Dear Friends,

It is an honor to be appointed as the new Director of Floyd Memorial Library. I want you all to know that I am at your service, and while I have met many of you, I look so forward to meeting all of you in the future.

Obviously, we are living in uncertain times with the coronavirus and many other issues, including social unrest, a virulent political climate, and depression-era economic difficulties. It is my hope that the library as a community center can ease some of these concerns with as many services as we are able to conduct at this time.

A new service that is being offered at the library, free of charge, is Notary Services. I am a qualified notary in the State of New York and am happy to provide this service to you when I am in the library. You do not need an appointment, but may call to check on my schedule if you would like to know when I will be available.

The dedicated and wonderful team at Floyd continues to outdo itself with the amazing virtual, take away, and limited physical programs and services that can be provided at this time. We are also working hard on planning for life, post-pandemic, which will hopefully be here sooner than later. Thank you to all of you for your compliance with our COVID-19 rules and regulations – all of this is in place to protect you, your loved ones, the library team and volunteers, and the communities we serve.

It is my sincere hope that all of you had a hope-filled holiday season, and will enjoy great wellness and joy in the New Year!

Warmly yours,

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Tom Vitale, MSW, MLS, CAS
Library Director
JANUARY ADULT PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS, January 5, 12, 19 & 26th at 10 a.m. - BREATHE TOGETHER - (a 20-minute weekly Zoom Session). Join us once a week in the winter to sit still and practice the kind of deep breathing that fosters calm well-being and can improve our health and our outlook. Email joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org

WEDNESDAYS, January 6, 13, 20 & 27th at 6-8 pm - POETRY ON ZOOM -
FOUR QUARTETS by T. S. Eliot — Poet, Speaker, Consultant, Pauline Yeats, presents T. S. Eliot’s masterwork as a pathway to expanded freedom and self-expression in our post-Covid life. Eliot’s Four Quartets was written from 1935-1942, during Hitler’s rise and WWII. A transcendent work of inspired vision, it brought healing then, and today offers us fresh insights into how we re-evaluate the past, discover a more fulfilled present, and live into an empowered future. Each week, Pauline reads a Quartet, followed by unpacking, commentary, Q&A and discussion of how its meaning and message are relevant to how we inspire and expand our experience of our own existence today.

Four Quartets is a 4-week program.
SESSION 1. Burnt Norton SESSION 2. East Coker SESSION 3. The Dry Salvage SESSION 4. Little Gidding East End Library Event with East Hampton Library. To Register: Call (631) 324-0222 Ext. 3, OR email joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org

THURSDAYS, January 7, 14, 21 & 28th at 6 pm - FILM FEST ZOOM CHAT - Weekly fun discussion of a film, stream free on KANOPY (go to the library website and click on KANOPY - use your library card) - Our January picks are funny and light. Watch them and then join our lively weekly discussion. Stream films free on KANOPY (go to the library website and click on KANOPY - use your library card) or call us to put a DVD on hold for you.

January 7 — The English Teacher 2013
January 14 — Touchy Feely 2013
January 21 — The Women on the Sixth Floor 2012
January 28 — Madame 2017

Email joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org

Side by Side:
At the Piano with
Alexander Wu -
A Filmed Recital
Sunday, January 10 – Posting Date

Acclaimed Yamaha piano artist Alexander Wu will take us on a delightful musical journey through time – of trailblazing women composers and their male contemporaries – from the European classics to America’s jazz and modern era. Collaborative program with East End Libraries. No registration necessary. Please visit Rogers Memorial Library’s calendar to access the link to view the concert at your pleasure.
TUESDAY, January 12th, at 3 pm –
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING
on ZOOM
First meeting of the NEW Friends group. All Welcome!!
Call us at (631) 477-0660 or
email joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org for the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY, January 13th at 5:30 pm – with
Shelter Island Public Library - BYO Books, a
two-library zoom chat with Poppy and Jocelyn.
Let’s talk about what we’re reading, what we
want to read, what we hated, what we loved,
what we’re thinking about, and anything else.
Please register at www.shelterislandpubliclibrary.org
or joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org
for the Zoom link.

