

# MONTAUK LIBRARY

SPRING  
REVIEW  
2019

## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Denise DiPaolo



Your Library card is truly the smartest card in your wallet... and year after year it keeps getting smarter!

**Inside the library, you can use your library card to check out:**

- Books
- CDs
- Magazines
- Preloaded Kindles
- DVDs
- Audio Books
- Puzzles
- ...and so much more!

**Today, more and more patrons are using that same card from home (and the road) to access:**

- Thousands of free downloadable e-books and e-audio books
- Hundreds of popular magazine titles
- A wide variety of foreign language e-learning services
- GED, ACT, and SAT test-prep online classes

**Even more, that same card also gives you access to:**

- Over 30,000 free, streaming classic, independent and documentary films in its growing digital collection with Kanopy.com
- A look back at local history with Suffolk Historic Newspapers
- Legal forms through Lawdepot.com
- Reliable, qualified facts and information through our collection of research databases



First graders visiting the Library for new Library cards

So...where is *your* Library card? If it's worn or has been misplaced, come into the Montauk Library during the month of March and get your Library card replaced on us!

While you're here... take advantage of our huge lineup of enriching programs and services. Maybe you'd like to listen to a concert pianist, attend an English as a New Language class, browse old photos from our Archives, receive tax-return assistance, learn to play chess like a pro, fine-tune your technology skills, take in a movie on our big screen, sing-a-long during storytime, grab your workout gear for a fitness class, renew your passport or even learn about our new Music & Memory<sup>SM</sup> program (details inside).

**The Library has something for everyone. So, grab your Library card and find out how smart it really is!**

## SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
2 PM to 8 PM

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**2019-2020 Operating Budget  
Vote and Trustee Election**

## VOTE AND ELECTION INCLUDE:

1. To adopt the Annual Library Budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 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 for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024, to succeed Joan Lycke, whose term expires on June 30, 2019.
3. To elect one (1) Trustee of the Montauk Library for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024, to succeed Linda Barnds, whose term expires on June 30, 2019.

## Voter Registration in the Library:

Monday, March 25, from 2-6 PM

## Public Information Session:

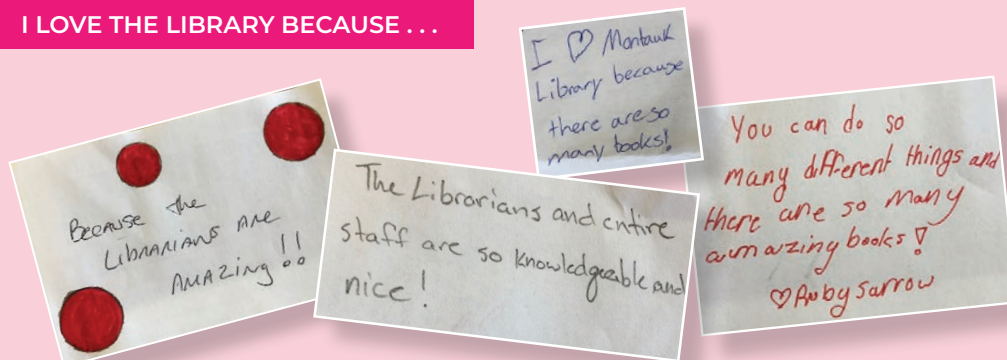
Monday, March 25, at 6 PM

*Absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the Clerk of the Montauk Union Free School District between 8 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday. Application must be received by the Board of Registration by 5 PM of March 26, 2019 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by 5 PM on April 1, 2019, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Board of Registration shall make a list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued, and shall have it available in the Office of the School District Clerk beginning March 27, 2019 during regular business hours on each of the five days prior to April 2, 2019 except Sunday. Such list will be posted at the polling place during the election. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received by the Clerk not later than 5 PM on the day of the Special District Meeting.*

**See next page for more information.**

Para obtener una versión en Español de esta información, por favor llama a la biblioteca al 631-668-3377.

## I LOVE THE LIBRARY BECAUSE ...



2018 Live performance with singer-songwriter Sheri Miller

**SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER AT: [MONTAUKLIBRARY.ORG](http://MONTAUKLIBRARY.ORG)**

## A LETTER FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Good news from the Montauk Library! If you have come through the front door of our Library recently, you should have noticed that we replaced our old door with a modern and more energy-efficient one. And, during the summer of 2018 we replaced our aging roof. The roof and door were over 25 years old... and nothing lasts forever. Our Library Director Denise DiPaolo was able to secure several external grants that were key in helping defray the costs of these necessary projects. Thank you to the Friends of Montauk Library, whose energetic fundraising efforts supported a portion of the cost of these improvements.

