

# Hillside Public Library Newsletter

**October 2025**

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## **Welcome to Fall at the Library**

Autumn is in full swing here in New Hyde Park! October brings cooler days, colorful leaves, and plenty of reasons to cozy up with a good book or join us for one of our many seasonal programs. From spooky stories to family activities and fall reading favorites, there's something for everyone this month at Hillside.

# Adult Programming Highlights

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



**HALLOWEEN DIORAMA**

Wednesday, October 1 at 6pm

Get your spooky season off to a great start!  
Create your own fun mini Halloween scene.

Craft materials will be provided,  
patrons are encouraged to bring their own materials.

The poster features a dark orange background with silhouettes of a spiderweb, a ghost, a graveyard, and pumpkins.



**PUMPKIN PAGEANT**

OCTOBER 4  
10:30am

Pick out the perfect pumpkin and get it all dressed up for the season.

All ages welcome

The poster shows several carved jack-o'-lanterns on a wooden surface.



**Our Solar System**

Thursday, October 9 at 6pm

Learn about the origins of the solar system.

Ages 10+

The poster features a black background with a large yellow sun and several planets in orbit.



**Property Tax Assessment Seminar**

Wednesday, October 15 at 6pm

Mary Jo Collins, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of North Hempstead, will speak about property tax exemptions and other services available through her office.

To reserve your seat, please email [gounarisg@northhempsteadny.gov](mailto:gounarisg@northhempsteadny.gov)  
516-869-7800

Reservations are not required but are recommended as seating may be limited.

The poster includes an image of a house and stacks of coins with the word 'PROPERTY TAX' written on them.



Calling all who love to knit, crochet, sew, embroider or quilt!  
Are you looking for a fun and creative way to work on your projects, and learn and share new tips and tricks from others?

**Join The Needle Artists group**  
Mondays  
1-3 pm

The poster is a collage of images showing various needlework projects like knitting, crocheting, and quilting.

# Juvenile Program Highlights

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

- October 7. 11am. Ages: 12 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)  
Registration begins September 26.
- October 24. 11am. Ages: 12 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)  
Registration begins October 13.
- October 30. 1:30pm. Ages: 12 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)  
Registration begins October 20.

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)

- October 9. 12pm-7pm. All Ages- only for Children!  
Topic: Halloween Spook-tacular Crafts  
Registration begins September 26.
- October 21. 12pm-7pm. All Ages- only for Children!  
Topic: Frightfully Fun Crafts  
Registration begins October 10.

## Play Hooray

October 10. 10:30am. Ages: 9 months- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)  
Stories, music and movement activities with Mollie Mouse!  
Registration begins September 29.

## Time for Kids - 5 Little Pumpkins:

October 17. 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 Pumpkin Craft!  
Registration begins October 6.

## Art Explorers: Mommy & Me!

October 29. 4:30pm.  
Ages: 2 -4 years (with parent/caregiver)  
A special creative time for you and your little artist! Explore a variety of art materials, experience new textures and celebrate being messy!  
Registration begins October 13.

## Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Thursday, October 9. 5pm.  
Ages: 4- 5 years (with parent/caregiver)  
Enjoy toys, games, puzzles and engaging hands-on activities that build math, literacy and reading readiness skills!  
Registration begins September 26.

## Saturday Stories & Games!

October 25. 11am. Ages: 4 -5 years  
Stories, games, and movement activities.  
Registration begins October 13.

## Halloween Hauntings – Story & Craft

October 15. 5pm. Ages: 6- 9 years  
Join us for some eerie stories and a spook-tacular craft!  
Registration begins October 3.



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## Happy Diwali! - Just Crafting Around!

October 14. 4pm-6pm.  
All Ages with Parent/Caregiver  
(while supplies last!)  
Celebrate Diwali by stopping in the Children's room and create a decorative craft with your loved ones! No registration required.

