

South Country Library Notes

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March/April 2009



THE BIG READ

Dinner and a Discussion:

The Joy Luck Club


by Amy Tan

Thursday, April 2, 2009,

6:30 p.m.

Let The Big Read Begin! Join fellow readers across Long Island as we read, watch and discuss Amy Tan's stunning novel, *The Joy Luck Club*.

Lucky registrants will receive their

own copies of both the book and the movie to keep and will enjoy a delicious Chinese feast at our discussion. Space is limited! Register starting March 5th. 

About *Encore*

Encore, available now through the Library's website, allows users a new interface to uncover all of the rich and varied resources the Library has to offer. From one simple box in which you type your query, *Encore's* search results will include everything in the County Catalog, plus some databases or images. Go to <http://sctylib.org> to get to the South Country Library's website and look for the link for *Encore Search* in the left side menu.

PROGRAM ALERTS BY E-MAIL

You can now receive South Country Library Adult Program alerts via e-mail! It's easy and convenient!

Simply send an e-mail to programs@sctylib.org and type into the SUBJECT LINE the names of the categories (listed below) for which you would like to receive information. You can choose one, many, or all categories. Then, we'll send you updates, details and registration procedures about the Adult Programs that fit your categories. Don't miss this opportunity to receive up-to-the-minute, personalized information from South Country Library. We look forward to hearing from you!

CATEGORIES (choose one, many, or ALL)

CONCERTS - events featuring a variety of music from classical to rock and anything in between.

CRAFTS - programs where you get to make and take home something you've created yourself such as crocheting, painting, or jewelry making.

EDUCATION - programs to inform and educate on a variety of subjects including computers, cooking, or defensive driving.

HEALTH - programs about health, fitness, and personal wellness such as yoga, weight loss or meditation classes.

SPECIAL EVENTS - programs that are new, different, and exciting such as trips, family events, exhibits, and more.

National Library Week

April 12-18, 2009

Come celebrate National Library Week with South Country Library! All week long we will be showcasing our favorite films, books, and music. Don't miss our special display located in the main part of the Library. Details for Children's National Library Week programs begin on page 2.



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Earth Day Art: Wednesday, April 22

Make and Take Craft. For children all ages through grade 5 and an adult. Drop by the Children's Department anytime between 3 and 4:45 p.m. to make a simple craft. No registration necessary.

Book Safe: Wednesday, April 22, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Here is a great project for Earth Day! Think green and keep your valuables secure and hidden by making a hollowed out secret book safe. For grades 6 through 12. Register with the Young Adult Department.

Great Junk Art Competition: Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Get creative with your garbage! For children with a parent, or teens. You'll learn about recycling and then have fun playing with trash as you compete against the clock to design a cool sculpture with a mystery theme. Your creations will be photographed and displayed on the Library's web site. Bring clean recyclables (cans, bottles, jars, old CD's, bags, boxes, etc.) to use and to share. We'll provide the rest. Register by phone in the Adult Reference Department starting Monday, March 2nd.



Children's corner

- ◆ Registration for all programs starts Monday, March 2nd. Please bring your library card with you to register.
- ◆ You may register by phone starting Tuesday, March 3rd.
- ◆ Initial registration is limited to four programs per child. Starting Monday, March 9th, you may sign up children for additional programs.
- ◆ We are no longer registering school-aged children for our programs. Instead, we will be handing out numbered tickets on a first-come, first-served basis for K-5th programs, beginning **30 minutes before each program**, until we have reached the maximum number of spaces allotted for that program. We hope this will provide more opportunities for children to get into programs.
- ◆ Please remember that it is the responsibility of parents to supervise their own children's library use and materials selection.
- ◆ Please call the Library if your child will be late for pre-K programs. The reserved space in a workshop will be held for five minutes after the program begins. After that, the place will be given to any stand-bys who are waiting.

For all ages through grade 5 and an adult

Make and Take Craft. Drop by anytime between 3 and 4:45 p.m. to make a simple craft. No registration necessary! **Frog Prince Sign: Monday, March 23**
Bookmark Bonanza: Tuesday, April 14
Earth Day Art: Wednesday, April 22



Seuss Celebration:
Wednesday, April 15, 3:30-4 p.m.
 Come hear a Dr. Seuss book and visit the activity stations. Bring your camera to photograph your child with the *Cat In The Hat*. No registration required.

Celebrate libraries and reading during
National Library Week
April 12-18!

