

# Hempstead Public Library



Newsletter - Winter 2012

## January

### Adult Programs

#### Tai Chi

*Presented by the Arthritis Foundation, LI Chapter*

January 23rd, 25th, 30th,  
February 1st, 6th & 8th  
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tai Chi is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. Join us at the Library for a three week instructional course geared to help your body, mind, and spirit. This program will be held in the Community Room. There is a flat enrollment fee of \$10.00 payable when you register at the Reference Desk.



## February



#### Journey to Africa!

*Presented by Akwesi Asante*

Saturday, February 18th  
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### All About Audio – & E-Books

*Presented by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc.*

Wednesday, February 29th,  
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month by travelling to Africa.... without ever leaving the Library! Performer and educator Akwesi Asante will share with you the cultural contributions of the African continent. This program is for adults AND children: Bring the entire family! Registration at the Reference Desk is required for this free program.

Learn how to download audio books and e-books for various devices using Overdrive, Nassau County Library System's free Digital Doorway! All you need is a valid Nassau County library card. Registration at the Reference Desk is required.



## March



#### Scrapbooking with Judy

*Presented by Judy van Brunt*

Saturday, March 3rd  
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Free Health Screening for Adults

*Provided by St. Francis Hospital*

*Community Outreach Bus*

Friday, March 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Scrapbooking is one of America's favorite artistic pastimes. Join us for a creative and informative hands-on program showing you scrapbooking tips and trends. Be inspired and let your inner artist fly! Registration at the Reference Desk is required.

Obtain a free basic health screening, including a brief cardiac history, a blood pressure reading, and cholesterol and diabetes screening. This free service is open to adults over the age of 18 years old. The bus will be parked right in front of the Library building; you can't miss it!

# Job Information Center

## SOCIAL MEDIA CAN HELP YOUR JOB SEARCH

The days of pouring over the job section of the local newspaper in pursuit of a job are long gone. There has recently been an increase in the use of “social media” websites for job searching because of the ways in which they lend themselves to strategic networking. You may already be on social networking sites, but may never have used them for your job search. A modern day job hunt should always start by using *Facebook*, *LinkedIn* and *Twitter*.



Although *Facebook* was not originally designed for job searching there is no reason why you can't use it for that purpose. If used correctly, you could stay in touch with friends who might be able to help you in your search and to keep your network frequently updated regarding your job hunt.



*LinkedIn* was created as a professional networking site and is now one of the top sites for job searching. You can upload your resume and connect with people in your chosen field.

Most companies will have a presence on LinkedIn and they often advertise vacancies on this site.



*Twitter* is designed to help you build relationships with and spread information among people you don't already know. Many companies have started “tweeting” job openings. Follow companies of interest, and use [Twitterjobsearch.com](http://Twitterjobsearch.com) to search through jobs that have been tweeted.

If you are already on these networking sites you should make sure your profiles are as professional looking as possible. You might also want to take the time to customize your profile so you leave a good impression with prospective employers.

## Job Information Center Programs

### THE UPSIDE OF BEING DOWNSIZED OR FIRED

Wednesday, January 11th  
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Whatever your boss calls it, you now find yourself without a job. Instead of holding the infamous “pity party”, try hosting a celebration bash. After all, you are now FREE to explore new possibilities, perhaps find a job you really could love, finish that screenplay you started in college, join the Peace Corp, or follow your passion into a self – employment venture.

This seminar prepares you for success even if you have “lost” your job. It is divided into three segments: lecture, networking, and question and answer period. The topics covered include: understanding the nature of being passionate about what you know and what you do, brainstorming, mind mapping, goal charting and developing your passion into a money making endeavor, whether as a business owner or an employed person.

This program will be held in the Community Room. Registration is required for this program.

Patron parking is available in the lot behind the library  
(accessible from Washington St.) and in front  
of the library on Nichols Court.

### THE JOB SEARCH: WHEN TO FOLLOW UP WITH EMPLOYERS

Thursday, February 2nd  
from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

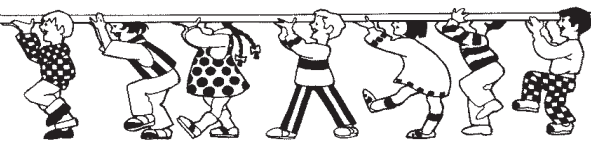
You have submitted an application or sent your resume to a prospective employer. Now what? If you have ever wondered if or how you should follow up with an employer then you should attend this workshop. A representative from *Long Island Cares Inc.* will cover such topics as: When, Why, How and Who you should contact after requesting consideration for a job opening. The benefits or disadvantages of typed thank you letters versus quick e-mail notes will also be addressed. This program will be held in the Community Room. Registration is required for this free program.

