



Phase 2 of the Transition to 146 Glen Head Rd.

During the month of November, the daily Library operations moved down the road to the Annex at 40 Railroad Avenue. We don't yet have a date for the opening of the new building, but we are getting closer to one. We are disappointed that the new building is not quite ready, but we are currently applying the final touches necessary to serve you!

The Library Circulation Desk is now in Annex Room B (first door to the right). Come in to browse the new items on the carts; and "Place A Hold" (See Page 15 for Complete Instructions) on any other items you are looking for. Visit goldcoastlibrary.org/servicealert for regular updates on Library Services throughout this transition.

We are not currently charging any late fees. If you have items due at this time, you may return them to the Annex during regular Library Hours or to any library in Nassau County. If you have Gold Coast items you may hold onto them until we move, but we ask that you return items that belong to other libraries. We are not charging late fees at this time; if you see any on your record, please let us know.

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Annual Friends of the Library Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 7th • 2PM

Friends of the Gold Coast Library is pleased to announce the return of the acclaimed Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble. Enjoy an afternoon filled with music specifically written for flute, harp, violin, viola, and cello. All are welcome!



We would like to thank the Book Brigade for helping us move a portion of the collection! The Glen Head School Students formed a book chain from 50 Railroad Avenue all the way to the new building! Enjoy the video by scanning the QR Code!



CELEBRATE,
THE LIBRARY'S
GRAND OPENING
AND 20TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Please see the last page of this newsletter for registration dates. Prior to each program, you are contacted by either email or telephone to confirm your attendance. If your attendance is not confirmed, wait-listed people are invited to the program so that as many children as possible can be accommodated.



Preschool Series Programs

Tea Time

Friday, January 30th • 10AM

Ages Birth to 3 Years

Tea Time is a great way to meet other parents and discuss parenting challenges. It's also a wonderful way for your children to meet other children, learn to play together, and make new friends!



Play Hooray

Ages 3 to 24 Months • 10AM

Play Hooray Kids

Ages 25 Months to 4 Yrs • 11AM

Friday, December 12th

Thursday, January 8th

Wednesday, January 21st

Thursday, February 5th

Friday, February 13th

Wednesday, March 4th

Interactive classes filled with music and movement activities based on a theme.



Father Goose

Monday, December 15th • 10AM

Monday, January 12th • 10AM

Monday, February 9th • 10AM

Ages 12 to 35 Months

A thirty-minute Circle Time filled with nursery rhymes, stories, and songs.

A Time for Kids

Wednesday, December 17th • 10AM

Wednesday, January 14th • 10AM

Monday, January 26th • 10AM

Thursday, February 26th • 10AM

Ages 18 Months to 5 Years

A fun, interactive adult and child educational experience that helps children gain important school readiness and developmental growth skills.

Tots' Night Out

Tuesday, December 9th • 6PM

Tuesday, January 20th • 6PM

Tuesday, February 10th • 6PM

Ages 18 Mos. to 5 Years

Tots have fun before bedtime with *A Time For Kids!*



Wigglin' Wednesdays

Wednesday, December 10th • 10AM

Wednesday, January 7th • 10AM

Wednesday, February 11th • 10AM

Ages 3 to 5 Years

Parents and children are invited to not only hear great stories read by Mr. V but also to get up and dance to great song classics!



Jump Bunch Sports and Fitness for Kids

Friday, February 6th • 10AM

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 Years

Jump Bunch for toddlers is a sports-oriented class that uses brightly colored foam balls and other simple toys to improve basic motor skills and hand-eye coordination.



Storytimes

LEGO® DUPLO®

Storytime

Friday, December 19th • 10AM

Friday, January 23rd • 10AM

Friday, February 20th • 10AM

Ages 2-5

Join Miss Alex for a fun STEM-related storytime; we will read stories, sing songs, and build using LEGO® DUPLO®.

Miss Alex's Blizzard Storytime

Friday, January 9th • 10AM

Ages 2-5

Join Miss Alex for a blizzard-themed storytime; we will read interactive books, learn fingerplays, dance, sing and make a craft!

STEAM for Kids (Grades K-2)

Sleds & Sleighs

Thursday, December 18th • 4PM

Grades K-2

Learn how to make sleds, sleighs and flying snowmen with Miss Alex!

Weekend Family Storytimes:

Monkeys

Saturday, December 27th • 11AM

All Ages

Come monkey around at a special family story time all about our favorite playful primates. Hear stories and make a craft the whole family will enjoy!



Pizzas

Saturday, January 17th • 11AM

All Ages

It's National Pizza Week! Join us for a deliciously fun family story time all about pizza! Hear pizza-themed stories; then create a pretend pizza masterpiece!



