



MONTAUK LIBRARY

Books are just the Beginning!

SPRING REVIEW 2017

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure and delight to inform our Montauk community that our seven-member Library Board of Trustees continues to work tirelessly with our Director and staff to provide a wide variety of programs, materials and services ranging from the new Senior Technology series, great fitness programs, *Family Place Libraries™* pre-school to parenting programs, cultural programs, film series, lectures and so much more. The Library's new extended hours allow us to offer even more great programs and events, bringing year-round full service. Please take advantage of all we have to offer...there's something for everyone!

Joan Lycke

President,
Montauk Library
Board of Trustees



FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Since I assumed the position of Children's Librarian almost two years ago, things have changed drastically in the Family Room! Many of those changes have occurred in the past calendar year and include reconfiguration of the space and shelving, new computers and educational toys, increased and more diverse programming for children of all ages, and our status as part of the *Family Place Libraries™* national network.

A major change made in the Family Room was creating a computer bar for tweens and teens that looks out onto the Serenity Garden on the Library's property. The workspace features three MacBook Airs, comfy barstools and a beautiful view. It's a perfect spot to do homework, work on a group project, or play computer games with friends!

In the spring of 2016 the Library formally launched the *Learn, Play, Grow* parent/child workshop for parents and children between the ages of 12-36 months. *Learn, Play, Grow* is a five-week workshop featuring an hour of learning through play in our community room—transformed with a wide variety of terrific educational toys. Additionally, each workshop features a professional in a different area of early childhood expertise that parents can speak with. *Learn, Play, Grow* is generously co-sponsored by the Friends of the Montauk Library, the East Hampton Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of East Hampton and the Montauk Lions Club, all of whom helped make this program a reality! The next five-week session will begin on Saturday, April 22nd through Saturday, May 20th. Sign up is ongoing and we encourage anyone interested to take part in this fantastic program.



Jackie Bitonti with students getting their library cards on a school trip

Last year's summer season was busier than ever, with over 120 children and teens signing up for our Summer Reading Club! Children read a combined total of over 1,300 books during the course of the summer. I am so proud and impressed by the young readers of Montauk—what an accomplishment! Participants who read books received raffle tickets for different prize bundles, with prizes including Minecraft toys and Kindle Fires. We also had wonderful children's programs like the "That's Amore" Magic Show, Jackson Pollock Drip Painting, Ice Cream Making, and Frogs, Bugs and Animals!

The children's department is looking forward to more wonderful programs throughout 2017, including the continuation of the *Learn, Play, Grow* parent/child workshops, Summer Reading Club, Bi-Lingual Story Time, Lego Club, Krafty Kids Clubs, Family Movie Matinéés, Sharing Music with Lori—and much, much more. If you haven't visited us in a while, stop in and see all the wonderful new things we have to offer—I'd love to meet you all!

Jackie Bitonti
Head of Youth Services

2017-2018 Operating Budget
Vote and Trustee Election

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WEDNESDAY
APRIL 26, 2017
11 AM - 7 PM

VOTE INCLUDES:

1. To vote upon the Library Budget Tax Appropriation and Budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018; and
2. To elect three Trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Montauk Library for Five (5) year terms commencing July 1, 2017 as a result of the expiration of the terms of office presently held by Lynda Bostrom, James Donna and Priscilla Stein.

Voter Registration in the Library:

Monday, April 17, from 2-6 PM

Public Information Session:

Monday, April 17, at 6:30 PM

Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the Clerk of the Montauk Union Free School District. Applications must be received at least 7 days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Election.

See next page, for more information on the Proposed Operating Budget and Trustees running for election.



A LETTER FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Some aspects of life in Montauk may slow down “off season.” But for all of us on the Library Board, there’s really no down time. During those so-called “off-season” months, the Library’s Board of Trustees is busy planning for the year ahead – from policy making to budgeting to long-range planning and more.

In spring 2017, the Library will be involved in two building projects while putting the finishing touches on our budget that will be on the ballot for the library vote on April 26, 2017. The two construction projects are necessary to keep our building well-maintained. We are looking forward to replacing our 25+ year-old roof this spring and replacing the automatic doors with new, safer equipment. The good news is that Library Director, Denise DiPaolo, was successful in securing New York State Public Library Construction Grants to offset over 50% of the cost of these projects.