As the Library's Financial Secretary, it is my responsibility to monitor the Library's budget and finances. I am happy to report that your Library operates on a solid financial footing. Our annual budget keeps the doors open, the lights on, and the computers humming. Please come to the Library on April 2nd to cast your vote in support of our 2019-2020 budget. And, while you are at the Library, take a few minutes to explore the terrific programs we have available for children, teens, and adults.

**Marilyn Levine**

Financial Secretary,  
Montauk Library  
Board of Trustees



## MONTAUK LIBRARY PROPOSED 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET

	2018-2019 APPROVED BUDGET	2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>PILOT PAYMENTS</b>	5500	7000
<b>TAXES</b>	950800	1016995
<b>FINES, FEES, ETC.</b>	9850	11600
<b>GRANTS</b>	13000	15000
<b>PILOT PAYMENTS</b>	5500	7000
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	150	200
<b>TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL FUND</b>	20000	18000
	<b>999300</b>	<b>1068795</b>

### EXPENDITURES

<b>SALARIES, EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	668000	730295
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS &amp; DIGITAL COLLECTIONS</b>	54200	53000
<b>PROGRAMS</b>	34000	37000
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>	53700	52000
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	32100	31500
<b>BUILDING OPERATIONS</b>	132300	140000
<b>TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND</b>	25000	25000
	<b>999300</b>	<b>1068795</b>

2018-2019 Tax Rate: \$29.95 per \$1,000 assessed valuation

2019-2020 Proposed Tax Rate: \$32.04 per \$1,000 assessed valuation  
(\$2.09 increase per \$1,000 assessed valuation)

## BILINGUAL SERVICES



Welcome to the Montauk Library. My name is Catherine Ruberto. If you need any help in the Library, please ask for me. I am here every Wednesday and Thursday. I look forward to meeting you.

Bienvenido a la Biblioteca de Montauk. Mi nombre es Catherine Ruberto. Si necesita ayuda en la biblioteca, por favor pregunte por mí. Estoy aquí todas las semanas miércoles y jueves. Espero conocerte.

## CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEE



**Linda Barnds**



**Joan Lycke**

The members of the Library's Board of Trustees are elected and serve five-year terms. The Trustees meet one Monday each month, and general meetings are open to the public.

See our online calendar at [montauklibrary.org](http://montauklibrary.org) for meeting dates. Trustee minutes and agendas are also available for viewing online.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO STAFF MEMBER KATHLEEN ERNST,  
CELEBRATING HER 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY!**





## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



African headdress studycraft, 2018

Over the last several years, the Montauk Library's children's department has truly become a place for learning, playing, exploration and discovery. Our space, programs and materials offer something for children of all ages!

### Highlights of 2018 include:

- Chick incubation in the spring, resulting in Minnie the Montauk Chick hatching!
- A new kitchen set, educational toys and a larger train table that made the children's room even more fun!
- A Summer Reading Club that was huge, with 182 children and teens signing up and collectively reading 3,090 books – both record-breaking numbers! Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes.
- A 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program that was launched in September, which promotes early literacy and the importance of reading to children under five years old. Signup is ongoing; visit the Library for more information.

We look forward to more children and families learning, playing, discovering and exploring with us in 2019!



The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program launched September 2018 at the Library. The program is simple: sign up at the library, read books to your child with the goal of reading 1,000 before they reach kindergarten, record how many books they read and get rewarded with small prizes. Reach 1,000 books and your child will receive a certificate of completion and a prize. Registration is ongoing for children from birth through five years old, visit us and sign up today!

## 2018 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Babies Boogie class



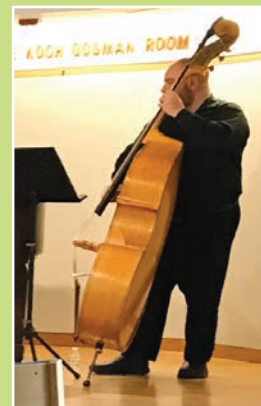
3D Pen Art class



Henna Tattoos



Jackson Pollock painting project



Jazz performance

## ADULT PROGRAMS

Carolyn Balducci | Adult Program Coordinator



"Housewives Cantata" cabaret, 2018

Everyone is amazed that the Montauk Library always provides excellent programs by so many outstanding musicians, actors and speakers. In truth, it has a lot to do with the warm welcome given by our patrons and staff.

Our performance space is another strong incentive for performers to come here, thanks to its acoustically engineered environment. In addition to the popularity of our concerts, in 2018

we have had excellent turnouts for talk-backs by local filmmakers and authors, as well as for an extraordinary workshop conducted by an Italian puppetry troupe.