## Spooky & Frightful - Just Crafting Around!

October 23. 4pm-6pm.  
All Ages with Parent/Caregiver  
(while supplies last!)  
Celebrate Halloween by stopping in the Children's room and create a spooky craft with your loved ones! No registration required.

## Zombie Laser Tag!

October 16. 5pm. Grades: 1-4.  
A night of fun, where the library is transformed into a battle arena! Can you survive the zombie attack? Come dress as your best walking dead zombie!  
Registration begins October 3.

## Stemtastic: Candy Launchers!

October 22. 5pm. Ages: 7-10 years  
Stand back trick or treaters-these launchers will blast candy right into your treat bag. We'll design and build our own launchers so you can take giving out treats to the next level of fun!  
Registration begins October 10.

## Edible Slime!

October 24. 4pm. Grades: 1-4  
Learn the science of slime with this gooey & edible lab with everyday food & snack items!  
Registration begins October 10.

## Spooky Stories to Tickle & Tingle Your Spine!

October 28. 5:30pm.  
All Ages with Parent/Caregiver  
Multi-talented storyteller and puppeteer, Lu Ann Adams will share a collection of not-too-scary stories of tricksters, pumpkins, and ghosts followed by a Halloween Spooky Snack!  
Registration begins: October 13.

## October- Weekly Story Times

### Snuggle Tales StoryTime:

Dates: 10/20, 10/27

### Itsy Bitsy Tales:

Dates: 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29

### Story Adventures:

Dates: 10/1, 10/8

This year the Hillside Public Library is again participating with fellow Long Island libraries in "The Great Giveback" program.



Please consider donating the following items to the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island to help make Halloween a little more festive for the families staying at the RMHLI during medical treatment. Donations accepted through October 30th!

#### Items Most Needed

Paper Towels	Deodorant
Laundry Detergent Pods	Disposable Razors and Shaving Cream
Swiffer Sweeper Dry and Wet Pads	Combs/Brushes
Dishwashing Liquid and Detergent	White Towels
Disinfecting Wipes	Gift Cards ( <i>Stop &amp; Shop, CVS, Target</i> )
Hand Sanitizer	Can Openers
Disposable and Cloth Masks	Disposable Plates, Cups and Silverware
Disposable Diapers; Baby Wipes	Baking Pans



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## Stories, music, crafts and more at our upcoming Storytimes...

### Weekly Toddler Storytimes

Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM  
Ages: 12 mo-4 yrs (with parent/caregiver)

### Special Monthly Storytimes

- Pajama Storytime
- Ready, Set, Kindergarten
- Story and Craft
- Story Adventures

Storytimes will begin the week of September 29th  
Visit [hillsidepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar](http://hillsidepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar) to register!

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# Tween & Teen Programming Highlights

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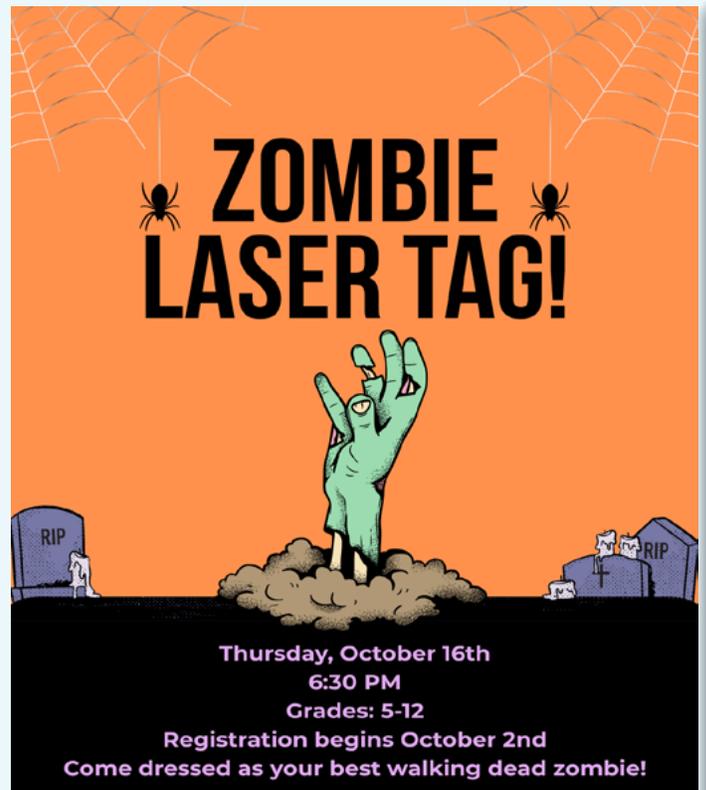
## Fall Fun Showdown!