Ms. DiPaolo has worked closely with the Library Trustees to prepare the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget which is included in this newsletter. Although our taxes support a portion of the Library budget, we obtain important support from grants and other contributions. For example, just during the past four months, Ms. DiPaolo was able to secure external grants for more than \$7,000 which helps offset some of the anticipated operating costs. Furthermore, your contributions to the Friends of Montauk Library, plus their fine fundraising efforts have enabled the Friends to provide over \$11,000 of support to the Library since July. Those two revenue streams are very important for sustaining the Library and expanding our programs for the entire community to enjoy.

Our annual budget provides the framework for Library operations. The Library board monitors the financial performance of the Library very closely and I am happy to report that the Library continues to maintain a responsible and efficient financial position.

Marilyn Levine
Financial Secretary,
Montauk Library
Board of Trustees



MONTAUK LIBRARY PROPOSED 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET

	APPROVED 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018
OPERATING EXPENSES		
PERSONNEL SALARIES & EXPENSES	585096	614000
OFFICE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT & REPAIR	16500	17000
TECHNOLOGY	9500	10000
PRINT MATERIALS & PROCESSING	23000	23000
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	5000	5000
LIVE-BRARY DOWNLOADABLES	14000	16000
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & PORT CHARGES	8700	22700
PROFESSIONAL & CONTRACT SERVICES	40000	36200
MEMBERSHIP FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & DUES	18000	18000
POSTAGE & PRINTING	5500	5500
CONFERENCE & TRAVEL	7500	9900
UTILITIES	33400	28300
BUILDING SERVICES & REPAIR	32000	32000
INSURANCES	44600	48000
ADULT PROGRAMMING	17500	18000
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & FAMILY PLACE	13500	14000
BUDGET VOTE & OTHER MISC.	2500	2500
CAPITAL RESERVE	25000	25000
	901296	945100
INCOME SOURCES		
TAXES	847296	897100
PILOT PAYMENTS	5000	5000
FINES, FEES, INTEREST, ETC.	8000	8000
FRIENDS GRANT	11000	10000
TRANSFER FROM PERMANENT FUND	30000	25000
	901296	945100

Approved 2016-2017 Tax Rate: \$27.01 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
Proposed 2017-2018 Tax Rate: \$28.60 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
(\$1.59 increase per \$1,000 assessed valuation.)

Trustees Running for Election

JIM DONNA Jim Donna retired from the Associated Press in 2006 after a 30-year career with the international news agency. He worked in various positions in news coverage and management, including the national news desk, chief of the New York City bureau and as senior vice president for Human Resources. When he retired, he was senior vice president for International Business.

LYNDA BOSTROM Together with her husband Don, Lynda caught the Montauk spirit of community service and became involved in projects at St. Therese and the Library after moving here. Previously, she taught in the Lindenhurst School District for 20 years, while obtaining two Masters degrees. Lynda says, “It would be an honor for me to continue my service for another term and I look forward to guiding our Library toward its future goals.”

PRISCILLA STEIN A native of Costa Rica, Priscilla came to Montauk with her family in 1981. After graduating from East Hampton High School and completing college in Florida, she worked for the Marriott Corporation for more than 15 years. Returning to Montauk to raise her children, Priscilla helps run a long-established family business here, and is a Real Estate Agent for Corcoran. She is also part of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Montauk Fire Department, is a parent member of the Montauk School and a member of the Montauk Community Church. Priscilla is looking forward to continuing to give back to her community by serving as a member of the Board of Trustees.



There's absolutely something for everyone at the Montauk Library, from exciting ongoing programs like musical concerts, lectures, book groups, Krafty Kids workshops, cooking demonstrations, free fitness programs, computer classes, story-times, Coloring Club, Lego club, movies, Summer Reading Club, and senior advocate consultation—to special events like the Book Sales, Holiday Fairs, *Learn, Play, Grow*, free tax return assistance, Guild Hall performances, and art exhibits... AND you'll find New York Times best-selling books, biographies, cook books, travel books, downloadable e-books, audiobooks, blockbuster and independent films, award-winning children's books, graphic novels, parenting books, archival materials, museum passes and so much more—all under one roof! If we don't have something you're looking for in our collection, our friendly Library staff will gladly get what you're looking for from another Suffolk County Library and beyond, usually within 2-3 days.