We're confident that 2019 will be full of exciting programs patrons will enjoy such as a folktale told through Japanese drumming; a visit from Leonardo DaVinci; talks by historians and concerts by notable jazz, pop and classical musicians. Be sure to consult the Library's online calendar and local papers for updated information.

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.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE MONTAUK LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Maura Feeney  
Local History Librarian



Richard T. Gilmartin, East Hampton Town Supervisor (1958-1959), on the campaign trail in 1957

In the archives we capture time and place by saving records from the past. Photographs, manuscripts, printed matter and audiovisual materials are arranged by date and donor, then secured in archival folders or digital media. When organized in exhibits, these objects pull together in a unified whole, beautifully conveying Montauk's history.

In 2018 a number of exhibits emphasized the strengths of the archive's collections. In October, for example, we examined the impact of the 1938 Hurricane in Montauk.

Although 80 years had elapsed, the photographic material that supported this visual inquiry powerfully communicated the hurricane's intensity.

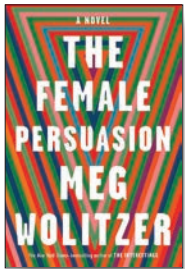
As 2019 unfolds, we are concentrating on digitizing our collections. Oral histories are being prepared for transcription. And we are scanning and uploading collections to New York Heritage, an online portal, like the Richard T. Gilmartin collection.

Gilmartin (at left) was a Montauker who loved fishing and East End history. His tireless work for people with disabilities resulted in the Montauk Lighthouse becoming handicap-accessible, giving Gilmartin's papers special value. Like other collections in the archives, his represents the heartbeat of local history.

Check [nyheritage.org](http://nyheritage.org) to view our progress as we make our way through the photographs and memorabilia of the Gilmartin, and other collections.



## LONG ISLAND READS • BOOK CLUB



We will be running a book club on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 PM. The first 12 people who register will get a free copy of this year's book: *The Female Persuasion* by Long Island native, Meg Wolitzer. Refreshments will be served.



## NEW: VIRTUAL REALITY



Thanks to generous donations from the East Hampton Rotary Club and the Eric Rooney Memorial Fund, the Montauk Library has been able to purchase an HTC Vive Virtual Reality setup. Look for regular "Friday Night VR" events where teens and adults will be able to experience immersive VR. Users can play games, visit other locations, ride a virtual roller coaster or any number of other adventures.

## THE FRIENDS OF THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

Sally Krusch, President



Our "Free books with donation" at the Library has been busy, and our newly opened "Little Free Library," (below, located diagonally across from the Post Office), is seeing a lot of action. We love our Kindles and other e-readers, but a book is a book.



The Friends of the Montauk Library have some exciting news. Our book sales had a great year. We can't explain it but we could not be happier. Sales at both our July Book Fair and our Thanksgiving weekend Book Sale were up considerably.

**TO BECOME A FRIEND:** Pick up a membership form at the circulation desk or join online at [montauklibrary.org](http://montauklibrary.org). Click "Friends of the Montauk Library" under the "About Us" tab.



To celebrate our upcoming 40th anniversary, our winter project has been to create a 2020 Calendar featuring pictures from our archives. It has been great fun going through the archives to find some that are special.

We sincerely thank our sponsors for their financial support: Viking Fleet, BNB Bank, Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa, Uihlein Marina, Motel & Boat Rental, Montauk Chamber of Commerce and The Montauk Manor. The calendars will go on sale at our July Book Fair on July 6-7.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Sponsoring a month is a wonderful way to show your support for the Montauk Library while gaining exposure for your business! For more information, please contact me at (631) 668-4607.



## NEW: MUSIC & MEMORY<sup>SM</sup> PROGRAM



MUSIC & MEMORY<sup>SM</sup> is a new Library service designed for individuals who suffer from a wide range of cognitive and physical challenges. The program creates personalized music playlists for individuals to help them find renewed meaning and connection in their lives through music-triggered memories. The program is designed to improve their quality of life. The Montauk Library offers this program, free-of-charge, to those interested.

Our trained Music & Memory coordinator, Lydia Shaternik Burns, will provide you with information about how to borrow a free, preloaded MP3 player from the Library to use at home. Please contact the front desk for more information.

*Lydia Shaternik Burns has been a Registered Nurse, with a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree, for 25 years at Sloan Kettering, Stony Brook University Hospital, as well as a Suffolk County Perinatal Coordinator, and direct care provider. She has also been the Music Director of the Montauk Community Church for the last 15 years.*

## TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Brit Mansir | Head of Technology Services



3D Design Class

"My printer is out of ink!" "How can my iCloud be full?" and "What is an iCloud anyway?" These are just a couple of modern-day challenges that we face, but do not despair.