Birds

Saturday, February 7th • 11AM

All Ages

Fly into the library to hear bird-themed stories; then make a feathered friend craft. All are welcome to join the flock!

Grades K-5

LEGO® Club

Thursday, December 11th • 4PM

Thursday, January 15th • 4PM

Thursday, February 12th • 4PM

Grades K-5

Please register each child participating. We supply the LEGO®, you supply the creativity! Join the LEGO® Club to freely imagine and build to your heart's content!



Hot Cocoa Bomb

Monday, December 8th • 4PM

Grades K-5

Learn how to make the shell, fill it with cocoa powder and marshmallows, and seal it using different techniques. Makes the best cup of hot chocolate ever!



Happy Winter Snowman on Wood

Saturday, December 13th • 3PM

Grades K-5

Paint a jolly, happy snowman on a wooden plank just in time for the winter season.

Big Game Day Blast

Wednesday, January 28th • 4PM

Grades K-5

Get ready for the big game! Play football-type games; then enjoy soft pretzels, chips, salsa, and drinks!

Starry Night Light Up

Saturday, January 24th • 3PM

Grades K-5

Light up the wintry night with colorful stars, your own doodles on a cardboard sleeve, and a battery-operated tea light for instant twinkle!

Luv Ya Bouquet

Wednesday, February 21st • 3PM

Grades K-5

Create a 3-D bouquet of hearts on a canvas to enjoy yourself or to give to someone special.



Snowman Cupcakes

Wednesday, February 25th • 4PM

Grades K-5

Create snowman cupcakes using an assortment of icings, candies, and squeeze gels; then play Chef Rob games!



Holiday Cookie Decorating

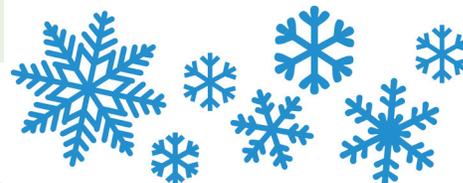
Saturday, December 20th

Session I: 11AM to 12PM

Session II: 2PM to 3PM

For families

The library provides all the cookies and supplies you need to have a memorable holiday cookie-decorating experience that's fun for the whole family!



Children of All Ages!

Join the Winter Reading Club!

January 19th Through March 13th!

Make the most of your winter break and be eligible to enter a drawing for a fantastic prize! Read or listen to "grade-level appropriate books" and compile a reading record at the library. Please don't hesitate to ask a librarian if you need help finding a book to read! Winter Reading Club ends March 13th, so start reading!



'TWEEN PROGRAMS (GRADES 3-6)

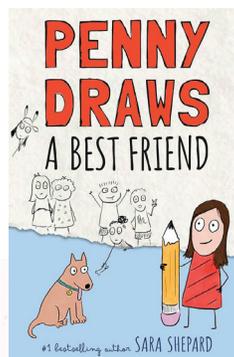
'Tween Book Club

Friday, December 5th • 4PM

Friday, January 30th • 4PM

Grades 3-5

Pick up *Penny Draws a Best Friend* by Sara Shepard from the Circulation Desk for the December Book Club. The January title will be announced at a later date. Even if you don't finish the book, please come to Book Club! We'll do fun, themed activities like scavenger hunts, too!



To-Be-Read Book Jar

Saturday, January 10th • 4PM

Grades 3-6

Get crafty AND organized at this program designed for you! Create your own personalized TBR (To Be Read) book jar filled with paper stars... each one hiding the name of a book you want to read. It's a creative way to track your reading goals and discover your next favorite book. All supplies provided!

STEAM for 'Tweens

Tuesday, January 27th • 4PM

Grades 3-6

If your kids have aged out of the STEAM program but still want to explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics at the library, Miss Alex does crafts and experiments suited for older children.

Let's Make Pretzel Rolls

Wednesday, February 4th • 4PM

Grades 3-6

Enjoy this hands-on baking experience! Make dough; then create pretzel rolls to take home and bak. *Samples, baking instructions, and recipe provided. Please bring an apron!*



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (GRADES 6-12)

DIY Craft Programming for Grades 6-12

Ornament Kit

Wednesday, December 10th

Grades 6-12

Paint a holiday-themed ornament!



New Year, New Me Kit

Wednesday, January 7th

Grades 6-12

Decorate a jar and fill it with New Year's Resolutions, reading goals, inspirational quotes, gratitude reminders, or whatever else will keep you motivated in 2026!

No-Sew Heart Pillow Kit

Wednesday, February 11th

Grades 6-12

Learn how to make a cute, fluffy heart pillow. No sewing required!