With so much happening... and just as many requests for even more quality materials and programs, we can hardly fit it all into the current operating hours. So, good news! We've expanded our hours (see back cover for our new schedule). You will still get to see the same friendly faces at the Montauk Library, but now a little earlier in the day and bit later in the evening! Come in and check out what's new... see you at the Library!

Community Programs for All Ages — Inspire, Educate and Entertain!



Join us for these free ONGOING PROGRAMS at the Montauk Library

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Bi-Lingual Story Time for Pre-School Age:** Alternate Tuesdays at 11:45 AM
- Sharing Music with Lori Hubbard, for Pre-School Age:** Alternate Tuesdays at 11:45 AM
- Story Time with Miss Jackie:** Every Thursday at 11:45 AM
- Stay & Play for Pre-School Age with Parents/Caretakers:** Fridays at 10:15 AM
(check program calendar for dates)

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Senior Tech Series:** Tuesdays at 10:15 AM
- Adult Coloring Club:** Every Friday at 1:00 PM

Most programs require advanced registration. Please call the Library at 631-668-3377 to sign up.

FREE FITNESS PROGRAMS

MONDAYS

- 10:30 AM Tai-Chi
- 2:00 PM Strength Training for Seniors
- 3:00 PM Gentle Chair Yoga for Seniors
- 4:00 PM Total Barre Sculpt

WEDNESDAYS

- 3:00 PM Chair Yoga for Seniors
- 4:00 PM Gentle Flow Yoga

FRIDAYS

- 2:00 PM Strength Training for Seniors
- 3:00 PM Stretch and Balance for Seniors
- 4:00 PM Total Barre Sculpt

SPOTLIGHT ON: THE MONTAUK LIBRARY ARCHIVES

“Is it true that Montauk has a history of cattle farming?” A woman was researching cattle raising on Long Island and couldn’t find pictures. After visiting the archives, she was delighted to find vintage photographs of cattle being shepherded across Montauk’s bluffs, but the bonus for her was the rare pamphlet from Deep Hollow Ranch. “This is exactly what I was looking for!” she said.

Rich in scope, the archives have great depth and breadth. For years now, Montauk Library has supplied newspapers, magazines, and publishers of books with images from our outstanding collections. Photographic evidence enhances the power of any story on Montauk history, whether the subject is fishing, Teddy Roosevelt’s presence at Fort Wikoff, or Montauk’s iconic St. Patrick’s Day Parade. What archival photographs also do, however, is provide visual documentation on matters like erosion at the Montauk Lighthouse, or the shrinking size of today’s catch versus a captain’s bounty in 1950.

Visitors are inspired by letters, journals, menus, maps, and business records that link patrons to the past through the activities and heroics of those who have come before. A scrapbook conveys the sense of shocked loss when a returning Montauker sees her beloved landscape ripped to shreds by the 1938 Hurricane. And a recently discovered ration book belonging to a 7-year-old in 1942 triggers the dawning understanding, “that could have been me!” on a child’s face in 2017. Such emotions link us to our ancestors and remind us of what it means to be human, even as we live in this time and place, and in particular, in Montauk.

If you happen to come across Montauk-related items in your attic, garage, basement or desk that you’d like to have added to our fine archival collection, please give a call or stop by any time. I’d love to hear your story!

Follow the Montauk Library on Facebook for “Throw Back Thursdays” (#TBT), featuring historic Montauk photographs, like these:

Maura Feeney

Local History Librarian



Lighthouse, circa 1930s, Lynn Duryea collection



Manor Staff, circa 1940s, Holden commercial collection



Building the Montauk School, circa 1927

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

For those of you who are not familiar with our organization, the Friends of the Montauk Library is a non-profit, volunteer group that supports, promotes, and advocates for the Montauk Library. The Friends also raises funds to pay for expenses that are not covered by the Library’s annual operating budget.

