



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I'm often asked, with so many new and exciting things happening at the Montauk Library, what is your favorite? There's no doubt that this is a difficult question to answer...



• If you haven't seen our [NEW WEBSITE](#), please visit: [montauklibrary.org](#). The new site makes it easier for everyone to access their patron account, renew checked-out items, glance at our program calendar and see photos from recent programs. You can even take an online survey to let us know how we're doing and give us feedback on your Library experiences.

• On April 3rd, the Library will receive an incubator and batch of eggs from Cornell Cooperative Extension. On the 23rd, you can visit the library to [WATCH THE EGGS HATCH](#) or visit our website to view the excitement—in real time—from our very own Chick-Cam!

(Special thanks to the Friends of the Montauk Library for sponsoring this program.)

• Planning a family museum day? The Library has [FREE AND DISCOUNT TICKETS](#) to many of your local favorites, like the Montauk Lighthouse, CMEE, SOFO Nature Center, LI Game Farm, the Long Island Aquarium and the Parrish Art Museum. If you're headed to the city, we have passes to the Guggenheim and the *Intrepid*, too.

• Thinking about meeting fellow booklovers and joining a [BOOK CLUB](#)? We've got two to choose from: Sundays with Sally and Book-Tauck with Jackie. Every book chosen for our book clubs is available to check out in hard copy or as an e-book on the Library's loanable Kindles.

• Is [FITNESS](#) more your thing? Try Yoga with Tsuyumi, Strength Training and Chair Yoga with Christie, and even Line Dancing with Joel—to help you stay in tip-top shape!

• How about fine-tuning your English-language skills? Every Thursday at 6 PM, certified ENL teacher Mary Jane Greenfield is here to help! To learn more about our free [ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES](#), see inside for more information.

• Maybe you're a history buff? Our [ARCHIVAL COLLECTION](#) is chock-full of rare documents, photographs, maps, books and artifacts—highlighting the rich and impressive history of Montauk and the East End of Long Island. Check out our Throwback Thursday (#TBT) and Flashback Friday (#FBF) Facebook posts for a sneak peak at what you will find in our exceptional collection. Who knows? You may recognize some friends, family members or favorite places from years gone by.

With so many options, it's difficult for me to choose a favorite... what's your favorite?

See you at the Library!

Denise DiPaolo
Director, Montauk Library



SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
2 PM to 8 PM



2018-2019 Operating Budget
Vote and Trustee Election

VOTE AND ELECTION INCLUDE:

1. To adopt the Annual Library Budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the Montauk Union Free School District.
2. To elect one (1) Trustee of the Montauk Library to fill the unexpired term commencing April 10, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022, as a result of the vacancy of the position previously held by James Donna.

Voter Registration in the Library:
Monday, April 2, from 2-6 PM

Public Information Session:
Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 PM

Application for absentee ballots for the Special District Meeting and Election may be applied for at the Office of the Clerk of the Montauk Union Free School District between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Such application must be received by the Board of Registration by 5:00 PM on April 3, 2018, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by 5:00 PM on April 9, 2018, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received by the Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on the day of the Special District Meeting.

See next page for more information.



Live music/dance performance with Francisco Roldan, April 2017

A LETTER FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

As your Montauk Library prepares for the 2018 busy season, it is worthwhile to reflect for a moment on our 2017 accomplishments. Did you know that the Montauk Library offers exercise classes and a wide array of special programs for children? More of our community members participated in these classes and programs during 2017 than ever before.

Your Library has numerous computers and electronic readers that people can use. We offer classes to help you learn how to use a wide variety of equipment. If you own or borrow an electronic reader such as a Kindle from the Library, our participation in the county-wide Live-brary program enables cardholders to access electronic books and magazines for free.

Thanks to the commitment and hard work of the Friends of the Montauk Library, your Library operates on a solid financial footing. We maintain reserves that are used to constantly upgrade our equipment and maintain our building. You can help us to further strengthen our Library by getting involved with the Friends and supporting their fundraising initiatives.