Teen & Parent Holiday Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, December 16th • 7PM

Grades 6-12 and Adults

Teens and parents are invited to a hands-on holiday-themed cookie decorating class where they'll learn step-by-step techniques to turn plain cookies into edible masterpieces!



Beginner's Crochet Workshop Series

Tuesdays, January 27th and February 3rd • 6-8PM

Grades 6-12

In a two-part series, beginners will learn the fundamentals of crocheting—including the chain, single, double and triple crochet stitches—under the guidance of Janice Imbrogno. Handouts, instructions, and all supplies are provided. ***Please note that registration is for both classes; you must attend the first class to take the second class.***

Drone Missions Series

Tuesdays, February 17th and February 24th • 6:30PM

Grades 6-12

In a two-part series, students learn drone basics, controls, and how to fly a drone; then take an obstacle course test and earn a certificate of completion. ***Please note that registration is for both classes; you must attend the first class to take the second class.***



Drop-In Crafts & Activities

Starting in January, come to the new Teen Department on Friday afternoons between 2:30 and 5PM to hang out and do drop-in crafts, play board and card games, do puzzles and more! No need to register.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (GRADES 6-12)

Teen Program Volunteers

Grades 9-12

Earn 2 hours of community service credit! Volunteer to set up, clean up and help during a children's program! Email Teen Librarian Alex (acivorelli@goldcoastlibrary.org) to reserve your spot. There is a maximum of two teen volunteers per program/session. First come, first served!

LEGO® Club

December 11th • 3:45-5PM

January 15th • 3:45-5PM

February 12th • 3:45-5PM

STEAM

December 18th • 3:30-5:30PM

January 8th • 3:30-5:30PM

February 19th • 3:30-5:30PM

Drop-In Saturday Service

Saturdays, January 31st and February 28th • 2-4PM

Grades 6-12

Starting in January, drop in on a Saturday at the library to earn community service credit and help Teen Librarian Alex. Prepare for upcoming programs; decorate and organize the Teen Room too, no need to register!

Community Service at Home

Cards for Kids

Grades 6-12

If you have a busy schedule and can't make it to the library to volunteer, you can still earn community service credit by making cards for hospitalized kids at home and donating them back to the library! *For further instructions on how to make these cards and receive your community service credit, please visit goldcoastlibrary.org/young_adults.*

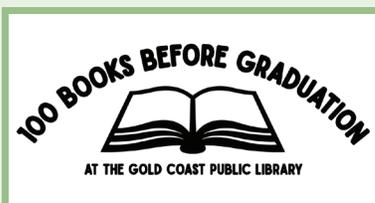


100 Books Before Graduation

Grades 6-12

This new reading initiative challenges teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school.

When you come to the Teen Department, the starter pack you will receive explains how to register and the complete rules. Earn a prize for every 20 books you read!



NEW ADULT TO-GO KITS (AGES 18 AND UP)

Peppermint Bark

Friday, December 19th

Pick up a sweet seasonal treat kit at the Library. It includes everything you need to make your own delicious peppermint bark at home. Makes a great gift!



Wool Coasters

Friday, February 20th

Get cozy and creative! Learn how to make colorful wool ball coasters perfect for adding a handmade touch to your home or giving as a gift.



ADULT PROGRAMS

See the last page of this newsletter for complete registration information.

Bird House Painting

Monday, December 1st • 7PM

Under Kristen Duer's guidance, make an adorable, mixed media painting of a bird house.

Poinsettia Vase

Wednesday, December 10th • 6:30PM

Shirley Ruby guides you in painting a festive spray of Poinsettias on a glass vase to fill with goodies and give as a gift! *All supplies provided EXCEPT you must bring in a box to carry your project home in safely.*



Wood Disc Snowman

Tuesday, December 16th • 2:30PM

Christin Nash helps you make a cute snowman decoration to either hang in your home or give as a gift. *A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration.*

'Dreaming of Summer' Painting

Wednesday, January 7th • 7PM

Tired of the winter already? Kristen Duer guides you in creating a beautiful painting will make you dream of summer.

Football Cakesicle

Monday, January 12th • 7PM

With *Thems the Breaks*, make your own Cakesicle using a mold and cake pop dough; then cover it with melted chocolate and decorate it to look like a football. *A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration.*

Winter Cloche Scene

Wednesday, January 14th • 7PM

Create a beautiful winter cloche scene under Lisa Colon's guidance. Makes a lovely centerpiece!

