Floyd Memorial Library
December 2022

From the Director’s Desk

Dearest Friends,

We’ve made it to another December! Several world religions are preparing for magnificent festivals, including Hanukah, Christmas, Yule, Kwanza, and many, many others. All of us here at Floyd Memorial Library wish you and your loved ones a very happy, merry and festive season of peace, love and wonder! Remember we will be closed on December 24th, and 25th, as well as January 1st and 2nd. We will also close at 2PM on December 31st. We wish you a happy and healthy 2023! We will see you all in January!

Don’t forget to come and see a live reading of O. Henry’s holiday classic, “The Gift of the Magi” performed by the Brockbank’s of Shelter Island along with the Sweet Island Dulcimers. This event will take place on December 10th, 2022, at 3 PM in the Community Room. Also, we’ll have a special visit from Frosty the Snowman on December 28th, 2022, from 11AM-12PM and 2 PM – 3 PM, where we will make crafts and enjoy cookies and juice with our favorite winter character!

The board of trustees will meet on Monday, December 5th, 2022, at 6 PM in the community room. We look forward to seeing you there! Please look at all our wonderful offerings this month and come and visit with us. We always look forward to seeing each one of you. Remember, libraries are for everyone! Come visit, call us, message us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or send us an email. We are here to serve you, and we take that mission seriously. Until next time, I am yours,

Tom Vitale, Library Director
As the days shorten, and the official start of winter approaches, the Friends extend our wishes for a warm and joyous Holiday Season!

A huge THANK YOU to all those who donated such fine “Bling” for our sale last month! Because of you and all those who attended, we were able to raise a nice sum to support the many diverse programs our Library is able to offer.

The Executive Board is excited to welcome Kimberley Stredney and Joan Ripley to our leadership. They bring exciting backgrounds and innovative ideas to the Friends.

This time of year, I start planning our family garden, thinking ahead to starting seedlings in the late winter. Check out the Seed Library and pick up flower and vegetable seeds to plant in your own or maybe even a community garden.

If you are tired of searching Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, etc., remember to download and check out the hundreds of movies available through the Library’s account on the Kanopy app. Just log in using your Library Card number and open up the movie vault!

We will be holding a General Meeting, open to all members of the Friends, on Thursday, December 8th at 5PM in the Community Room. We will talk about what we have accomplished this past year, but mainly, enjoy being with everyone and getting ideas for where to go in the future! Hope to see you there.

The Friends sponsored the Blood Drive at the VFW Hall in Greenport in late November. Thanks to all who participated and supported this effort. PS, Enjoy your McDonald’s!

Dr. Tom Byrne, President
Friends of Floyd Memorial Library
Adult Programs
ON GOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Life Drawing on December 6th & 13th from 10-12pm. Uninstructed figure drawing class provides an opportunity for independent study with professional models. The two-hour sessions consist of short poses ranging from two to twenty minutes. A monitor will be present to set up and time the poses. To register stop by, call or email janet@floydmemoriallibrary.org

GAMES AT FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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A CONVERSATION BETWEEN ARTIST ROZ DIMON AND CURATOR SALLY GRANT will discuss Roz's exhibition, “MY AFFAIR WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN” SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd AT 3 PM In person at the library and live streamed to Facebook
Virtual Programs

**Brunch Poems** with Vivian Eyre via Zoom **Friday December 2nd** at 10:00. If you want to join the group email janet@floydmemoriallibrary.org

East End Libraries Present: **Breathe Together**
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 outlook. **Tuesdays December 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th** at 10am

East End Libraries Present **Divine New York**: inside the Historic Churches and Synagogues of Manhattan - A Zoom presentation with author Elizabeth Anne Hartman and photographer Michael Horowitz discuss their book and take us on a virtual tour of these houses of worship including mini histories. **Wednesday December 7th, 7pm** email janet@floydmemoriallibrary.org for the link - or call 631-477-0660 x 6

**Independent Walking**
Interested in walking for exercise? Join us to explore Greenport’s varied sights at a comfortable pace. No signup necessary. Meet up outside the Library on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 am, return at 9:15 am. Inclement weather cancels

We are still offering HICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program) to guide you through the twists and turns encountered with Medicare and other health insurances.

Need help seeing up Medicare or have questions about your plan? Connect with our Medicare Navigator, Janet B. and set up a 30-minute phone appointment, in which she can help you with all questions and concerns.