Marilyn Levine

Financial Secretary,
Montauk Library
Board of Trustees



MONTAUK LIBRARY PROPOSED 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET

	APPROVED 2017-2018	PROPOSED 2018-2019
OPERATING EXPENSES		
PERSONNEL SALARIES & EXPENSES	614000	678000
OFFICE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT & REPAIR	17000	12500
TECHNOLOGY (hardware/software/other supplies)	10000	10600
PRINT MATERIALS & PROCESSING	23000	16700
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	5000	5000
LIVE-BRARY DOWNLOADABLES	16000	16000
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & PORT CHARGES	22700	19600
PROFESSIONAL & CONTRACT SERVICES	36200	35000
MEMBERSHIP FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & DUES	18000	19000
POSTAGE, PRINTING & ADVERTISING	5500	5000
CONTINUING ED., CONFERENCE & TRAVEL	9900	10500
UTILITIES	28300	27000
BUILDING SERVICES & REPAIR	32000	33000
INSURANCES	48000	50400
ADULT PROGRAMMING	18000	19000
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & FAMILY PLACE	14000	15000
BUDGET VOTE & OTHER MISC.	2500	2000
CAPITAL RESERVE	25000	25000
	945100	999300
INCOME SOURCES		
TAXES	897100	950800
PILOT PAYMENTS	5000	5500
FINES, FEES, INTEREST, ETC.	8000	10000
GRANTS	10000	13000
TRANSFER FROM PERMANENT FUND	25000	20000
	945100	999300

Approved 2017-2018 Tax Rate: \$28.60 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
Proposed 2018-2019 Tax Rate: \$30.20 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
(\$1.60 increase per \$1,000 assessed valuation.)



Candidate for Trustee: Carter Tyler

Carter Tyler began his professional career as a legislative aid in the US Senate, moving on to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London and later to Moody's Investors Service in NYC where he met his wife, Kay. They discovered Montauk together, sharing a love of surf casting. They abandoned corporate life to follow the Montauk calling and raise their young children here. Carter loves reading to his kids, who attend the Montauk School, and collecting books. He served as treasurer for his NYC co-op where he spearheaded a major renovation project and serves on the boards of the Montauk Beach Property Owners Assoc. and the Kiwanis Club of East Hampton. He and Kay publish *On Montauk* magazine.



In Memoriam: Jim Donna

by Barbara Grimes, Board Secretary

The Montauk Library and our whole community recently lost a bright light with the passing of Jim Donna. Jim became a member of the Board of Trustees five years ago and it was clear from the outset that he would be an invaluable asset to the Library. He brought a considerable amount of experience in both journalism and human resources as well as a healthy dose of common sense and good humor.

He had a vision of making the Library not just a place for books, but a community center of learning for people of all ages. He quickly volunteered for several committees whose work he felt strongly about, like technology and personnel. He was a driving force in helping to expand the existing technology offered to our patrons and was instrumental in the search for our current director, Denise DiPaolo. He always enthusiastically supported our children's librarian, all children's programming and all technology projects and programs. His participation on the building and grounds committee was tireless as well; he was always ready to meet with contractors or engineers about any ongoing projects.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees who had the privilege of working with Jim, I know we will work hard to carry his legacy forward to insure that the great works that he fostered will be a lasting reminder of his impact on this community.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Jacqueline Bitonti | Head of Youth Services



2017 was another banner year for the children's department at the Montauk Library as we continued to create new and varied programming for everyone to enjoy!

We increased children's programming and enhanced the Summer Reading Club, which ended up being bigger and better than ever. As a result, we had record numbers of patrons enjoying the family room and events we offer.

One hundred and forty children and teens signed up for the Summer Reading Club, reading a combined total of 2,784 books—a record-breaking number! Participants received raffle tickets for different prizes, including a day out in Montauk, a trip to the Riverhead Aquarium, Kindle Fires and an iPod Shuffle to name a few.

Jackson Pollock painting class, July 2017

We continued to update and enhance the family room, with a special focus on improving the children's collection organization. Our new labeling system is color-coded, easy to search, and more pleasant to browse.

Thanks to the Alec Baldwin Foundation, we received a grant allowing us to purchase books from BookHampton for the Family Room. With this grant, we were able to completely replace our Easy Reader collection for beginning readers, and add titles to our foreign language collection to enhance the bilingual programs offered at the Library.

Special thanks to our 2017 Summer Reading Club prize donors, including: Corey's Wave, Captain Kid Toys, the Montauk Lighthouse, Gringos Burrito Grill and the Friends of the Montauk Library!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Carolyn Balducci | Adult Program Coordinator



On just about any day of the week, something interesting is happening at the Montauk Library. In addition to the ongoing programs for kids and adults, such as exercise classes, workshops, tech instruction, book discussions and movies, we are fortunate to be able to offer live performances by acclaimed musicians as well as presentations by notable speakers.

We are also pleased to note that so many of our patrons are enjoying the MetOpera in HD at Guild Hall. We organize visits to cultural venues on the East End as well as out-of-town trips, such as our excursion to the Metropolitan Museum to view the recent exhibit of Michelangelo's drawings.