The Friends of the Montauk Library provide funding for a good portion of the Library’s cultural programs and children’s programs as well as sponsoring our own programs at the Library. We run the Wednesday Night Movie Series, the Book Group, the winter Pot Luck Supper, three book sales and other events throughout the year. We fund the museum passes program, the FLIPSTER digital magazine service and many other materials.

It is very easy for you to help us by becoming a member. Membership is only \$20 per person annually... and when you provide us with your email address, we will send your first notice on special Friends’ events.

Please mark your calendars: This year The Friends’ big fundraiser will be on Saturday, June 24. We will be showing the film “Beauty and the Beer” by documentarian and former Miss Rheingold, Anne Newman. There will be a Q&A with Anne, followed by a sunset cocktail party at a private home.



Sally Krusch

President, Friends of the Montauk Library

• **TO BECOME A FRIEND:** Pick-up a membership form at the circulation desk or join online at montauklibrary.org
• Click “Friends of the Montauk Library” under the “More” tab.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS . . . YOU CAN USE!

Our Library is an ever-evolving resource for our community. The trend toward providing technology based services is undeniable. The staff and Trustees of The Montauk Library recognize this and we are continually improving our services and knowledge in order to provide our patrons with the best possible opportunities and experience.

- Following our patron-access computer upgrade last spring, we now offer 14 public workstations for web-browsing, and office application use, including high quality printing capability. Library computer use has increased by more than a third since the previous year.
- We regularly assess and enhance our free public Wi-Fi service, responding to the trend of increasing use of portable devices and the need for cloud access.
- The Library provides test proctoring service for many online self-study courses. Inquire with your learning institution to see if the Library can fill this need for you.
- Our individual by-appointment tech tutoring service is a mainstay in our service line-up. Hundreds of patrons have utilized this and it's more popular than ever.

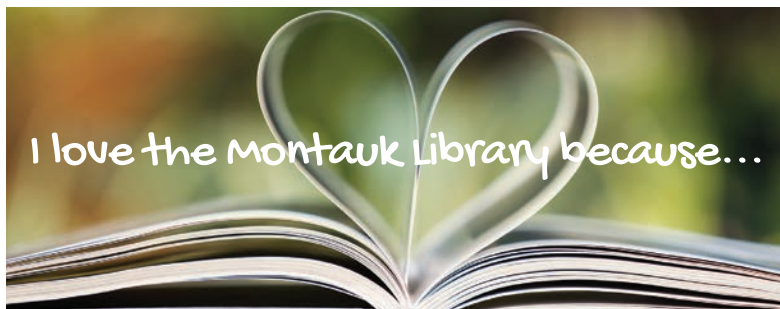


A Senior Technology Class at the Montauk Library

- Over 30 best selling e-books are loaded onto loanable Kindles, with new titles added regularly.
- Our second Senior-Tech series is about to kick-off! It features six once-a-week classes in a series, culminating with a build-a-computer-program with a certificate of completion.
- We continue to offer self-service color copying and FAX, and maintain a high quality Konica-Minolta multifunction office machine for public use. This unit is capable of high speed copying, scanning to USB, and document e-mailing.

Coming Soon ~ In-house use of these portable devices: ChromeBooks for Adults and LaunchPads for Children!

Library Clerk Marianne Caserta, celebrates 35 years at the Montauk Library this year!



"I can study here when home is too distracting or loud!" — Arianna

"Everyone who works at this lovely Library is so welcoming and helpful!" — Nancy E.

"Besides serving the community as a whole, the children's programs headed by Miss Jackie and her assistant Beth Biondo are absolutely wonderful. The Children love them as do the parents and grandparents. Keep up the good work ladies!" — Janet K.

"The Staff is friendly, knowledgeable, helpful and charming. The building is beautifully sited, with great views from the upstairs windows. If the Library doesn't have what I'm looking for, they locate it and obtain it." — Janet V.

• A YEAR AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY •

45,681	Library Visits
32,287	Checkouts
10,333	Inter-Library Loans
4,937	Live-Brary Downloads
4,068	Computer Use (Hours)
6,145	Wi-Fi Users
33,988	Website Visits
723,852	Website Hits
610	Facebook Followers
174	Twitter Followers
391	Adult Programs
6,472	Adult Program Attendance
161	Children's Programs
3,109	Children's Programs Attendance

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