Telephone appointments can be made at the Front Desk in half-hour increments from 10am—12pm on **Monday December 5th and 19th**
Come take a fun crafting class where you will learn how to take wire wrap sea glass and turn it into one-of-a-kind handmade necklaces. During the class you will wrap three differently colored sea glass pieces in various styles.

**Friday Dec 9th** Sea glass Necklace Craft Adult/YA 6:30 pm Give us a call at (631)477-0660 or stop by the Circulation Desk

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A live reading of O. Henry's (Gift of the Magi) by Terry and Kathy Brockbank and a performance by Sweet Island Dulcimers on **Saturday Dec 10th** 3pm
Notes from the Curator

In concert with our current exhibition, "My Affair with Abraham Lincoln" by Roz Dimon, we're delighted to announce that the Bob Berks estate trustees will loan the library a Lincoln bust by the acclaimed Orient sculptor. Beginning December 1, this will be the centerpiece in a parallel exhibition honoring Berks (1922-2011), the local artist who created sculptures of world-renowned figures, from Albert Einstein to Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy.

And if you’d like to know more about the striking portraits that make up “My Affair with Abraham Lincoln”, please join me and the artist Roz Dimon for a conversation on Saturday, December 3rd at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event, and no registration is required.

We’re also excited to collaborate, alongside Greenport’s First & South Restaurant, with Mary Latham on a More Good Postcard Project. Many of you will know of Mary’s mission to collect tales of kindness in honor of her mother. Inspired by one act of generosity by a stranger in a coffee shop, the More Good mission took Mary on a three-year journey to all 50 American states. Now she hopes to inspire other good deeds to see where they might lead.

To participate in the project, simply do something kind, write down what you did on a postcard, and mail it to: MORE GOOD P.O. Box 455 Orient, NY 11957. Or save a stamp and drop your postcard off at the library, where the postcards will be displayed from Wednesday, December 14, through to the New Year. We will also have tags at the library on which you can share your story of kindness and hang on our holiday tree, so please stop by!

A special More Good celebration will also be held at First & South on Thursday, December 22nd. Complimentary champagne and snacks will be served from 5-8pm, and 5 percent of sales from 12-9pm will be donated to scholarships in honor of Cindy Goldsmith-Agosta and Dylan Newman. --- Sally Grant, Art Exhibits Curator
Read a Recipe for literacy Tuesdays **December 13th** at 4 pm. Registration required. For grades 2-6. This is a literacy program that is dedicated to spreading the joy of communication. In this program all types of communication are encouraged and supported. Participants will work on their own or in groups. For more information about this program, please visit https://www.readarecipeforliteracy.org/program

**Programs**

**Children’s Clothing Swap:**
**December 15th, 5-7pm** Bring clean, gently used clothes your child has outgrown and swap them for bigger ones!

**December 17th, 10-4pm**
Bring clean, gently used clothes your child has outgrown and swap them for bigger ones! Leftover clothes will be donated to Big Brother, Big Sister and CAST.

Toy drive: Beginning **November 28th to December 12th**, we will be collecting toys for CAST

Frosty the Snowman visits Floyd Memorial Library! Frosty will be here between 11am-12pm and again from 2:00-3:00pm on **December 28th**! There will be cookies, crafts and juice from 11am-4pm

All month long come find holiday symbols in the children’s area and get a snowflake stamp! Write a letter to Santa and mail it in our special mailbox!

The library will be closed on **December 16th** for Staff Development Day. The library will be closed on **December 24th and 25th**. The library will close at 2 pm on **December 31st** and be closed on **January 1st and 2nd 2023**.

There is no registration required for MOST programs. For more information about programs or other children services, to receive weekly reminders about upcoming events/closures, or to register for programs that require registration, please email joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

**Toddler Time**

Wednesdays **December 7th, 14th, 21st** at 10:30am for ages birth-3 years. Join us for playtime, songs, and stories. No registration.

Preschool Story time Wednesdays **December 7th, 14th, 21st** at 3pm For ages 2-4. Explore colors, shapes, patterns, seasons and more with Miss Vicky. Using books, crafts, and movement we will open the world for your preschooler! No registration.

**December 7th** "Downhill Fun: A Counting Book About Winter" by Michael Dahl

**December 14th** "My Frist Chanukah" by Tomie dePaola and "Hanukkah is Coming" by Tracy Newman

**December 21st** "Little Blue Truck’s Christmas" by Alice Schertle and "It’s Christmas" David by David Shannon There will also be a very special guest joining us!