*Vote each week for your fall activity! 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).*



**ZOMBIE LASER TAG!**

Thursday, October 16th  
6:30 PM  
Grades: 5-12  
Registration begins October 2nd  
Come dressed as your best walking dead zombie!

The poster features a green zombie hand reaching up from a tombstone in a graveyard. The background is orange with spider webs and spiders.



## Fall 2025 Volunteer Opportunities



*Our YA Volunteer Club is taking a small break this Fall, but will return in the Winter! In the meantime students in **Grades 9 - 12** can earn Volunteer Credit by signing up for a monthly book review. Follow the below instructions:*

1. Use your library card to pick a book from our YA Room & check it out. The book must be from our regular YA section (not Junior High & not Test Prep). \*Make sure you pick your book & check it out with your card **before** signing up - you will need the book information when registering. You will also need your library card number when signing up as well. All Volunteers must have their own library card.
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  3. On the registration you will find a book review form to fill out.
  4. Read your book. You can hand in your book review form either in person to the YA Room or via email ([yabooksreviews@hillsidepubliclibrary.info](mailto:yabooksreviews@hillsidepubliclibrary.info)). The book review can be handed in anytime from October 20th - 31st.
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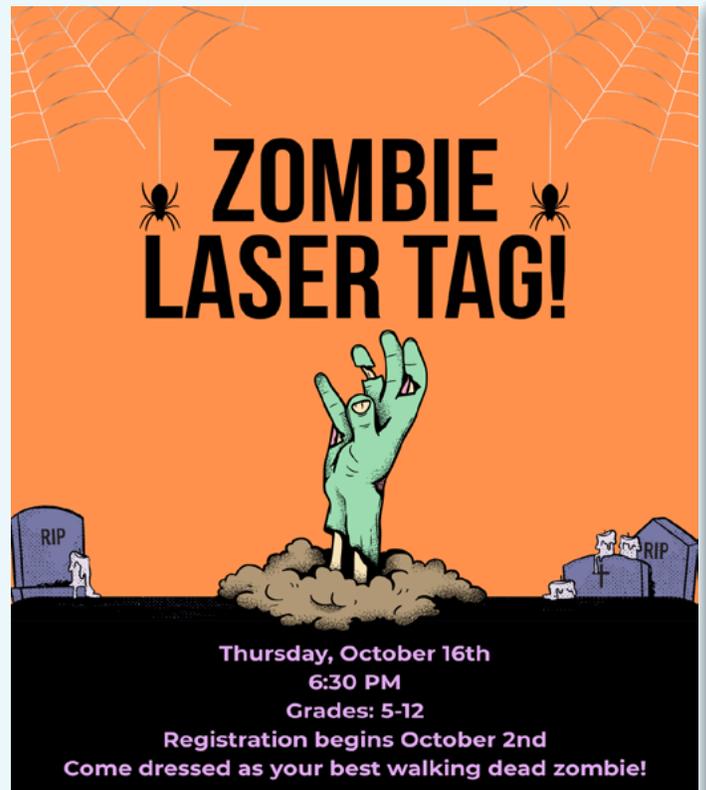
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