Participate in special activities throughout the week:

- Pick up book-related activity sheets and coloring sheets.
- Enter our raffle to win a book.
- Participate in our Good Books Bulletin Board display.



Monday, April 13: Drop Everything And Read Day.

No registration necessary! Stop by the children's room and hear staff reading aloud at the beginning of each hour. Hear picture books, poems by Shel Silverstein and Jack Prelutsky, and more. Celebrate reading with us!

Tuesday, April 14: Make and Take: Bookmark Bonanza. No registration necessary.

Family Book Bingo. Registration required. Details on page 3.

Wednesday, April 15: Seuss Celebration! No registration necessary. Details above.

Thursday, April 16: "Stained Glass" Bookmark. Details on page 3.

Friday, April 17: If You Give A Mouse A Cookie. Registration required. Details on page 3.

Pre-three programs

Library Playdate: Ages 1-5 AND an adult. Monday, March 2, 11-12 noon. Come to the Library, meet other families, play with the Library's toys and enjoy this informal playgroup. No registration necessary.

Shake, Rattle & Read: Ages 12-30 months AND an adult. Saturday, March 14, 11-11:30 a.m. OR Wednesday, March 25, 6-6:30 p.m. OR Monday, April 20, 11-11:30 a.m. Hear a song, sing a song, and explore musical instruments. Siblings welcome. Sign up for one or all.

Dog-Gone Cute Bank: Ages Newborn to Pre-Crawling AND an adult. Monday, March 16, 11-11:30 a.m. Interact with baby during circle time and then make a bank that is so "dog-gone" cute.

Family Fun- Tick Tock: Ages 2-5 AND an adult. Thursday, March 19, 6-6:30 p.m. Hear a "timely" story, sing a song and make a clock craft.



Mother Goose: Ages newborn -18 months AND an adult. Wednesday, March 18, 5-5:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, April 7, 1-1:30 p.m. OR Saturday, April 11, 11-11:30 a.m. Sing, say and play along with Mother Goose rhymes. Siblings welcome. Sign up for one or all.

Babies Boogie: Ages 3-24 months AND an adult. Monday, March 23, 11-11:45 a.m. This creative movement to music program uses multicultural music and instruments to encourage music appreciation and improve motor skills.

Movement and Music: Ages 1-4 AND an adult. Sign up for Monday, April 6, EITHER 10-11 a.m. OR 11-12 noon. Come ready to dance, sing, and have fun moving around.

Programs for children ages 3-5

Pre-Schoolers Craft Time: Ages 3-5 AND an adult. Thursday, March 12, 10:30-11 a.m. Make a fun craft for St. Patrick's Day.

Leprechaun Grass Head Guys: Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Friday, March 13, 10:30-11 a.m. Hear a story and make a leprechaun who will grow green hair.



Programs for children 3-5 cont'd.

Mrs. McTat's Cats Story & Craft: Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. **Thursday, March 19, 11:30 a.m.-12 noon.** Hear a story about Mrs. McTat and her cats and then create a cat craft yourself.

Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies: Ages 3-5 AND an adult. **Friday, March 20, 11-11:45 a.m.** Make a bunny craft, listen to a bunny story and hold and pet real live bunnies.



Toddler Storytime: Ages 2½-3½ AND an adult. **Fridays, March 27, April 3 & 10, 11:30-12 noon.** Join us for stories, finger plays, and songs. This is a 3-week program.

Easter Basket Craft: Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Sign up for EITHER **Thursday, April 9, 11:30 a.m.-12 noon** OR **Friday, April 10, 1-1:30 p.m.** Make your own Easter basket, and then dye a hard-boiled egg to put in it.

Baa Baa My Sheep: Ages 3-5 AND an adult. **Thursday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.-12 noon.** Hear a story and make a fluffy little lamb to take home with you.



If You Give A Mouse A Cookie Story & Craft: Ages 3-5 AND an adult. **Friday April 17, 11:30 a.m.-12 noon.** Hear the story and then see what happens when kids get a cookie!

School age programs for grades k-5

There will no longer be pre-registration for our K-5 programs. Instead, children will receive numbered tickets on a first-come, first-served basis beginning **30 minutes before each program** until the maximum spaces allotted are filled. We hope this will provide more opportunities for children to get into programs.

Evolution of the Video Game: Grades 2-5. Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, & 31, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Experience the evolution of the video game. We will try out four different game systems over the four weeks.

Refrigerator Magnets: Grades K-5. Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-7 p.m. Make a magnet to put on your refrigerator to display your schoolwork.