You can also "Book a Techie." Make an appointment for personal one-on-one help with your Smartphone, laptop, iPad, or Kindle. Want free eBooks? How about free magazines to read on your iPad while you're poolside this summer? Stop in and we'll set you up.

**COMING EVENTS:** Virtual Reality experience with our own **HTC Vive**. Look for our regularly scheduled VR sessions. Special thanks to the East Hampton Rotary and Eric Rooney Memorial Fund for donating VR equipment. New **3D printer**, and **3D design classes** for children AND adults.

We offer a wide variety of tech-related services including:

- Wireless Printing
- High Volume Color Copying
- Windows and Mac Laptop Use
- High Speed Wi-Fi
- Epson FastFoto Photo Scanner
- VHS Home Movie Converter
- LCD Projector and Screen

Tech  
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Class

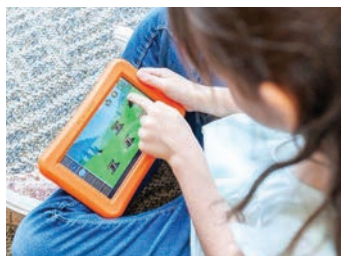


## LEARNING TABLETS FOR KIDS



Our Playaway Launchpad tablets are ready for takeoff! Launchpads are the first ever preloaded, 100% secure, themed learning tablet with content for kids in grades pre-K to 5.

Launchpad tablets are fun to explore and are designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface. Durable enough for little explorers, Launchpads are made to be passed from one set of hands to another. Each is custom loaded with a high-quality, ad-free set of Apps (called packs), which are grouped by age, grade level, subject area and theme. Choose a theme or subject you love—then start exploring!  
For in-Library use, only.



## • A YEAR AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY •

49,710	Library Visits
39,087	Checkouts
10,868	Inter-Library Loans
7,900	Livebrary Downloads
3,778	Computer Use (Hours)
9,148	Wi-Fi Users
25,149	Website Visits
50,240	Website Page Views
1,952	Social Media Followers
568	Adult Programs
7,536	Adult Programs Attendance
239	Children's Programs
3,611	Children's Programs Attendance
182	Summer Reading Club Members
3,090	Summer Reading Club Books Read



## Join us for these Free Ongoing Programs

Visit us online at: [montauklibrary.org/calendar](http://montauklibrary.org/calendar) for information on all programming and special events.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Story Time (Pre-School Age):** Thursdays, 11:45 AM

**Stay-and-Play (newborns to five-year-olds):** Fridays, 10:30 AM

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Tech Tuesdays:** Tuesdays, 10:15 AM

**English Conversation Group:** Thursdays: 5:30 beginner, 6:00 PM intermediary

**Movies @ the Library:** Wednesdays: 2:30 PM Matinee, 7:00 PM Evening Show

**Sunday Reading Group with Sally:** 2nd or 3rd Sun. of each month (call for info.)

### FREE FITNESS PROGRAMS

#### MONDAYS

10:30 AM Tai-Chi with Susan

3:00 PM Hatha Yoga with Tsuyumi

#### WEDNESDAYS

1:00 PM Stay Fit with Tsuyumi

#### FRIDAYS

1:00 PM Stay Fit with Tsuyumi

2:00 PM Chair Yoga

3:00 PM Line Dancing with Joel (resumes in spring)

**Senior Advocate:** 1st Wed. of the month, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**AARP General Membership:** 1st Tues. of the month, 1:30 PM

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



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AT THE  
**MONTAUK  
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871 Montauk Highway, Montauk, NY 11954

#### Board of Trustees

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Denise DiPaolo, Library Director

#### Contact Us

[montauklibrary.org](http://montauklibrary.org), 631 668-3377

[contact@montauklibrary.org](mailto:contact@montauklibrary.org)

#### Hours

Monday & Tuesday: 10AM - 6PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10AM - 8PM

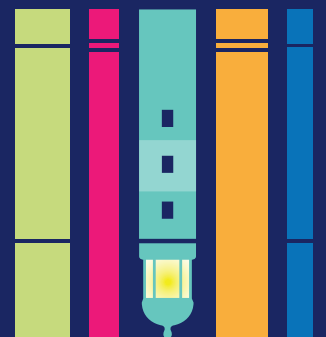
Saturday: 10AM - 5PM, Sunday: 1PM - 5PM



## 2019 SPRING REVIEW

871 Montauk Highway  
Montauk, NY 11954

**MONTAUK  
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