World Explorers Thursdays December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd at 3:30pm For grades K-3. Use books, music, art, nature, and observations to discover the world around you! No registration.

**December 1st** "Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion", by Alex T Smith

**December 8th** "The Grateful Snake", A folktale from China

**December 15th** "The Elves and the Shoemaker", The Brothers Grimm

**December 22nd** "The Gingerbread Boy", A traditional Fairy Tale
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Friday December 2nd, 4pm. Books and Cookies. Join Miss Vicky for milk/juice and cookies while we look at how much illustrations add to a book. Please let Miss Vicky know if you have any allergies. No registration.

Monday December 5th, 3:30pm. Christmas decoration. Create a winter scene inside a mason jar, complete with a tree and miniature gifts. No registration.

Thursday December 8th, 6:30 pm. STEAM. Use your science, engineering, art and math skills to make a weather wheel that shows the changes in the seasons as we get ready to transition from fall to winter. No registration.

Monday December 12th at 3:30 pm Continue to get ready for Hanukkah by making a Star of David suncatcher. No registration.

Thursday December 15th at 5-7pm and Saturday 17th at 10-4pm Bring clean, gently used clothes your child has outgrown and swap them for bigger ones! No registration.

Monday December 19th at 3:30pm Kwanzaa is a week away! Prepare for it with this craft! No registrations.

Tuesday December 27th at 2pm Winter mittens. Make a beautiful pair of watercolor mittens. No registration.

Wednesday December 28th Frosty the Snowman visits Floyd Memorial Library! Frosty will be here between 11am-12pm and then 2:00-3:00pm on December 28! There will be cookies, crafts and juice from 11am- 4pm No registration.

Thursday December 29th, 6:30 pm. Stuffed animal sleepover! Bring your favorite stuffed animal and listen to a few stories together. Tuck in your friend for the night and come get them the next morning! You and your friend can then watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at 10am!

Friday December 30th, 10 am. Watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas", 30 minutes, not rated.

Saturday December 31st, 10 am Get ready for New Year’s Eve tonight! Make a paper plate noise maker complete with jingle bells and confetti. Please note the library closes at 2 pm today!
TEEN EVENTS

Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 pm - Themed Book Group with Phatima Mitchell:
Book: The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez
Come join certified librarian Phatima Mitchell on a journey with Malu as she explores friendships, standing up for what she believes in and her exploration of creative expression.

Friday, December 9 at 5 pm - Game Night: come join your friends and play some of your favorite board games

- Wednesday, December 21 at 5 pm - Ornament Making: come and decorate your very own tree and snowflake ornaments for the holiday season

- Friday, December 23 at 4 pm - Universal Yums: Come discover a country in the world through their food! Each month a new country is revealed. What’ll it be this month? Bring your appetite, opinion and taste buds!
TEEN EVENTS

Teen Movie of the Month
Friday, December 30 at 5 pm- "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" -Rated PG

Teens, do you need community service hours? If you love to read, get community service hours for it. Fill out the book review form, located at the teen desk.

Teens Teach Tech: Are you interested in teaching tech one on one to someone who needs assistance figuring out computers, smart phones, tablets, software? Let Daaimah know and she’ll work with our tech department to set some hours up for you to work with someone in the library. This can be a community service or a paid opportunity.

Inquiries, comments, ideas and suggestions can be shared with the Teen Services Coordinator (631) 477-0660 x 105, or at daai@floydmemoriallibrary.org
COMING SOON TO YOUR LIBRARY

January is children's Winter Reading BINGO. Similar to Summer Reading BINGO this shortened version of the program will keep you entertained! First you are engrossed in some fabulous stories, then, once you win BINGO, you can pick a small board game.

Yoga classes will return on Saturdays January 14, 21, 28

Author Talk & Drug Abuse Prevention/Awareness Resources Monday, January 30 6-7pm at Cutchogue New Suffolk Library Local Author, Geoffrey Wells will discuss his new book, "Never Less". You’ll also meet Justine Briscoe, BS, CASAC, from the Seafield Comprehensive Inpatient/Outpatient Addiction Treatment and Dr. Carol Carter, CEO/Prevention Professional, from Sunshine Prevention Center for Youth and Families. one(1) hour of community service earned for this event.