Create Paint: Grades K-5. Monday, March 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kids will mix ingredients to make their own paint and use them to create a masterpiece!

Puzzling Pictures: Grades K-5. Monday, March 30, 6:30-7 p.m. Create your own puzzle by designing it yourself.



"Hairy Potter:" Grades K-5. Thursday, April 2, 6:30-7 p.m. Design a funny faced pot that will grow its own hair.

Flying Bee Picture Frame: Grades K-5. Monday, April 6, 6:30-7 p.m. Create a picture frame that you can use.

Family Book Bingo: Grades K-5 and their families. Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Come play bingo with your favorite book characters.

Hats Off To You! Grades K-5. Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-7 p.m. Create a party hat just for you.



"Stained Glass" Bookmark: Grades K-5. Thursday, April 16, 6:30-7 p.m. Make a pretty multi-colored bookmark.

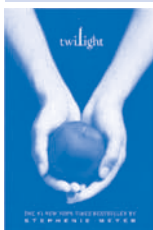
Puzzled: Grades K-5. Monday, April 20, 6:30-7 p.m. Make a frame or room sign using puzzle pieces.

Personal Puzzle Box: Grades 2-5. Thursday, April 30, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Create a unique magnetic puzzle to use in your metal puzzle box. You can also make top secret messages to share with friends.

Young Adults

ALL YA PROGRAMS ARE FOR GRADES 6-12

Reading and Writing Programs:



Book Discussion

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer
Friday, March 20, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Come join us in a lively book discussion about the most popular vampire saga. First ten people signed up will get a free copy of **Twilight**. Trivia games and cool prizes too!

Teen Tech Week Raffle: March 8-14

Enter our Teen Tech Week raffle and you could win a cool prize! All you have to do is answer these questions: If you could make any futuristic tech gadget what would you make? What would your gadget do? **Prize: Best Buy Gift Card.** Forms are available at the Teen book display.

D.I.Y Crafting and Hobbies:



DIY Custom Gadgets: Monday, March 9, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Customize your cell phone, mp3 player or hand held video game with cool rub on decals.

DIY Earbud Holder: Tuesday, March 10, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Nothing is worse than tangled earbuds. Protect your headphones with these custom earbud holders.

Lego Wall-e: Wednesday, March 11, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

You are never too old for Legos! Learn how to make a tiny Wall-E robot out of Legos in this hands-on workshop. Limited to 10 teens.

ALL YA PROGRAMS ARE FOR GRADES 6-12

Buttons and Badges: Wednesday, April 15, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Buttons and Badges are back! Make pin backed buttons of your favorite characters, stars, athletes, bands or design your own image.

Book Safe: Wednesday, April 22, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Here is a great project for Earth Day! Think green and keep your valuables secure and hidden by making a hollowed out secret book safe.

Films and Video Games:

Mario Kart Wii Competition: Friday, March 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Go-Kart madness with Mario and the gang. Prizes for the best and fastest drivers.

After School Gaming: Wednesday, March 18, 3-5 p.m. and Monday, April 13, 3-5 p.m. Get your game on after school! Play the most popular video games for the XBOX 360 and Wii. Snacks will be served.

Friday Flicks

Twilight:

Friday, March 27, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Twilight is here. Come watch Edward and Bella and their vampire gang on our big screen.

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist:

Friday, April 24, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

You loved the book and you will love the movie. Nick and Norah's hilarious New York adventure is not to be missed.

Rock Band 2 Competition: Friday, April 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Rock Band is back with a whole new set list and now is the time to reunite your band. Come join our Rock Band 2 gaming competition where we will have prizes for the best bands.



Anime Club: Inuyasha Fest: Wednesday, April 29, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Come watch *Inuyasha the Movie: Affections Touching Across Time*, make a couple kawaii craftaku projects, eat some snacks and have fun with your otaku buddies.

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Gain a New Skill!

Digital Media Workshop: Introduction to iWeb Friday, March 13, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Learn how to build a website with Apple's iWeb program. Add pictures, YouTube videos, mini apps and more.



Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G): Thursday, April 16, 3:30-5:00 p.m. What would you do to make the Young Adult department better? What programs would you like to see? Join the T.A.G group and make a difference. **Pizza is always on hand and Volunteer Credit is available for participants.**

Adult Programs

BOOKS and LITERATURE

Book Discussion:

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Book available April 3. 

See **"Big Read"** program info. on page 1.




CLUBS

Bridge Club: Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 1-3:30 p.m.

