 29
Feb 5, 12, 26 • March 5, 12

**PARKVILLE BRANCH**

**LITTLE LISTENERS**

10:30 - 11 am (ages 2 - 5)

Tuesdays: Jan 27
Feb 3, 10, 24 • March 3, 10

**BABY TIME**

4 - 4:30 pm (infant - 9 months)

Wednesdays: Jan 28
Feb 4, 11, 25 • March 4, 11

**TOY TIME**

10:30 - 11:15 am (10 - 17 months)

Thursdays: Jan 29
Feb 5, 12, 26 • March 5, 12

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All children are required to have a valid Great Neck Library card at the time of registration.
Levels is a safe, supervised teen program that teaches leadership and responsibility by giving students the opportunity to conceive, organize, and complete projects in the various arts. We offer daily workshops and fun weekend events.

We also do several fully-staged theatre productions a year, all directed, produced, designed, and performed by teens seventh grade and up, a film festival featuring original movies created by students, an outdoor summer arts festival and much, much more. And our staff of experiencedworking artists can teach you how to do almost anything you can think of.

If you’re a local teenager and you have an idea for a project you want to do, or just want a cool place to hang out with friends, come down, say hi and find out what Levels is all about!

BUT WHERE DO YOU FIND US????????

GOOD QUESTION!

Due to the Main Library’s Renovation,
Levels has TWO new homes:

MONDAYS-THURSDAYS:
from 4:00-10:00 p.m. at
SADDLE ROCK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10 Hawthorne Lane,
Great Neck, NY 11023
(Enter through Main Entrance)
(516) 441-4460
(Levels operating hours may vary
due to school holidays and events)

FRIDAYS-SATURDAYS:
from 6:00 p.m. to midnight at
THE LIBRARY’S
STATION BRANCH
26 Great Neck Road,
Great Neck, NY 11021
(The Gardens of Great Neck
Shopping Center, on the
upper level, above Waldhaums)
(516) 466-8055 ext. 234

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 Improv, Webshow, Chess, Art Outside the Box, Sight/Singing and more. The following are highlights of Levels events. For a complete listing of all activities, check out the Levels Newsletter or visit our website at www.greatnecklibrary.org/levels/home.html

ALSO: SEE BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON LEVELS LOCATIONS
DURING THE MAIN LIBRARY’S RENOVATION!

Come “Under the Sea” with us as Levels presents our first theatre production in our new location! Disney’s The Little Mermaid will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 15, 16 and 17, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Saddle Rock Elementary School.

Based on the Disney animated classic, The Little Mermaid tells the tale of Ariel, a teenage mermaid who doesn’t fit in with life under the sea, and has developed a strong fascination with the world of humans, including the young and unconventional Prince Eric. Ariel defies her father, King Triton, and makes a bargain with the dangerous sea witch Ursula for the ability to live on land. But at what cost? The show features music by eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken, with lyrics by Oscar winner Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and book by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Doug Wright, based on the classic fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen.

The Disney Theatrical Group has chosen Levels to join a select group of theatre companies who will produce the first authorized amateur productions of Disney’s The Little Mermaid, in order to help Disney prepare the show for future licensing to amateur groups. The experiences that each pilot group has in creating their productions will be documented and will then help other community theatre groups find the best way to produce this show on a limited budget and amateur scale.

Levels’ production of The Little Mermaid is directed by student Jonathan Schindler, who most recently directed Levels’ Arsenic & Old Lace. Choreography is by Valerie Currie & Daisy Korman, with Jasmine Krause as assistant choreographer. Adi Sragovich is producer, set design is by Kimberly Shokrian & Elaine Zhang, costume design by Simona Fine & Rebecca Hirschhorn, prop design by Max Cruz and makeup design by Elora Adin & Supeet Gahal.

The cast and musicians, representing all five secondary schools, include Aryaman Bahri, Thomas Chang, Christine Cimipan, Ricky Cole-Lauro, Max Cruz, Nicole Cruz, Valerie Currie, Alexandra de Sadow, Simona Fine, Phoebe Gordon, Jasmine Guillen, MaureenGuy, Ryad Halimi, Noah Harouche, Rebecca Hirschhorn, Lawrence Ho, Welting Hong, Daisy Korman, Jasmine Krause, Nerissa Ng, Alexis Prambrancher, Molly Rasco, James Ryan III, ZB Serf, Charlotte Simone, Freddy Sion, Adi Sragovich, Omeed Tartak, Sam Trolor, Ally Weber, Ben Weber, Elaine Zhang and Esther Zu.