*Cell phones are a wonderful convenience.  
However, the use of cell phones in the library is  
a distraction and annoyance to others.  
As a courtesy to other patrons in the library  
you are required to turn your cell phone off  
when entering the library building.*

*Thank you.*

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL  
PROGRAMS IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM  
OR BY CALLING  
(516) 481-6990 ext. 15

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



# January

### Global Tots

*with Roberta Halpern*  
*for toddlers ages 2-5 years*  
Friday, January 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Movement and music program for toddlers 2-5 years old.  
Friday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m.

### Chinese New Year's Program

*with Samantha Sayet*  
*for children in K - 5th grade*  
Thursday, January 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Chinese New Year by creating a dragon.  
For children in K through 5 grade.  
Thursday, January 19 at 4:00 p.m.  
Fee: 50 cents.

# February

### Freedom Quilts

*for children in K - 5th grade*  
Tuesday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Children will learn about the freedom quilts that led the runaway slaves to freedom and then make their own.  
Tuesday, February 7 at 4:00 p.m.  
Fee: 50 cents.



### Asanti Akwesi

*for the whole family*  
Saturday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m.

African Drums – **Joint program with Adults**  
Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m.  
For the whole family.

### President's Day Program

In honor of President's Day, participate in a Presidential quiz. Challenge your knowledge of our Presidents by answering the questions. The student who submits the most correct answers will win a prize.



# March

### St. Patrick's Day Craft

*for children ages 4 through 5th grade*  
Tuesday, March 15th at 4:00 p.m.



Create a shamrock and flower wreath.  
For children ages 4 through 5th grade.  
Thursday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m.

### "Build It"

*from the Long Island Children's Museum*  
*for children from K5 grade*  
Tuesday, March 6th at 4:00 p.m.

A program for kids from K-5 grade explores the scientific principles and physical forces behind structures.  
Tuesday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m.

### Global Tots

*with Roberta Halpern*  
*for toddlers ages 2-5 years*  
Friday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m.

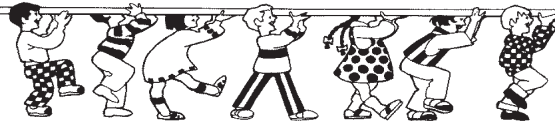
Movement and music program for toddlers 2-5 years old.  
Friday, March 9 at 11:00 a.m.

### Notice to Parents

*We want to remind you that children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver while in the library. Please be aware of the library's hours so that all children are picked up by closing time. Our only alternative for the protection of children left after closing is notifying the police. Please help us help your children.*



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



## Toddler Time

*for children 1 - 3 years*  
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

For children 1-3 years old with a caregiver. Enjoy songs, favorite animal friends and stories. On Mondays, January 9, 23 February 6, 27 March 5, 19 at 10:30 a.m. Free

## Ongoing Programs

## Picture Book Time

*for children ages 2 - 5 years*  
Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Share stories, songs, finger plays, and animal friends for a fun-filled program for children 2- 5 years old, accompanied by a caregiver. On Fridays at 11:00 a.m. January 6, 13, 27 February 3,10,17 and March 2, 16, 23, 30 Free

## Teen Programs

### Sumi-e Dragon Painting

*for Students in middle school and high school*  
Thursday, January 26th  
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

One stroke Sumi-e dragon painting. Create a pen and ink dragon to celebrate the Lunar New Years. Open to students in Middle School and High School. \$1.00 Materials Fee. Sign up in the Children's Room. Space is limited.

### Zentangle Valentine's Day Craft

*for Students in middle school and high school*  
Thursday, February 9th  
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Create a beautiful card for Valentine's Day using the method of repetitive patterns called Zentangle. Open to students in Middle School and High School. \$1.00 Materials Fee. Sign up in the children's Room Space is limited.

### Xbox Kinect

*for Students in middle school and high school*  
Thursday, March 15th  
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night playing Sports Xbox Kinect with your friends. Space is limited for this free program. Open to Middle School and High School Students. Sign up in the Children's Room.

## Continuing Education and Financial Stability for Young Girls

*Grant Programs Open to Girls in High School*

This Grant is Funded by the  
*Women's Fund of Long Island*

All Programs will be on Saturday Mornings

January 7

*Girls Inc®* will present the program "**Money Talks**" from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In this interactive program you will learn how to manage, invest and save money.

January 21

**Career Decision Making and Planning**  
from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Participants will gain self-awareness and learn easy effective tools to pursue career exploration through hands-on activities.