Join the fun, meet and play. No registration is required.

Current Conversations: Mondays, March 9, 23, April 6, 20, 1-2:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join friends as Dr. Stanley Gochman moderates discussions on current topics including world events, politics, and more! Your ideas are essential so, we'll provide cookies and you bring the conversation. 


Mah Jongg Club: Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Enjoy this ancient Chinese game with friends and fellow enthusiasts. We have two sets for you to share or you can bring your own. No registration is required.


Fireplace Literary Club will meet **Wednesday, March 11, 2:30 p.m.** at Brookhaven Free Library and **Wednesday, April 8, 2:30 p.m.** at South Country Library.

COOKING and CRAFTS

Irish Soda Bread: Thursday, March 12, 7-8 p.m.


Learn to make this Irish favorite to bake at home just in time for your St. Patrick's Day celebration. There is a non-refundable fee of \$3 due at the time of registration.  \$

Savory Savings: Wednesday, March 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

Chef Charlie is back to show you how to create delicious meals on a budget. You'll watch a demonstration and taste the recipes. There is a non-refundable fee of \$7 due at the time of registration.  \$



Malibu Tile : Moroccan Style Art to Wear: Tuesday, March 31, 7-8 p.m.

Carrie Malandrino teaches the history of ceramic art form, its Moorish influenced design and its specific color palette. Used originally as a decorative, architectural element, these designs create unique and beautiful necklaces. There is a non-refundable fee of \$3 due at the time of registration.  \$

Adult Programs continued

COOKING and CRAFTS continued




Let's Do Lunch: *Wednesday, April 29, 7-8:30 p.m.*

Not sure what to pack in your brown bag every day? Try out one of Chef Charlie's tasty lunch recipes. You'll get to watch a demonstration and taste the results. There is a non-refundable fee of \$7 due at the time of registration. 📞 \$

COMPUTER CORNER


Computer 3rd Grade:

Friday, March 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn to work with graphics and use Windows drawing and painting tools. You'll use copy, cut and paste with both text and graphics. 📞 

Computer 4th Grade:


Friday, March 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This workshop provides an understanding of the Windows file management structure including drives, folders and files. Creating folders, copying and moving files, and deleting folders and files will be addressed. 📞 



Computer 5th Grade:

Friday, March 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn to use the Windows Desktop to enhance the user's work environment. Saving files to the desktop, moving to and from My Documents and the Recycle Bin, creating folders and icons on the desktop and display properties are all included. 📞 


Computer 6th Grade:

Friday, April 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Set up and install new programs, uninstall existing programs, use Windows Help, Search Documents and Control Panel. 📞 

Introduction to Microsoft Excel:

Friday, April 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including creating, editing and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more. Prerequisites: You should have completed Computer Kindergarten for Grownups, Computer 1st Grade for Grownups and Computer 2nd Grade for Grownups or have equivalent knowledge prior to taking this course. 📞 

Program Registration Key:

*Unless otherwise noted,
all adult program registration is immediate and ongoing.*



Call Reference to register at 286-0818.



In-person registration is required.



A fee is due at the time of registration. Payment methods may be restricted. See program description for details.




For South Country Library card holders only. Out of district residents may register beginning one week before date of program.

NOTE Your space in a program will be held for only 10 minutes after the program begins. After that, the place will be given to any standbys that are waiting.


Intermediate Microsoft Excel:

Friday, May 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn more about the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including functions, working with ranges, columns and rows, and much more. Prerequisites: You should have completed Computer Kindergarten for Grownups, Computer 1st Grade for Grownups, Computer 2nd Grade for Grownups and Beginning Excel or have equivalent knowledge prior to taking this course. For intermediate and advanced computer users. 📞 

EDUCATION and ENTERTAINMENT

Defensive Driving: *Monday and Tuesday, March 16 & 17, 6-9 p.m. OR Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

Course completion entitles you to a 10% discount on vehicle liability, personal injury protection, and collision insurance for 3 years; and a reduction of up to 4 points on your driving record every 18 months. Fee of \$27, by check or money order only, payable to Empire Safety Council. 📞 \$ 

DAYTIME SPECIALS

Check out our CLUBS section and our THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES for more great programming during the daytime.

