

# Hillside Public Library Newsletter

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## **Welcome 2026 at the Heart of Our Community!**

As winter unfolds in New Hyde Park, the Hillside Public Library is your cozy hub for learning, connection, and creative spark.

With the new year upon us, we invite you to shake off the chill and step inside a world of discovery. From engaging storytimes and youth activities to adult workshops and community gatherings, there's something warm waiting on every shelf and in every program room!

# Adult Programming Highlights

Visit [www.hillsidepubliclibrary.info/events](http://www.hillsidepubliclibrary.info/events) for a complete list of programs and to register for events

**2026 READING CHALLENGE**

**POETRY**

We challenge you to read through our list in 2026!

**SHORT STORIES**

Complete some or all of the categories on our list by January 2, 2027 and you could win a library prize.

**ROMANCE**

**MYSTERY**

How many categories can you complete? Visit the library for the complete list of categories.

**SCIENCE FICTION**

You can register in person or online. Visit the reference desk or use this link to sign up.

**GRAPHIC NOVEL**

<https://forms.gle/xzxcc2mTg1QQV6g79>

**Hurray for Love!  
Sing Along with Marilyn McClean**

**Wednesday, February 11  
at 7pm**

A Valentine Sing-A-Long with favorite love songs from Pop to Broadway sure to warm your heart

**Social Security:  
Your Questions  
Answered**

**Thursday,  
February 12  
at 6:30pm**

This seminar will cover how Social Security fits into your retirement income plan, and what to consider as you decide when you start taking benefits.

**Tai Chi Beginner:  
Tuesdays at 12pm**

March 10, 17, 24, 31  
April 7, 14

**Tai Chi Advanced:  
Tuesdays at 1:15pm**

March 10, 17, 24, 31  
April 7, 14

Please note patrons can only sign up for 1 set of classes.

Registration for out of district patrons begins Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 10am.

# Juvenile Program Highlights

Visit [www.hillsidepubliclibrary.info/events](http://www.hillsidepubliclibrary.info/events) to register for events and get the latest information on dates. For a complete list of programs, please visit our site.

## P.I.E.: PLAY-IMAGINE-EXPLORE (In-Person)

- Feb. 20th 11:30am. Ages: 12 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver) [Click to Register!](#)
- Feb. 24th 11am. Ages: 12 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver) [Click to Register!](#)

Play promotes healthy development and learning. Your child will engage in interactive play and develop literacy skills through hands-on activities.

## On the Go Crafts! (Curbside)

- February 12. 12pm-7pm. All Ages- only for Children! Topic: Valentine Day Crafts [Click to Register!](#)
- February 23. 12pm-7pm. All Ages- only for Children! Topic: Polar Pal Crafts [Click to Register!](#)

**Cuddly Penguin Stuffed Animal Workshop!**  
February 10. 5pm. Ages: 4 years & Up.  
Stuff your very own adorable 15' Waddles Penguin to love at home! Materials Fee: \$8  
[Click to Register!](#)

**Going for Gold! – Pajama Story Time!**  
February 11. 5:30pm. Ages: 4 – 7 years  
Get into the Olympic spirit with stories, songs, and games all about skiing, skating, and more! Don't forget to wear your pajamas!  
[Click to Register!](#)

**Time for Kids: My Little Valentine!**  
February 13. 10:30am.  
Ages: 18 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)  
Come join A Time for Kids, Inc. as we explore in this family fun preschool program. Music, movement storytelling and make a Valentine Craft! [Click to Register!](#)

**Now Showing: Dog Man (2025)!**  
February 18. 3:30pm.  
All Ages with Parent/Caregiver  
Watch the newest Dog Man movie with a doggone good snack and create a paws-itively amazing craft! [Click to Register!](#)

**Brushstrokes & Beyond: Fantastical Winter Art!**  
February 24. 5pm. Grades: 3-6  
Explore a variety of art mediums, materials and techniques to create an unique and Expressive winter masterpiece! (Bring a smock)  
[Click to Register!](#)

**Game on! Chess Night**  
February 26. 4pm. Grades: 2-4  
Coach Mike is back with all new Chess adventures! Both new players & experienced players welcome!  
[Click to Register!](#)

**This N' That with Miss AllyKat**  
February 27. 10:30am.  
Ages: Birth- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)  
Stories, rhymes and giggles & wiggles!  
[Click to Register!](#)



**INTRODUCING LIBRARY CHEF: JOIN NOW!**

Live Online Cooking Classes for All Ages!

- Adults: 3 Live Classes/Month
- Kids & Teens: 2 Live Classes/Month

**What's Cooking?**

- Engaging Nutrition Sessions
- Surprise Guest Chefs
- On-Demand Replays Anytime!

No Zoom Needed:  
Just Log In with Your Library Card!

The graphic includes images of a chef, a child in a chef's hat, and fresh produce.

## February - Weekly Story Times

**Snuggle Tales StoryTime:**  
Dates: 2/9

**Itsy Bitsy Tales:**  
Dates: 2/11, 2/25

**Story Adventures:**  
Dates: 2/25

# Tween & Teen Programming Highlights

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## Winter Reading Challenge

Grades 5-8 & Grades 9-12



For the month of February:

- Pick up a reading challenge board from the library
- Complete each task on the challenge
- Hand in to a librarian to receive a prize
- All who complete the challenge will be entered in a raffle to win our grand prize

## CHOCOLATE LOVERS SHOWDOWN

Vote each week for your favorite Chocolate Combo! See if your favorites made it to the next round.

Receive a Small Sweet Treat for voting.  
Please vote only 1x per week/round.

Voting is for our YOUTH patrons (Kids/Tweens/Teens).  
Located in the YA Room.



### Valentine Hanging Art

Friday February 13th @ 5:00 PM

Grades 5 – 12

Registration begins January 30th

Decoupage a wooden heart for Valentine's Day. A perfect gift for a loved one.

\$3 Materials Fee. [Click to Register!](#)

### Virtual Tea Tasting: Topic TBA

Thursday February 19th @ 7:00 PM

Ages: Teen – Adult

Registration begins February 5th

Samples teas all different types of tea in the comfort of your own home. Learn & sip while you watch our virtual presentation with our librarian Ms. Ambadjes. All teas can be picked up the week of the program.

### Chess Night

Thursday February 26th @ 5:00 PM

Grades 5 – 12

Registration begins February 12th

Coach Mike is back with another fun night of chess! Learn techniques & strategies while playing with

friends. Both new & experienced players are welcome.

[Click to Register!](#)