FRIDAY, Jan. 15 at 7:00pm - East End Libraries
present CANTA LIBRE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
via ZOOM. The acclaimed Canta Libre Chamber
Ensemble will present a virtual concert via Zoom,
performing music for flute, strings and harp.
Performers: Sally Shorrock, flute; Bradley Bosenbeck, violin; Veronica Salas, viola; Bernard Tamosaitis,
cello; Karen Lindquist, harp. Featured music will include works by Beethoven, Piazzolla and Vivaldi, as well
as original compositions written for Canta Libre by Long Island Composers Alliance members Jay Anthony
Gach, Murray F. Cohen, Jane Leslie, and Laurence Dresner.

WEDNESDAY, January 20th at 4 pm
MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
on Zoom
with Janet Olinkiewicz
STILL LIFE
by Louise Penny
MONDAY, January 25th at 4 pm
BOOK DISCUSSION
on Zoom
with Poppy Johnson
JACK
by Marilynne Robinson

FRIDAY, January 29th at 10:30 am - Zoom BRUNCH POEMS — with Vivian Eyre —
THE HISTORIANS: POEMS by Eavan Boland.
Email join program@floydmemoriallibrary.org for Zoom Link

FRIDAY, January 29th at 7 p.m. — Rock Music exploded on the big screen in 1955. Rock’s notoriety would end up contributing to its appeal, and Hollywood, recognizing the power of the teen audience, would begin to unleash a series of films featuring rock and R&B musicians performing their hits. This presentation will look at the first decade of rock movies and how Hollywood helped reflect the power of this music around the world. Collaborative project with East End Libraries. Register online at quoguelibrary.org for Zoom login.

MEDICARE — Do you have questions about Covid-19 coverage? Do you need help Mastering the Medicare Maze & NY Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage? RSVP Volunteers offer One-on-One Counseling by telephone. Call the library to make a telephone appointment – (631) 477-0660.

ANYTIME ON YOUTUBE
Truman Capote’s A Christmas Memory

A glorious holiday tradition, Thomas DeWolfe and Jere Jacob have been performing this dramatic adaptation of Truman Capote’s short story since 2014 at Floyd Memorial Library and many other venues and Libraries on the East End. Before Breakfast at Tiffany’s and In Cold Blood, Capote was already famous for such works as Other Voices, Other Rooms, The Grass Harp and House of Flowers. Originally published Mademoiselle Magazine in December 1956, A Christmas Memory was later issued by Random House in hardcover and has since been published in many editions and anthologies, as well as successfully adapted for film and television.

The autobiographical story takes place in the Depression-era rural South and describes the relationship of a seven-year-old boy and the elderly woman who is a distant cousin and his very best friend.
SENSORY KITS FOR JANUARY
These kits are designed for toddlers up to age 4. They contain materials for crafts, games, and playtimes that support your child's early cognitive, physical, emotional, and mental development. They are at our curbside pick-up area and are first come first serve. This month they will be set out on January 4th and January 19th. There are no Zoom links or Facebook programs with these kits; you do them with your child at your own pace.

JANUARY 4th kit will feature sorting and matching games and activities. There will be a craft with circles, and we will begin to explore textures.

JANUARY 19th kit will focus on object permanence and memory skills. The craft shape will be the square. Boxes will be used to continue our work with textures as well as our new concepts in this kit.

STORY TIMES are for ages 4 through 10 and are designed to encourage reading and language skills such as comprehension, imagination, communication, and fluency. We read a story using the text and the illustrations, then make a very simple craft that relates to the story. With the craft you can continue to talk about the story and any new experiences the story may have introduced to your child. All story times begin at 4:30 on Fridays.
Email joinprogram@floydmemorylibrary.org for the link to join the Zoom. Craft kits to go with the story are available the day before and day of the story. They are first come first serve.

The stories for January are:

* January 8th — First Snow by Peter McCarthy
* January 15th — Best in Snow by April Pulley
* January 22nd — Cat and Mouse in the Snow by Tomek Bogacki
* January 29th — Dinos in the Snow! by Karma Wilson

CONTINUING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
Floyd Memorial Library Children’s / Teen Department continue to collect NEW winter hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and socks. Simply drop the items in the basket by the door to our room! A fast and simple way to teach your child the joy it can be to lend a helping hand and help others.
JANUARY 19th at 5 p.m. — Quogue Wildlife presents Bats! This 45-minute program will teach children and adults all about bats, including their anatomy and amazing physical adaptations, various lifestyles of bats from all over the world — including Long Island — and their ecological importance to the planet. The lesson will include a power point presentation, as well as various artifacts such as taxidermy bats, a bat skeleton, posters, and a bat fossil replica.