Valentine's Day Door Hanging

Monday, January 26th • 7PM

Christin Nash shows you how to make a beautiful Valentine's Day door hanging. *A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration.*

Mah Jongg

Thursdays, January 15th, 22nd, and 29th • 10:30AM

Join Master Mah Jong teacher Jacqui Palatnik to learn this ageless game!

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, April 7th • 11:30AM

Donna Rovegno leads you in traditional yoga poses, seated and standing, using a chair for stability and deep stretching. Accessible to all fitness levels and abilities, chair yoga promotes the therapeutic health benefits of stress reduction, relaxation, strength and mobility. You'll leave feeling great! *A non-refundable \$30 fee is due at registration. Please bring a yoga mat, blocks and belt if you have them.*

Mini-Breakable Hearts

Monday, February 2nd • 7PM

Thems the Breaks Chocolate shows you how to decorate a pre-made chocolate breakable heart (wooden hammer included!) using pretzels, Oreos®, marshmallows, and Rice Krispies Treats®. You'll make great chocolate treats too! *A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at time of registration.*



Valentine's Candy Pots

Wednesday, February 11th • 7PM

Kristen Duer helps you make super sweet, adorable Valentine's Day Candy Pots for that special someone in your life.

Bird on a Winter Branch Painting

Wednesday, February 18th • 7PM

Join Lisa Colon and paint a beautiful bird on a winter branch.



Learn to Cook at the Library

Linzer Tarts

Wednesday, December 3rd • 6:30PM

Learn how to make buttery, impressive shortbread cookies; bring them home to bake and fill with your favorite jam.

A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration. Please bring a mixing bowl, spatula, cutting board, rolling pin and cookie sheet to the class.

3 in 1 Fall Pie

Monday, December 8th
• 7PM

Thems the Breaks provides all the ingredients you'll need to make a blueberry, cherry, pumpkin or apple pie.

A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration.



Chef Rob's Cookie Pizza

Wednesday, January 28th • 6:30PM

Chef Rob helps you make a giant chocolate chip cookie pizza in any of these four shapes: round, square, football, or heart.

A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration. Please bring one large bowl, one medium bowl, whisk, rubber spatula, pizza pan or cookie tray, and 1 1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips to class.

Let's Make Challah Bread

Wednesday, February 4th • 6:30PM

Learn how to make delicious Challah Bread under Debby Rood Goldman's guidance.

A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration.



Sharp Cheddar Cheese and Broccoli Soup with Chef Rob

Wednesday, February 25th • 6:30PM

Chef Rob makes sharp cheddar and broccoli soup for you to enjoy at the program; then you'll make and take home his 'Love a Brownie in a Mug'.

A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration. You must bring your own mug to class!

Irish Soda Bread

Wednesday, March 4th
• 7PM

Let's make some delicious Irish Soda Bread with *Thems the Breaks!*

A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration.



Six Songs: Eagles

Performance by The Arlington Drive Band

Sunday, February 22nd • 2PM

Since the early 1970s, The Eagles have had a tremendous impact on the world of popular music. In this presentation—part lecture, part live performance—we examine six songs to get a better understanding of the band members as musicians, songwriters, and artists. Dancing is not required, but singing along is encouraged!



Weekly Crochet and Knitting: In Stitches

Mondays 2 - 3:30PM

Learn to crochet or knit in a warm, friendly environment. Enjoy the camaraderie while learning new skills or improving on those you already have.



UPCOMING VIRTUAL LECTURES

These programs are offered via Zoom. You must register to receive access information via email.

North Shore Programming Consortium

The Gold Coast, Glen Cove, Oyster Bay-East Norwich, Locust Valley, Sea Cliff and Bayville Libraries have formed the NSPC to offer a wide variety of educational and entertaining lectures in a cost-effective way.



See full descriptions of all upcoming NSPC lectures at nspclibrary.org

Unwrapping the Charms of German Christmas Traditions

Monday, December 1st • 7PM

Join German Historian Anette Isaacs and journey through time and tradition, exploring how Germany's unique customs have shaped the magic of Christmas celebrations worldwide. Uncover the rich history and cultural significance behind cherished customs such as the Advent calendar, Christkindlmarkt, and St. Nicholas Day. Delve into the heartwarming tales of the Christkind and the festive decoration of the Tannenbaum. Explore the delectable delights of traditional holiday treats like Lebkuchen and Stollen.



From Saint to Santa

Tuesday, December 16th • 2PM

Art historian Michael Norris traces—through centuries of art—the evolution of a Greek bishop from Roman-era Turkey to a beloved saint; then explores how Saint Nicholas became Santa Claus.

