

Hillside Public Library Newsletter

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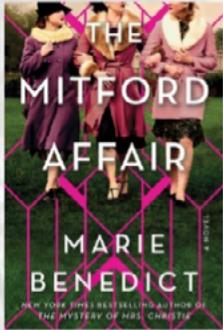
Welcome 2026 at the Heart of Our Community!

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 for a complete list of programs and to register for events



FICTION LOVES HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30pm

Between the World Wars, the six Mitford sisters dominate the English political, literary, and social scenes. Though they've weathered scandals before, the family falls into disarray when Diana divorces her husband to marry a fascist leader and Unity follows her sister's lead, inciting rumors that she's become Hitler's own mistress.

2026 READING CHALLENGE

POETRY

We challenge you to read through our list in 2026!

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.

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

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

SHORT STORIES



SCIENCE FICTION

Loving Yoga

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

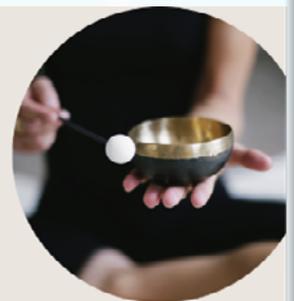
VIRTUAL

January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April 14, 21



Somatic Movement & Sound Healing

Monday, January 26 at 6pm



Somatic Movement helps you release tension, restore balance, and awaken the body's natural flow of healing energy. As soothing sound vibrations fill the space, you'll be guided into deep relaxation – harmonizing your body, mind, and spirit.



\$5.00 materials fee due at least a week in advance of the program.

Juvenile Program Highlights

Visit 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.

On the Go Crafts! (Curbside)
January 20. 12pm-7pm.
All Ages- only for Children!
Topic: Perfectly Penguin Crafts
[Click to Register!](#)

- P.I.E.: PLAY-IMAGINE-EXPLORE (In-Person)
- January 17. 11am. Ages: 12 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver) [Click to Register!](#)
 - January 20. 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.

Play Hooray
January 16. 10:30am.
Ages: 9 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)
Stories, music and movement activities with Mollie Mouse!
[Click to Register!](#)

This N' That with Miss AllyKat
January 23. 10:30am.
Ages: Birth- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)
Stories, rhymes and giggles & wiggles!
[Click to Register!](#)

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! with Ms. Cindy Wong!
January 29. 5pm. Ages: 5 years – 8 years
Come make a salt snowflake art and see the color spread through the salt for a sparkly and fun effect.
Registration begins January 16.
[Click to Register!](#)

Arctic Explorers with Johnda!
January 15. 4:30pm. Ages: 7- 10 years
Explore the amazing arctic! Can you identify different snowy footprints? How do Arctic animals survive the extreme cold? Discover the answer to these mysteries and more and make a snowy craft to take home!
[Click to Register!](#)

Hula Hoop Extravaganza
January 22. 4pm. Grades: 1-4
Join the fun with a night of Hula Hooping madness! Learn different techniques with friends.
[Click to Register!](#)



**VALENTINES
★ For VETS**

ASSEMBLYMAN
ED·RA
19th Assembly District

ASSEMBLYMAN ED RA is partnering with the Hillside Public Library to collect Valentine cards/ messages and personal care items for local veterans at the Long Island State Veterans Home and the Northport VA.

SUGGESTED ITEMS:
personal care items (toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap etc.), scratch off tickets, winter hats, athletic socks, puzzle books/ adult coloring books & crayons, white boards & thin dry erase markers, magnifying glasses or sheets, new clothing items (sweatshirts, sweatpants, & undershirts)

NOTE:
For ease of card delivery, please do not use glitter.

DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 6th

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Please call Assemblyman Ra's office at 516-535-4095.

Show Our Local Veterans How Much We Appreciate Their Sacrifices!

January - Weekly Story Times

Snuggle Tales StoryTime:
Dates: 1/12, 1/26

Itsy Bitsy Tales:
Dates: 1/14, 1/21

Story Adventures:
Dates: 1/14, 1/21

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Early Learning Academy

Tween & Teen Programming Highlights

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Cozy Winter Showdown!

Vote each week for your favorite cozy winter item! See if your favorites made it to the next round.

Receive a small sweet treat for voting.

Please vote only 1x per round/week.

Located in the YA Room.
Voting is available to our youth patrons (kids/tweens/teens).



The Northern Lights:
Earth's Extraordinary
Light Show!

Monday, January 12th
5:00 PM
Ages: 7 - 10 years

Registration Now Open!



Hula Hoop Extravaganza!

Grades 5 - 12

Thursday January 22nd @ 5:30 PM
Registration will begin January 8th

Spin round & round! Join our hula hoop extravaganza & learn different tips & tricks with friends.



Creative Pens!

Friday, January 30th
5:00 PM
Grades: 4 & Up!

Pen lovers unite! Create your own personalized handmade pens.

Material Fee: \$4
Registration now open!