JANUARY 20th at 4:30 pm on Zoom — Doily snowflakes with Miss Vicky. Use doilies, watercolor paints, and scissors to create these one-of-a-kind snowflakes.

JANUARY 26th at 4:30 p.m. — Polar Bears with Darlene (for grades k-3) on Zoom. Local retired art teacher Darlene Siracusano will introduce you to the animals of the Arctic with this fun musical book, *Way up in the Arctic* by Jennifer Ward. Next you will be instructed on how to make your own cute polar bear out of model magic clay. An art kit will be provide with the materials you will need.

JANUARY 28th at 4:30 p.m. — POLAR BEARS with Darlene (for grades 4-6) on Zoom. Local retired art teacher, Darlene Siracusano, will teach a class about polar bears. You will get to learn the struggles faced by the polar bear by listening to the story *Sea Bear*, a journey of survival by Lindsay Moore. Next, you will get a craft kit and instructions on how to make your very own air-dry clay polar bear.
**JANUARY TEEN PROGRAMS**

Ages 13 - 17

**Zoom:** Email tmoloney45@gmail.com to sign up and receive the Zoom invitation link.

**Library 101 ~** Find out exactly what your library card can do for YOU! We will take a virtual tour and discuss everything and anything related to the Floyd Memorial Library. Movies, Magazines, Books, Crafts, Programs, and More! **Tuesday, January 5th at 6 pm or Thursday, January 21st at 6pm**

**Let Me Show You Brainfuse! ~** It's FREE, on demand, anytime, anywhere elearning with your library card. Features include: Homework Help, live tutors, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests, 24-Hour Writing Lab. Submit Essays & Questions - Foreign Language Lab/Spanish-Speaking Support. **Thursday, January 7th at 6 pm or Tuesday, January 19th at 6pm**

**2 Truths & a Lie ~** We each come up with 3 statements - then we try to decide what the truth is and what the lie is...join us - it's fun! **Friday, January 8th at 6pm**

**Anime Chat ~** Let's talk about characters, books, movies, crafts and show off our sketches! **Thursday, January 14th at 6 pm or Friday, January 22nd at 6pm**

**Scholarships ~** Sign up to learn some scholarship-finding tips and tricks. **Friday, January 15th at 6pm or Saturday, January 23rd at 3:30pm**

**The Strangest Book Titles & Covers** Some of these book covers and titles are bizarre - crazy, actually. Are they real or fake? **Friday, January 29th at 5pm**

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**TAKE & MAKE!**

Email tmoloney45@gmail.com to request your kit pick up ~ While supplies last.

**Polymer Clay Kit-** Get creative and make anything you can imagine! Each kit comes with a few colors of clay and pictures of possible crafts & directions.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ Have a Heart Craft Kit ~** Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by creating a heart shaped dream catcher. Each kit comes with a sturdy heart, ribbons, beads and feathers. How you create your heart is up to you.

'EVEN THOUGH WE FACE THE DIFFICULTIES OF TODAY AND TOMORROW,
I STILL HAVE A DREAM.'

'I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK WITH LOVE. HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR.'

~ MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
**WINTER RAFFLE**

**Who:**
Teens 13 & Up can enter.

**What:**
Glow-in-the-Dark Fleece Throw

**Where:**
Floyd Memorial Library Teen Area

**When:**
The entire month of January

**How:**
Stop in (or email me) and tell me about a book you have read and loved (or hated) to receive a raffle ticket — 1 entry per day.

**Why:**
'Cause it's fuzzy glow-in-the-dark FUN!!

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**Do You Dare...?**
Calling all *Dash & Lily* fans. There is a red notebook hidden in the teen area. Do you dare try to find it? If you are successful finding it...would you be able complete a dare that is written in the book? Time will tell....

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**Did You Know?!?!**
We are expanding our video game collection. Stop in the Teen Area to see what is available. Try out a game before you buy it.
*Nintendo Switch ~ PS4 ~ Xbox One ~ Wii*

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**Coming in February**

**The Impact of COVID-19 on College Admissions**

On Tuesday, February 2nd at 7 p.m. certified college counselor Ronald Feuchs will be presenting information virtually on how COVID-19 is changing the college admission landscape for incoming students. Look for more information in the February newsletter.