Focaccia Bread: *Thursday, March 19, 2-3:30 p.m.*

An Italian favorite! Make fantastic focaccia bread to take home and bake with The Baking Coach! There is a non-refundable fee of \$5 due at the time of registration. 📞 \$

Bagels & Bingo:

Wednesday, April 1, 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Five in a row, four corners, or full board, have fun with your friends as we play bingo, and share a snack. Small prizes will be awarded. 📞



Get To Know Your Gadgets: Cell Phones:

Tuesday, March 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

In this lecture and demo workshop, you will learn all about using your cell phone's features including making and receiving calls, entering data, using the Address Book, Camera, Text Messaging and much more. Bring your cell phone and manual. 📞

Concert



New York Exceptions *Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.*

The **New York Exceptions** will bring their highly acclaimed act to our library on Sunday, March 15, 2009. The band plays an eclectic mix of rock, pop, soul and doo-wop from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. They have received rave reviews all across the tri-state area. We promise you will not be disappointed! There is no registration necessary for our concerts. Performances begin at 2:00 p.m. with light refreshments served following the event.

Adult Programs continued



Treasure Under Your Feet: Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

"As an artist, my canvases are my treasured rugs. Each design has its own story and soul."

— Hans Boujaran

Are you walking on a work of art? Designer, Hans Boujaran will teach you how to identify beautiful, authentic rugs and determine their value when he presents this intriguing and interactive lecture. In addition,

you'll learn Mr. Boujaran's fascinating story which has taken him from working on tapestries in Tehran to owning his own Antique Rug Galleria in the village of Southampton where he features his own gorgeous designs. ☎

You and Your Big Ideas: An Inventor's Adventure: Tuesday, March 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

Think you've got the invention of the century? Brian Fried, President of the Suffolk County Inventors and Entrepreneurs Club, inventor and author, will be here to tell you how to turn your great idea into a reality covering the patenting process, licensing, manufacturing, marketing and more! Five lucky attendants will receive free signed copies of Brian's book! ☎

DeClutter Your World for Spring: Tuesday, April 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

Intimidated by spring cleaning?

Join Jennifer Ryan, Certified Professional Organizer, for this workshop which will motivate you to tackle piles and projects in your attic, basement, garage, or on your dining room table. Come and have fun as you plan your way to a more organized environment. ☎



HEALTH and WELLNESS

Yoga: Mondays, March 23, 30, April 6, 20, 27, May 4, 4:30-6 p.m. OR 6:30-8 p.m.

All levels are welcome to this six-week series during which we will be focusing on standing postures. This is an active class and is not suitable for individuals with serious medical conditions, recent surgeries or for pregnant women. Contact the instructors, Lillian and Nick at 286-3890 with questions before registering. There is a non-refundable fee of \$30 due at registration which begins immediately. ♿ \$ ☐

Cancer as a Hero's Journey: Thursday, March 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

Whether as a patient, family member, friend, or supporter, few of us have been untouched by cancer. Transform your views and become empowered when Peter Maniscalco presents his inspiring story and teaches you how to become your own hero in your personal journey. ☎

5 Simple, Healthy Habits to Get You in Shape for Summer: Tuesday, April 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

Begin to look as good as you feel! Margaret Marshall presents this fun and interactive workshop to show you how to walk away from the habits that are holding you back and walk toward the life you desire! Drawing on her 20 years of experience in the weight loss industry, Margaret will teach you practical and inspirational ideas for achieving your weight loss and health goals in time for the summer season, and for the rest of your life. ☎

Is Your Sleep Keeping You Awake?: Thursday, April 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Registered sleep technologist, Brendan Duffy, coordinator of St. Charles Sleep Center, takes a look at sleep disorders that may be keeping you awake at night, including snoring, sleep apnea, and restless limb syndrome.

He will also explain what happens at a sleep center and when to discuss your symptoms with your doctor. ☎



HELP and INFORMATION

Child/Family Health Plus: Wednesdays, March 11, and April 8, 3-6 p.m.

Low or no-cost health care coverage is available through New York State. A representative will be at the Library to help you learn about and enroll in any of the managed care plans that participate in these programs, or Medicaid if eligible. For information about what you need to bring in order to enroll, please call (631) 656-9783 or (631) 435-3000. **No Registration Required.**

HELP and INFORMATION continued

Senior Advocate: Mondays, March 9 and April 13, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fatimah Lateef of the Suffolk County Office of the Aging is back to help you with questions about services and programs for seniors, paperwork for Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, HEAP, and senior ID cards.

No Registration Required.



Free Tax Assistance: Mondays & Tuesdays, March 2 – April 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(Registration required.)

