A message from the Director

SHANNON MARCHESE

I am very excited to join the Wantagh Public Library as your new Library Director. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since starting in January despite the cold weather. Looking forward to spring’s arrival and bringing you more programs and events to enjoy at the library. To best provide you with the materials and services you wish to see, let’s talk! Whether it is the books you want to see on our shelves, the latest movies, or programming ideas, I am most interested to hear from you. I invite you to visit the library and meet me to talk about our library services on Wednesday, March 10th from 12 – 1 PM & Monday, March 15th from 5 – 6 PM at the library in the community room or through Zoom. The Zoom link will be available on the Library’s calendar of events at www.wantaghlibrary.org. If you prefer, you can call or email me using the details listed below. I look forward to collaborating with you to help your library serve you better.

Sincerely,
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Blood Drive

Saturday, March 27 from 10:30am-3pm
Your donation will help save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this life saving gift. Thank you for caring!
For questions call: 1-800-688-0900

Eligibility criteria:
- Bring ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight is 110 lbs
- Age 16-75 (16 year-olds must have parental permission.
- Age 76 + must have a doctor’s note.)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for the past 12 months
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**Bingo!**  
Friday, March 12  
10am in the library  

Come to the library to relax and have fun playing bingo with other adults for prizes! Registration is required to participate.

**Movie Day at the Library**  
Thursday, March 18  
1pm or 7pm in the library  

A seasoned support rider experiences the most dramatic three days of his life and potentially the end of his career at the opening Irish stages of the notorious 1998 Tour de France.

**DIY Decoupage Jewelry Holder**  
Thursday, March 25  
10am in the library  

If your jewelry collection needs some organization, this class will help set you straight! Come and learn how to make a holder for your necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and rings.
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**Strength, Flexibility & Balance**
Mondays, March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 29, 26, May 3 & 10
10:30am in the library
Fee: $20 payable by check only at time of registration.

Wantagh cardholder registration begins March 1
Out of district registration begins March 8
Registration must be done in person

**Virtual Tai Chi**
Wednesdays 9:30am on Zoom

Join Marvin for a weekly Tai Chi for Arthritis program geared for seniors, but all are welcome. Tai Chi combines slow-moving with deep breathing and is beneficial in increasing body strength, balance, and posture. Tai Chi can also help you reduce stress and increase relaxation.

Register

**Yoga with Vicky**
Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28.
10:30am in the library
Fee: $25 payable by check only at time of registration

Using physical alignment as a starting point, Iyengar Yoga encourages the spread of intelligence throughout the body, the growth of self-awareness, and the experience of the asana as a form of "meditation in action". Please bring a yoga mat, 3 thick blankets, 2 Yoga blocks and a yoga belt.

Registration must be done in person and is ongoing

**Yoga and Meditation with Amanda**
March 10, 17, 24, 31
5:30pm on Zoom
Fee: $20 payable by check only at time of registration

Join this online class to experience 40 minutes of vinyasa yoga and 20 minutes of deep, relaxing meditation. Accessible for all levels of yoga students. This class is not suitable for anyone with limitations in standing up or getting down to the mat multiple times.

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**SciFi Book Discussion**
Tuesday, March 2 at 3pm or 7pm
In person & on Zoom
Join Ian for our discussion of Orson Scott Card's *Ender's Shadow*. A companion volume to the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning novel *Ender's Game* follows the life of Ender Wiggin's comrade Bean, from his escape from the mean streets of Rotterdam, to his student days at the Battle School, and to his role as Ender's right hand ally, strategist, and friend in the epic struggle to save Earth from alien invaders.

Register 3pm   Register 7pm

**Book Discussion with Shannon**
Tuesday, March 9 at 3pm or 7pm
In person & on Zoom
Join Librarian Trainee Shannon as we read *Someone We Know* by Shari Lapena. In a quiet suburb in upstate New York, a teenager has been sneaking into houses--and into the owners' computers as well, learning their secrets, and maybe sharing some of them, too.

Register 3pm   Register 7pm

**Book Discussion with Karen**
Tuesday, March 23 at 3pm or 7pm
In person & on Zoom
Join Librarian Karen for our afternoon book discussion of *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, the pick for the 2021 Long Island Reads. Separated by their embrace of different racial identities, two mixed-race identical twins reevaluate their choices as one raises a black daughter in their southern hometown while the other passes for white with a husband who is unaware of her heritage.

