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Library Hours

Monday	10am - 9pm
Tuesday	10am - 9pm
Wednesday	10am - 9pm
Thursday	10am - 9pm
Friday	10am - 6pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm
Sunday	1-5pm
Jan. 1st: New Year's Day	CLOSED
Jan. 16th:	
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	CLOSED

The North Merrick Public Library Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:30 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Sunday concert

Sergei gurbelo:

Get ready to be amazed and astounded by the multi-instrumentalist, international performer and recording artist Sergei Gurbelo.



Russian-born virtuoso Sergei is a man of many musical skills, playing over seven wind instruments, some of which date back centuries.

Gurbelo's melodious repertoire ranges from classical to jazz, inclusive of swing, pop, Broadway, R & B and other international styles-something to please every taste.

He has recorded three solo albums and accompanied on over 200 albums, in addition to appearing as soloist as well as band leader in performances throughout world venues.

Delight in his genius as he plays the saxophone, flute, clarinet, harmonica, pan flute, penny whistle and ocarina!

You are in for a rare treat.

Date: Sunday, January 8th Time: 2pm



Chinese Cooking

2012 is the Year of the Dragon, as celebrated in the Chinese calendar—Monday, January 23rd being New Year's Day.

Join Penn Hongthong who will demonstrate how to make simple and healthy Chinese cooking to celebrate the New Year.

Included in her recipes will be *chicken fried brown rice, stir-fry chicken with mushroom and snow peas and stir-fried chicken with black bean sauce.*

Recipes will be distributed to attendees.

Join us for sample tastings.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 18th

Time: 7:30pm



How to Pay Less in Income Taxes: Secrets of the IRS



Barry Lisak, an IRS enrolled agent for the last 30 years, will present this seminar designed to help you reduce your Federal and NYS taxes.

He is currently the tax columnist for New York's civil service paper, "The Chief." He was formerly licensed both as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and insurance agent. All new 2011 tax laws will be highlighted.

Topics will include education; retirement; home ownership; and charitable, medical, investment, employee and miscellaneous deductions.

A free booklet entitled *21 AUDIT RED FLAGS* will be distributed to all attendees.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 17th

Time: 1:30pm



Book Discussion: Children and Fire

Linda Judenberg returns to moderate this month's discussion of Ursula Hegi's *Children and Fire*.

Much of the narrative unfolds over a single day—Feb. 27, 1934, the first anniversary of the burning of the Reichstag.

The protagonist, Thekla Jansen, had waited years to be offered her teaching position, but now finds herself making moral compromises to maintain it. She wonders how she can guide the children on a path of tolerance and open-mindedness while at the same time accepting or even promoting their participation.

Eventually, Thekla is forced to confront who she really is: "What happens if you're no longer who you believed you were? What if whom you're becoming goes against what you believed about yourself until you won't remember who you were before?"



Refreshments, compliments of *The Friends*, will be served. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk.

Date: Friday, Jan. 20th

Time: 1:30pm

Film Festival: Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Opening in a genetic therapy pharmaceutical company where research is being done on a virus to deliver new genetic material to a living organism, this prequel to the Charlton Heston classic is a cheerfully entertaining satire.

During experiments to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, a genetically-enhanced chimpanzee uses its greater intelligence to lead other apes to freedom. Starring James Franco, Andy Serkis and John Lithgow, the film tracks the relationship between the ape Caesar, and his relationship with the humans in his life.



From the Reference Desk

Mobile Devices and eBooks Available for Patrons

The library is launching the new year with a technological bang. Beginning **January 2nd**, the library will be loaning out eReader devices to North Merrick Public Library adult cardholders. Patrons will be able to choose from a variety of devices, including the **Amazon Kindle Touch**, the **Barnes and Noble Simple Touch**, the **Barnes and Noble NOOK Color**, and the **Sony Reader Wi-Fi**. The devices may be borrowed for 14 days, and will be used exclusively with contents from the Nassau Digital Doorway or the North Merrick Public Library collection.

The list of available materials can be viewed by visiting the library's website and clicking on *Download Audiobooks & eBooks*.

Interested patrons can sign the prerequisite agreement as well as reserve a device and the desired eBook or audiobook in person at the Reference Desk. The request will be fulfilled when the device and requested materials are available concurrently. Please stop by the Reference Desk with your questions.

HOT NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

We will accept phone registration 30 minutes after sign-ups begin, space permitting.
Tickets must be picked up in person.

PRESCHOOL SNOWMAN PROGRAM

For ages 3-5 with adult. Monday, January 9th 10:30-11:30am. **REGISTRATION** begins: Monday, January 2nd 10am (up to 25 children) A Time for Kids presents an interactive winter program featuring music, games, stories and a craft!



PLAYHOORAY BABIES

For children ages 3-17 months with adult. Tuesday, January 10th 10:30-11am. **REGISTRATION** begins: Tuesday, January 3rd 10am (up to 20 children) Lively introduction to nursery rhymes, books, music and movement.



PLAYHOORAY KIDS

For children ages 18 months—3 1/2 with adult. Tuesday, January 10th 11:15-12pm. **REGISTRATION** begins: Tuesday, January 3rd 10am (up to 25 children) Stories music, dancing, puppets, parades and more.