Concert with the Kiffer-Kalayjian duo, November 2017

Looking ahead, since 2018 marks the 80th anniversary of the Great Storm of 1938 that tore apart the East End, we are planning "Stormy Weather," an eclectic series of commemorative programs, featuring jazz and blues concerts by returning guest artists, talks about climate change, and screenings of films with weather-related themes. These will be done in conjunction with exhibits of archival images and materials curated by Maura Feeney, our local history librarian.

Montauk Library programs are supported, in part, by funds generously provided by the Friends of the Montauk Library as well as modest grants from the New York Council for the Humanities and the New York Council for the Arts.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Mary Jane Greenfield | ENL Instructor



The English as a New Language (ENL) Conversation class (formerly known as English as a Second Language, or ESL) at the Montauk Library is designed to cultivate trust and recognize the varied cultures of the East End's Latino population. After identifying a community need for such a program, the Library responded by offering a one-and-a-half-hour weekly class. In each class, students actively participate in meaningful conversations with an emphasis on vocabulary building and grammar. Listening exercises are used to help students interact with the spoken language in a variety of settings.

Students have an opportunity to share their experiences, express their opinions, and relate the lessons to their personal lives. Using the students' own life experiences as topics of interest helps to stimulate the free expression of ideas in both structured and open discussions. All classes are free, and are taught in a fun, supportive way to foster confidence in speaking. Students of all levels of English are welcome to attend!

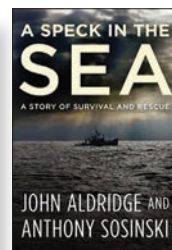
BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS (12:30 PM), SUNDAYS WITH SALLY

- April 15: *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante
May 20: *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

WEDNESDAYS (6:00 PM), BOOK-TALK WITH JACKIE

- March 28: *A Speck in the Sea* by Anthony Sosinski and John Aldridge
April 25: *Spaceman* by Mike Massimino*
*a Long Island Reads 2018 selection



SPOTLIGHT ON THE MONTAUK LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Maura Feeney
Local History Librarian



*National Guard
Cavalry Private
H.P. Guertin
steadies camera,
Montauk, 1913*

In 2017 the Montauk Library Archives acquired and exhibited some important collections. Pre-WWI Fort Pond Bay images from the Pitts, Burke, and Cullum families were the centerpiece of our gallery during October, American Archives Month, while a fantastic find, a photographic album of the National Guard Cavalry training in Montauk in 1913, held pages resonating with intimate glimpses of military life and the bond between man and horse.

Our map and large photographic collections are being prepared right now for online viewing; a big push this summer should result in uploads starting in early autumn. Approximately 200 maps and nautical charts, many of them unknown gems with outstanding graphics and images, complement a photograph and slide collection of Montauk images that is unparalleled in breadth and depth.

The Library began an oral history project in 1995, capturing the memories of over 50 Montauk "legends." These interviews have become an invaluable link to the past, and in fact, we are revving up our oral history engines again. We ask that anyone interested in being interviewed, or with suggestions about interviewees, contact the Archives. More information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

A final request to our community is for any material relating to hurricanes, specifically Montauk-themed: photographs, letters, cards, journals, etc. This September marks the 80th anniversary of the 1938 "Long Island Express," and 64 years since Hurricanes Carol and Edna. Our "Stormy Weather" exhibit in September 2018 will revisit these formidable gales as they were uniquely experienced in Montauk. Please gift or lend: we have a great scanner in the Archives!

COMING SOON: PASSPORT SERVICES

You will soon be able to apply for a DS-11 Passport, in person, at the Library. Requirements as follows:

You are a citizen of the US, and (one of the following):

- You've never been issued a US Passport
- You were under 16 when your previous passport was issued
- Your most recent passport was issued over 15 years ago
- Your most recent passport was lost or stolen
- Your name has changed since your previous US passport was issued and you are unable to legally document your name change.

Passport services are available by appointment only. Fees apply.

BOOK DONATION GUIDELINES

The Friends of the Montauk Library accept donations of slightly used books. If you are considering donating books, please follow these guidelines:

- Books must be in good, very good or excellent condition
- Books cannot be dusty, dirty or damaged
- Please: no textbooks, dictionaries or encyclopedias
- Please: no outdated health, computer or travel guides
- Donations of no more than three boxes or bags at a time
- Donations of books relevant to Montauk or the Hamptons are highly encouraged!



THE FRIENDS OF THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

Cleaning up old files lately started me thinking about the beginnings of our wonderful Library, and the role that the Friends of the Montauk Library have played in its growth. In August of 1979, the first Library Committee Meeting was held. While the Library was still in the planning stages, Stephanie Krusa established the Friends in May of 1980 and the fundraising began. The first Book Fair was held that summer, just a few months later. The small Library was opened in November of 1980 and by 1983 land was found to build a larger facility. After years of development, planning, construction and fundraising, the current building was opened in 1991.