Register 3pm   Register 7pm
History Hub with Jack: The Brooklyn Bridge
Wednesday, March 24 at 7pm
In person & on Zoom
Calling on all history buffs! We will take a look at the history of the iconic Brooklyn Bridge from its construction to how it has impacted society. Enjoy a vintage and picturesque presentation of this beloved inspiring New York landmark. Please share any memories that you may have of the bridge!

Facebook for Beginners
Thursday, March 11 at 10am
In person & on Zoom
Learn the basics of using Facebook. We will show you how to set up your account, find friends, post simple statuses, pictures, and more.

Book Discussion with Jack
Tuesday, March 30 at 3pm or 7pm
In person & on Zoom
Join Librarian, Jack for our discussion A Brotherhood Betrayed by Michael Cannell. For a brief moment before World War II erupted, America fixated on the delicate balance of trust and betrayal on the Brooklyn streets. This is the story of the one man who tipped the balance.

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Register 7pm

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Applying to College, One Step at a Time
Thursday, March 11 from 7-8pm on Zoom
High School students & parents welcome

Gone are the days of taking the SAT once as a junior and applying to a handful of colleges as a senior. In this workshop, college application coach and President of Crimson Coaching™, Dr. P. (Dominique Padurano, Ph.D.) lays out a common-sense timeline for 10th and 11th graders applying to college. She’ll suggest when to do what so that students and parents stay both on track and sane throughout – and maybe even enjoy! – the college application process. This event will be held live on zoom

Register

TEENS/TWEENS

Among Us with Miss Shannon
Monday, March 22 from 5:30-6:30pm
Grades 6-12

Come play Among Us! You will need to bring a smartphone/tablet and have the game downloaded on your device.

Register

Jackbox games with Miss Shannon
Wednesday, March 31 from 6-7pm
Grades 6-12

Play Jackbox games with Miss Shannon. Bring a device to play on.

Register
Hand-Painted Wooden Coasters
Wednesday, March 3
6:30-7:30pm
Grades 6-12

Hand paint your own set of coasters. Choose from stencils or create a unique design. Dress for a mess

Outside the Lines: Teen Art Club
Wednesday, March 17
5:30-7pm
Grades 6-12

Join our new library art club! Each month we'll learn a little bit about art history and then create our own art work in the style of a particular artist or art movement.

Register
Story Seekers
Saturday, March 20
2-3pm
Grades 5-8

Follow writing prompts and share your stories in this creative writing class.

Register

Shrinky Dinks
Wednesday, March 24
4-5pm
Grades 5-12

Create your designs at the library on special Shrinky Dink paper and shrink them at home.

Register

Friendship Bracelets
Friday, March 26
4-5pm
Grades 5-12

Join us at the library for a fun afternoon of making friendship bracelets or keychains with embroidery string.

Register
KIDS

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**Tot Time**

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 8
10:30 am on Zoom
Geared to ages 18 months - 5 years but all are welcome

Miss Karen is making a virtual visit!
Sing some songs, listen to a story, and participate in a fun activity or craft.

**Evening Tot Time**

Mondays, March 1, 8, 22, & April 12
6:45 pm on Zoom
Geared to ages 18 months - 5 years, but all are welcome

Miss Karen is making a virtual visit before bedtime! Sing some songs, listen to a story, and participate in a fun activity or craft!

Register

Register
Virtual Storytime with Miss Erin
Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
Geared to ages 2-5 but all are welcome

Listen to stories, sing some songs, and jump around in this pre-recorded storytime program. Links to view will be emailed each week of the program.

Register

Ready, Set, Storytime live on Zoom
Wednesdays, March 17 and 31
2:00 pm on Zoom
Geared to ages Birth - 5 years, but all are welcome to join in

This interactive storytime session will introduce literacy practices through stories, songs, movement activities, and rhymes.

Register
Virtual Baby Bookworms
Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Stories! Songs! Rhymes! This early literacy program is designed for our littlest friends. This is a pre-recorded storytime sessions. Links to view will be emailed each week of the program.

Virtual Baby & Me Yoga
Monday, March 15
6:30 pm on Zoom
Ages: Birth to Walking

This class combines yoga and play to help you get back into yoga or start your yoga journey with your baby!
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**STEM at Home**

Activity is geared towards Grades K - 5. Younger children may need some adult assistance.