PENGUINS IN THE SNOW CRAFT

For grades 1-5. Saturday, January 14th 11-12pm. **REGISTRATION** begins: Saturday, January 7th 10am (up to 25 children) Learn how to draw and be creative! Children will have fun drawing penguins playing in the snow! With art teacher Samantha Sayet



JUMP FOR JOY

For ages 18 months—4 years old with adult. Tuesday, January 17th 10:30-11:15am. **REGISTRATION** begins: Tuesday, January 10th 10am (up to 25 children) Interactive movement fun which includes music, dance, costumes, props, instruments and puppets. With Joyce Oddo



MARSHMALLOW IGLOO

For grades K-5. Tuesday, January 17th 7-8:15pm. **REGISTRATION** begins: Tuesday, January 10th 7pm (up to 24 children)



Create a marshmallow igloo using mini, large, super large marshmallows and white chocolate. Plus no igloo would be complete without a gum drop penguin! With The Baking Coach

3D SNOWMAN CAKE WITH THE BAKING COACH

A Family Program for ages 3 and up. Saturday, January 28th 10:30-12pm. **REGISTRATION** begins: Saturday, January 21st 10am (up to 15 families) You may only register your **own** family. Create a full size family fun Snowman Cake using buttercream, Icing pastry bags and lots of candy.

LEGO CLUB JR

For children in 3rd and 4th grade. Mondays January 9th, 23rd and 30th 4-5pm. No sign-up required. Come explore your creative side at the library with LEGOS. The legos will be provided by the library, but donations are always welcome!

STORYTIMES

JUST WE TWO

For ages 2-3 1/2 with adult. Programs—Select one: Wednesdays 10:30-11am or Thursdays 10:30-11am. **REGISTRATION** begins: Wednesday, January 18th 10am. Child must be 2 years old by February 1st, 2012. The program includes stories, songs and movement games. A **NORTH MERRICK LIBRARY CARD** and proof of birth date is required for first time registrants. Programs begin January 25th and January 26th and continue through March 28th and March 29th.

PICTURE BOOK

For ages 3 1/2-5 years old. A Separation Program—Caregivers must wait in the Children's Room. Programs—Thursdays, 1:30-2pm for ages 4-5 and Fridays, 11-11:30am for ages 3 1/2-4 years old. If there is a time conflict, you may register for either age group. **REGISTRATION** begins: Wednesday, January 18th 10am. Child must be 3 1/2 by February 1st, 2012. A **NORTH MERRICK LIBRARY CARD** and proof of birth date is required for first time registrants. Programs begin January 26th and January 27th and continue through March 29th and March 30th

****COMING IN FEBRUARY****

TOT'S NIGHT OUT WITH VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT

For ages 18 months—5 years old with adult. Tuesday, February 7th 7-8pm. **REGISTRATION** begins: Tuesday, January 31st 7pm (up to 25 children) Join us for an hour of interactive family evening fun! The program includes games, movement, music, stories and a Valentine's Day Craft! With A Time for Kids.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**Happy New Year** CLOSED**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

Registration: Preschool Snowman Program 10am

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Registration: Playhooray 10am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Registration: Penguins In The Snow Craft 10am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**A Musical Journey** 2pm**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

Preschool Snowman Program 10:30am

Tai Chi 1:30

LEGO CLUB JR Grades 3-4 4pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Registration: Jump for Joy 10am

Playhooray Babies 10:30am

Playhooray Kids 11:15am

Registration: Marshmallow Igloos 7pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Penguins In The Snow Craft 11am

MONDAY, JANUARY 16**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** CLOSED**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

Jump for Joy 10:30am

Pay Less in Income Tax 1:30pm

Marshmallow Igloos 7pm

Board Meeting 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Registration: Just We Two & Picture Book 7 pm

Cooking: Chinese New Year 7:30 pm**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20****Book Discussion: Children and Fire** 1:30 pm**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

Registration: 3D Snowman Cake 10 am

MONDAY, JANUARY 23**Tai Chi** 1:30 pm

LEGO CLUB JR Grades 3-4 3-4 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Just We Two 10:30 am

Film Festival: Rise of the Planet of the Apes 1:30 & 7pm**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

Just We Two 10:30am

Picture Book 1:30 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Picture Book 11am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

3D Snowman Cake 10:30 am

MONDAY, JANUARY 30**Tai Chi** 1:30 pm

LEGO CLUB JR Grades 3 - 4 pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Registration: Tots' Night Out 7 pm


 the Board of Trustees and the Staff wish our friends and patrons
 
January Teen and Tween Programs**LEGO Club**

The NMPL Lego Club offers kids entering grades 5 and up a chance to build and be creative on the following Thursdays.

No registration required, all LEGOs are provided...just bring your creativity!

Donations are welcome.

Dates: Thursday, January 5th and 19th

Time 4:00—5:00 pm

Teen Advisory Board

Volunteers needed!! Help select books, programs and video games for the library. And help host special programs such as the New Years' Pre-Eve Party for Children.

Date: Monday, January 9th

Time: 4:00 pm

Chinese New Year Wokshop for Tweens

It's the year of the Dragon!! Come explore Chinese culture, crafts and food.

Date: Thursday, January 19th

Time 7:00—8:30

Willem de Kooning Art Workshop

Teens will have an opportunity to explore the world of abstract art and paint their very own masterpiece using high end materials and canvases. The life, art and inspiration of the abstract expressionist Willem de Kooning will serve as the focus of this workshop. This is a FREE program provided by the LI Children's Museum through a grant from the Willem de Kooning Foundation.

Date: Thursday, January 26th

Time: 7:00—8:30 pm