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 "About Us" tab.

We are proud of the beginnings of our organization and we strive to continue that tradition today. We raise funds to pay for programs as well as sponsoring our own programs, and to pay for many other items not covered by the Library budget. We still do our Book Fair, and two seasonal Book Sales, plus other fundraising events.

This year we are planning a house tour in September. We hope you will attend and, if possible volunteer a few hours to help us make it happen!

Sally Krusch
President,
Friends of the Montauk Library



CONGRATULATIONS TO MONTAUK LIBRARY STAFF CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!



MARIE STOKES
17 years



ROSEMARIE RASH
15 years



TINA OBERG
15 years



MALGOSIA HALUCHA
15 years

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Brit Mansir | Head of Technology Services



We often hear “technology changes so fast.” It seems that as soon as we learn how to use a device or service, an update comes along and we find ourselves learning all over again! One way of keeping up with the changes, or to learn a basic skill, is to attend Tech Tuesdays at the Montauk Library. Each Tuesday at 10:15 am, we offer a class on a tech-related topic. Whether it’s about Internet privacy and security, or how to read popular magazines online free—Tech Tuesday classes are really helpful!

Some topics we regularly cover include: Intro to Word Processing, Intro to Spreadsheets, E-mail Basics, PC anti-virus instruction, online library account management, how to download free audio books, e-books, and magazines with your library account, subscribing to Podcasts, iPhone Photography, and 3-D Design and Printing. In addition to weekly tech classes, we also offer one-on-one Tech Tutoring; just call for an appointment.

We also offer assistance with scanning your old photos (by appointment). Just bring us your old photos and we’ll help you scan them in high resolution onto a USB drive that you can take with you.

Once they’re scanned, you can e-mail or share them with friends and relatives, or upload them to the cloud for safekeeping.

Here are some of the tech offerings currently available at the Library:

- General-use Laptops with Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Children-safe PCs with educational games
- MacBook Air laptops for tweens and teens, ages 10-16
- Launchpad tablets for kids, preloaded with educational and fun games on a variety of subjects
- Free High Speed Wi-Fi available throughout our building
- Versatile and fast High Quality Copier, with scanning and e-mailing capability

Be sure to visit MontaukLibrary.org to check out our new website. It features an updated layout, an all-new calendar section that is loaded with information, Miss Jackie’s Blog, and Brit’s Tech Blog—all in a new mobile-friendly format, that looks great on Phones and Tablets!



I love the Montauk Library because...

“The Library makes my son and me feel special and important.”

“It is a great resource for the community, with activities for all ages. The programs for the kids are amazing, and the film nights and special programs for adults are always well-attended. There is something for everyone!”

“The wonderful people who work at our Library work as a team and are out to please. Whatever I’m looking for, if they don’t have it, they’ll get it. How great is that?!”

“It reminds me of the library of my childhood, such a peaceful and embracing booklovers atmosphere — PLUS a view of the Ocean!”

• A YEAR AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY •

50,719	Library Visits
28,800	Checkouts
6,403	Inter-Library Loans
6,103	E-book & Audio-Book Downloads
7,469	Wi-Fi Users
75,008	Website Visits
657	Facebook Followers
259	Twitter Followers
507	Adult Programs
7,628	Adult Program Attendance
176	Children’s Programs
4,000	Children’s Programs Attendance
140	Summer Reading Club members
2,784	Books Reported in the Summer Reading Club



Join us for these Free Ongoing Programs

Visit us online at: montauklibrary.org/calendar for information on all programming and special events.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Bilingual Story Time (Pre-School Age):** Alternate Thursdays, 11:45 AM
- Sharing Music w/Lori Hubbard (Pre-School Age):** Alt. Thursdays, 11:45 AM
- Stay-and-Play (newborns to five-year-olds):** Fridays, 10:30 AM
- Lego Builders Club (grade schoolers):** once monthly on Fridays, 3:30 PM (check online calendar)

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Tech Tuesdays:** Tuesdays, 10:15 AM
- Adult Coloring Club:** Alternate Mondays, 1:00 PM
- English Conversation Group:** Thursdays, 6:00 PM
- Movies @ the Library:** Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

FREE FITNESS PROGRAMS

MONDAYS

- 10:30 AM Tai-Chi
- 4:00 PM Hatha Yoga with Tsuyumi

WEDNESDAYS

- 12:00 PM Strength Training for Seniors
- 1:00 PM Gentle Chair Yoga for Seniors

FRIDAYS

- 12:00 PM Strength Training for Seniors
- 1:00 PM Gentle Chair Yoga for Seniors

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



LIFE IS BRIGHTER AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

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