South Country Library is pleased to be a partner with AARP in presenting their Free Tax Assistance Program again

this year. This is a free, volunteer-run, tax counseling and preparation service, available to all seniors age 60 and over, and other low and middle income taxpayers. The service is intended to provide basic tax help, and is by appointment only. Volunteers are available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call the Reference Desk at 286-0818 to make an appointment. ☎

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies

We will be showing two films in March and April. All films start at 2 p.m. We no longer have evening showings. We will serve cookies. Look on the Library's website or call Reference at 286-0818 for more information. Keep in mind that the films scheduled could change based on availability.

March 12:
Beverly Hills
Chihuahua
(PG)
91 minutes



March 26:
The Boy in
the Striped
Pajamas
(PG-13)
94 minutes



April 9:
Seven
Pounds
(PG-13)
123 minutes



April 23:
Bedtime
Stories
(PG)
99 minutes



NO INCREASE TO TAXPAYERS FOR LIBRARY'S BUDGET

In these tough economic times, we know our patrons rely on the Library more than ever. This year, the Board of Trustees has decided that we will be able to keep the portion of the levy upon the taxable property that is collected for South Country Library the same as last year. We can do this while continuing to offer you the best service we can.

The South Country Library is able to take this prudent action because we have practiced good fiscal management and invested our money so that we have the funds to operate in the coming fiscal year and can repave the parking lot using the same amount of tax dollars as last year.

Also, we have begun to receive money from the Caithness project which will help us defray the cost of anticipated increases for FY 2009-2010 and at the same time allow us to increase the book budget.

By keeping our share of the levy on taxable property the same, the Trustees and staff want to show our appreciation for all the support our patrons have given us in the past. We hope you will come out to vote in the Trustee election on April 14 and continue to use and enjoy the South Country Library.

SOUTH COUNTRY LIBRARY BUDGET

	2008-2009	2009-2010
INCOME		
Tax Appropriation	2,328,700	2,328,700
Other Income	229,460	356,088
Fund Balance	214,720	65,000
Tax Anticipation Note Interest from Fund Balance	40,000	40,000
Parking Lot	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	2,812,880	2,789,788
EXPENSES		
Materials, Programs & Services	356,120	365,789
Books, videos, audiobooks, Playaways, CD's, DVD's, downloadables, periodicals, children's materials, reference sources, computer software, programs		
Salaries & Benefits	1,624,622	1,583,562
Salaries, separation payout, insurance social security, retirement EAP		
Library Operations	174,000	162,000
Online catalog & maintenance, library supplies, phone, postage, publicity, printing, travel & conference, professional fees, equipment & maintenance, budget/trustee election		
Building Operations	214,000	233,000
Fuel, utilities, custodial supplies, building repair, insurance, service contracts		
Capital Improvements	71,000	71,000
Buildings, technical equipment, PO taxes, other equipment		
Debt Services	333,138	334,437
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	40,000	40,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,812,880	2,789,788

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

The date for district residents to vote for the Library's Trustees will be **Tuesday, April 14, 2009** at the Library. You will be electing three trustees to three-year terms and one trustee to fill a term expiring in 2010. The four nominees who garner the largest number of votes will be elected. Newly elected trustees will be seated at the May 21 meeting of the Board. This is your chance to participate in the support of a truly local democratic institution. Please remember to come to the Library and cast your ballot.

BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room at the March Board Meeting.

VOTING DAY

Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Applications for absentee ballots are available from the office of the Clerk of the School District (Administrative Offices, 189 N. Dunton Ave., East Patchogue, NY) beginning March 23, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all days that the School District is in session.

WHO CAN VOTE

You must be a registered voter. You may register to vote in a Library election if you are a citizen of the U.S., 18 years of age, and have been a resident of the South Country School District for at least 30 days.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Re-registration is required if a person has not voted within four years in a general, school, or library election.

Voter registration begins immediately on all days that school is in session, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and will end on April 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., at the office of the Clerk of the School District (Administrative Offices, 189 N. Dunton Ave., East Patchogue, NY).

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On Display

March

For 2009, the Library seeks contributors for our monthly displays. Objects or collections of historic or artistic merit with owners who are willing to arrange their own displays will be considered. If you're interested, please call the Library and ask for the Director: 286-0818.

April

Nature Photos

by Bellport photographer

John Heidecker.

Mr. Heidecker's preferred subjects are birds and native wild orchids. His display will include natural subjects mainly from New York, New Jersey and Long Island wildlife refuges and natural areas.

South Country Library Board of Trustees Meetings

Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Library Holiday Closings:

Sunday, April 12: Easter Day



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