Admission is FREE. Tickets are intended to guarantee prime seating, and can be requested (while they last) at the Circulation Desks of all Great Neck Library facilities. Doors open 45 minutes before showtime for ticketholders and 15 minutes before showtime for non-ticketholders. Please contact us at levels@greatnecklibrary.org for more information!

Improv is the art of making up funny stuff on the spur of the moment. Most sketch comedians you’ve seen on TV, from Saturday Night Live to Fete Was Herman, the voice cast of The Simpsons and Flo from those Progressive Insurance commercials have training in improv — it’s a great way to build your comedy skills, or just become more confident performing in front of a group. No experience necessary – just come down and play with us!
LEVELS’ 2015
SPRING THEATRE
PROPOSAL MEETING!

MONDAY, JANUARY 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Levels produces several fully-staged plays and musicals every year, all chosen by students! So if you have an idea for what our next show should be (or if you just want to vote) come to this meeting! NOTE: To make things easier, please contact Barry at Levels IN ADVANCE of this meeting so he can help make sure your show is legally available! Please be aware that most shows that are currently running on Broadway or Off-Broadway in New York City will NOT be available to be licensed for amateur production in our area.

LEVELS ON THE WEB

e-mail levels@greatnecklibrary.org
website www.greatnecklibrary.org/levels/home.html
twitter Levels Teen Center
facebook Levels_WeDoThat
tumblr levels-wedothat.tumblr.com

ALL-NEW WORKSHOP:

GET FIT WITH CALISTHENICS!
...WITH KRIS

THURSDAYS at 5:00 p.m.

Can you use only your own body weight and a hard-to-spell word to help achieve a healthier body, mind and spirit? Bruce Lee -- the only man to defeat Chuck Norris -- certainly thought so! Loose-fitting clothes and a bottle of water recommended!

SELECTED WEEKEND EVENTS AT LEVELS
(for a full schedule of events, see the Levels Newsletter)

CHIN FACE CINEMA!
Saturday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.
Time to literally turn that frown upside-down, as you re-create scenes from your favorite movies and TV shows with an all-chin cast!

LEVELS WINTER LYMPICS
Friday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.
Go for the gold in crazy challenges you won’t find at any other olympics! NOTE: medals are cardboard, not gold. We’re on a budget.

VALENTINE CRAFT NIGHT
Friday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Valentine’s Day is tomorrow and you don’t have a gift for that special someone? WE CAN HELP! Come make something cool.

ANTI-DAY PARTY!
Saturday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Who needs Valentine’s Day anyway? Come anti-celebrate with activities that’ll let you tell the world “LOVE STINKS!”

IMPROV NIGHT
Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Think you’re funny? Come play theatre games with us like the ones on TV’s Whose Line is it Anyway? No experience necessary! Just come have fun!
**LIBRARY HOURLY CLOSINGS**

**New Year’s Eve**
Wednesday, December 31, 2014
(closes at 1 pm)

New Year’s Day
Thursday, January 1, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 19, 2015

Presidents’ Day
Monday, February 16, 2015

Levels will be closed December 22 through January 4.
Levels reopen at 4 pm on Monday, January 5.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
(open to the general public)

January 20 at the Station Branch
January 27 at the Parkville Branch
(Annual Reorganization Meeting)

Check the Library website at www.greatnecklibrary.org
for future meeting dates.

**GFL NEWSLETTER**

Debra Feldman, Programming/Editorial Assistant
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**Pay Your Fines Online with ECommerce**

ECommerce is an online payment system that allows you to pay your fines and bills in excess of $3 via the Library’s online catalog. You simply log into your library account by entering your name and library card number. Click the link to your Unpaid Fines and Bills and follow the instructions.

When you have completed your transaction, a receipt will be emailed to you. To print the receipt, right-click on the receipt and click Print. In order to see the change in the amount you owe, please exit from your library account and log back in.

You can use ECommerce from the Library’s public computers or any computer with an Internet connection. Ecommerce is designed for use by you, the patron, without staff intervention; however, staff will be available to assist you by telephone or in person during Library hours.

Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are accepted, and debit cards must display the logo for either MasterCard or Visa. Please call the Circulation Department at 466-8055, ext. 203 with any questions.

**WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 4 - APRIL 8**

**Parkville Branch**

Free AARP Tax Aide
Beginning February 4, 2015, AARP Tax Preparers will be at the Parkville Branch on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist in preparing and filing simple State and Federal tax returns online.

You must have an appointment and bring all relevant tax papers. Registration for Tax Assistance appointments will begin on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Call the Parkville Branch at 466-8055, ext. 273 for details or to make an appointment.