Pick up a STEM related activity for your child. Each week we will have a new activity available.

No registration required.
*While supplies last.*

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**Take & Make Craft**

Geared to ages 2 and up

Come pick up a craft to make at home! We will have a new craft each week.

No registration required.
*While supplies last.*
Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
Tuesday, March 2

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday virtually!

- All registered families will receive a link to view a Dr. Seuss storytime with special guest readers from the Wantagh Retired Teacher's Group.
- Read 4 Dr. Seuss books during the month of March you will be entered into a raffle for a fun prize
- Vote for your favorite Dr. Seuss character
- All registered children will receive a Dr. Seuss goody bag containing a craft and other fun items.

Register

Dr. Seuss Storytime
Friday, March 5
4:15 pm in the library
Grades K - 2

Join us for stories, activities, and a craft celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

Register
Irish Soda Bread Muffins with Chef Rob (pick-up kit)

Family Program
Let's get ready for St. Patrick's Day by baking these traditional Irish Soda Bread muffins! Registered families can pick up a kit beginning Monday, March 8. One kit per family.

Register

St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans

Friday, March 12
4:15pm in the library
Grades K-3

Join Miss Carly for St. Patrick's Day stories and a craft!

Register

Let's Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 17
12pm in the library
Ages 3-6 w/ a caregiver

Join us for stories, flannel time and a simple craft celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Register
Storytime Fun
Mondays, March 8, 15 & 22
2pm in the library
Ages 3-5 (child must be 3 before the first session)

This is a Storytime, activity and craft session designed for 3-5 year old's with a caregiver.

Register

Yoga Story Adventures
Wednesday, March 10
4:15pm in the library
Ages 3 - 6 years with a caregiver

Join Ms. Jen for a fun yoga session.*All participants must bring their own yoga mat.

Register

Yoga Play
Friday, March 19
4:15pm in the library
Grades 1-4

We will practice yoga poses, do some breathing, be silly, and maybe even play a yoga game! *All participants must bring their own yoga mats.

Register
Crafty Creations
Thursday, March 25
6:30pm in the library
Grades 4-6

Come craft at the library with Miss Erin! This month we will paint windchimes.

Register

Saturday Ceramics
Saturday, March 13
10am in the library
Grades 1-3

Relax and create a colorful ceramic watering can!

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Chapter Chat
Thursday, March 11
4pm in the library or on Zoom
Grades 2-3

Read the book or ebook at home then join us for a discussion and activity. This month’s book is: The Becket List by Adele Griffin

Register

Page Turners
Thursday, March 18
4pm in the library or on Zoom
Grades 4-6

Read the book or ebook at home then join us for a discussion and an activity. This month’s book: Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Register
Treasure Box Bingo
Monday, March 29 at 2pm in the library
Grades 2-5
We will be playing bingo and winners will select prizes from our mystery treasure box.

Register

Let's Draw
Tuesday, March 30 at 11am on Zoom
Grades 1-5
Join artist and teacher Doris Benter for a relaxing virtual drawing class. During this class students will create two Romero Britto inspired animal art pieces.

Supplies needed to participate: 8 1/2 X 11 inch white piece of paper, a pencil, a black marker and colored pencils.

Register

Butterfly Garden Storytime
Wednesday, March 31 at 12pm in the library
Grades K-2
Join us for stories about gardens and butterflies - we will also design our own butterfly habitat!

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**Spring Break Fun at the Library**

**Canvas Kids**
Thursday, April 1 at 2:00 pm in the library
Grades 2-5

Paint a spring themed bunny suitable for holiday decorating or gift giving!

[Register]

**April Showers Storytime**
Friday, April 2 at 12pm in the library
Grades K-2

Join us for stories, activities and a simple craft celebrating spring showers!

[Register]
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**Library Hours**
Monday - Thursday: 9am-9pm  
Friday: 9am-6pm  
Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Sunday: Closed

**Library Closings**
No closings in March

**Community Meetings**
March 10 - Camera Club - 7pm  
March 15 - Library Board Meeting - 6:30pm  
March 24 - DAR - 12:30pm

**Library Board of Trustees**
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**Library Director** - Shannon Marchese