February 4 and February 18

**Young Adult and Teen Job Style Workshop**  
from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Job Style Part 1** - Participants will review the best practices to find a job. These will include job applications, skills assessment, resume writing, cover letters, saving money, college, career path planning and much more.

**Job Style Part 2** - hands-on workshop. Attendee's resumes and cover letters will be edited, and there will be a discussion addressing any questions they may have.

March 3, 2012

**Do What You Are:**

**How Your Personality Influences Your Career Choice**  
from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Explore aspects of your natural preferences and learn how to use this important information to make a satisfying career decision.

**Look for more programs in the Spring funded by this Grant**

## Resume Writing and Cover Letter Writing Workshop

Wednesday, March 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This workshop is a MUST for anyone who needs a job and wants to get one quickly! Resumes and cover letters are a crucial component of the job search process. While there are many resources and services out there for consumers and job seekers, this workshop will teach participants how to effectively utilize software to generate professional looking documents that will stand out above the crowd. While computer knowledge is helpful, it is not required to get started.

The program will be held in the Community Room. Registration is required for this free program.

# Adult Learning Center

## Citizenship Preparation Class

This winter, the library is offering a U.S. Citizenship Class. The ten-week course will help applicants for U.S. citizenship to prepare for all parts of the exam and interview. The class will meet twice a week in the Community Room of the library. This ten-week course is free and is supported by a New York State Adult Literacy Services Grant to the Hempstead Public Library.

**Schedule of Classes:** The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The course begins on Wednesday, January 4 and ends on Wednesday, March 21. To register for the U.S. Citizenship Class and to learn more about other programs offered at the library's Adult Learning Center, please call 481-6990 ext. 18 or visit the center, which is located on the main floor of the library.

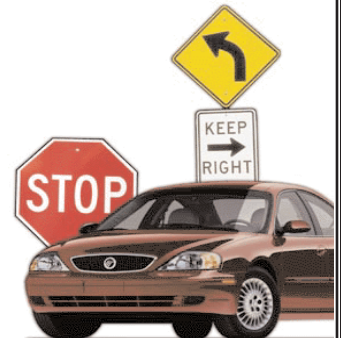


The Library offers the following services at no charge:

- museum pass program
- 24-hour access to online articles in newspapers and magazines
- access to downloadable audio books and e-books
- access to online tutors and live homework help

Pay your library fines online

You can now log on to your library account to pay library fines using a Visa or MasterCard credit card or bank card with the MasterCard or Visa logo (no Discover or American Express). Minimum payment amount is \$5.00.



# Driving Classes

## THE AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be offered in one session, Friday, March 2, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Successful completion of this class will remove up to 4 points from your driving record, entitles you to an insurance discount, and make you a better driver. Registration must be done *in person*. There is a fee of **\$17.00** per person for AARP Members and **\$19.00** per person for non-AARP Members at the time of registration, **checks or money orders payable to AARP**. If you are an AARP Member, you must present your AARP Membership Card at the time of registration. *Hempstead Village residents* may register starting on Tuesday, February 21st. *Non-residents* may register beginning Monday, February 27th. Class size is limited. Bring lunch or a snack. The class will meet in the Community Room. For more information, please call the Library at 481 – 6990.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Registration for Village Residents</u>	<u>Registration for non-residents</u>
Friday 3/2	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday 2/21	Monday 2/27

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## Winter 2012

### Library Board

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### Hempstead Public Library Hours

Monday -Thursday . . . . . 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday . . . . . 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday . . . . . 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday . . . . . 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### Subscription Databases

The Hempstead Public Library can be accessed from your home computer if you have Internet access. The Internet address is [www.hempsteadlibrary.info](http://www.hempsteadlibrary.info), click on “Links & Databases”. You can then click on the blue “Access from Home” button next to the appropriate database. Have your library card at hand: the databases require that you type in your card number.

### Databases you can “Access from Home”:

21st Century Explore, 2-1-1 Long Island, African American Experience, Books in Print, Britannica Online, BYKI Languages, Career Cruising, Consumer Reports, CountryWatch, Daily Life in America, Daily Life Through History, EbscoHost, E Library, Facts on File, Findarticles, FindLaw, Grolier, Information Please, Informe, InfoTrac, InfoTrac for Kids, InfoTrac Health and Business Center, Latino American Experience, Learning Express, Lit Finder, Net Library, Next Reads, Newsday, Novelist, New York State and Federal Tax Forms, Oxford Art Online, Oxford Music Online, Points of View Reference Center, Pop Culture Universe, ProQuest, ReferenceUSA and World Book.

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