Going to Extremes: Extreme Adventure Travel

Tuesday, January 6th • 7PM

10 Most Influential Cookbooks

Monday, January 12th • 7PM

Frank Sinatra: A Man and His Movies

Thursday, January 8th • 2PM

Learn about Frank Sinatra's impressive (and at times maligned) motion picture career. Considered the greatest singer of the 20th century, he earned the nicknames *Ol' Blue Eyes* and *The Chairman of the Board* and was known for his countless musical milestones; but his motion picture career was equally impressive. From spirited musicals such as *Guys and Dolls*, *High Society* and *On The Town* to dramatic endeavors like his Oscar-winning performances in *From Here To Eternity*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, and *The Man With the Golden Arm*, Sinatra delivered memorable performances and received both critical and public accolades.



Functional Heart Health: Supporting Your Heart Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, February 3rd • 7PM

Join us for an engaging presentation on functional heart health. Explore how lifestyle, nutrition, stress management, and targeted support can work together to keep your heart strong. We'll go beyond numbers and lab results and give you the whole picture, empowering you with practical strategies to protect and enhance your cardiovascular well-being every day.

The Harlem Art Explosion: From Innovation to Mainstream

Wednesday, February 11th • 2PM

Robin Hoffman and Jodi Stiffelman of *ArtScapades* discuss the work of three artists—William H. Johnson, Romaire Bearden and Jacob Lawrence—who were working in Harlem at the height of The Harlem Renaissance and whose art focused on African American culture and daily life in Harlem.

Silent Heroes: The Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany

Monday, February 23rd • 7PM

Genealogy Collective

Beyond the Brick Wall: Strategies for Pre-1850 U.S. Research

Tuesday, December 9th • 7PM

Researching Americans before 1850 can be challenging; records are sparse, unindexed, and hard to locate. Strategies for identifying relationships are introduced; and advanced research techniques, record analysis, and evidence correlation are demonstrated.

MOVIE DAYS AT GOLD COAST

All movies are shown at the Gold Coast Public Library on Friday afternoons at 2PM.

The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad (1988)

December 5th

Lieutenant Frank Drebin (Leslie Nielsen) foils a plan to assassinate Queen Elizabeth. With Priscilla Presley. (1 Hour, 22 Minutes)

The Naked Gun (2025)

December 12th

Following in his father's footsteps, Lt. Frank Drebin Jr. (Liam Neeson) is the one man who can lead a police squad and save the world. Pamela Anderson co-stars. (1 Hour, 25 Minutes)

Eddington (2025)

December 19th

In May of 2020, a standoff between a small-town sheriff (Joaquin Phoenix) and mayor (Pedro Pascal) sparks a powder keg as neighbor is pitted against neighbor in Eddington, New Mexico. (2 Hours, 28 Minutes)

Family Films:

Superman (2025)

December 26th

Superman must reconcile his alien Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as reporter Clark Kent. As the embodiment of truth and justice, he soon finds himself in a world that views these values as old-fashioned. (2 Hours, 9 Minutes)

Fantastic Four: First Steps (2025)

January 2nd

Forced to balance their roles as heroes with the strength of their family bond, the Fantastic Four must defend Earth from a ravenous space god called Galactus and his enigmatic herald, the Silver Surfer. (1 Hour, 54 Minutes)

Robert Redford (1932-2025)

Barefoot in the Park (1967)

January 9th

Can young newlyweds Corie (Jane Fonda) and Paul Bratter (Robert Redford) with vastly conflicting personalities (she's a free spirit, he's a stuffed-shirt lawyer) get past their differences and live happily ever after? (1 Hour, 45 Minutes)

Three Days of the Condor (1975)

January 16th

Robert Redford is CIA Agent Joe Turner, Code Name Condor. When his entire office is massacred, Turner goes on the run from his enemies - and his so-called allies. (1 Hour, 57 Minutes)

Diane Keaton (1946-2025)

Manhattan (1979)

January 23rd

Woody Allen is a TV comedy writer, frustrated in both his career and love life. His attraction to Diane Keaton is complicated by the fact that she is already having an affair with his married friend. (Michael Murphy). (1 Hour, 36 Minutes)

Looking for Mr. Goodbar (1977)

January 30th

Richard Brooks' haunting drama stars Diane Keaton as school teacher Theresa Dunn, whose mild demeanor masks her rebellious nightlife of dance clubs and dive bars. (2 Hours, 16 Minutes)

On the Waterfront (1954)

February 6th

An emotional tale of individual failure and social corruption, *On the Waterfront* follows Marlon Brando's moral crisis. He must decide whether or not to remain loyal to a mob-connected union boss (Lee J. Cobb) and his right-hand man and brother (Rod Steiger). (1 Hour, 48 Minutes)

Splendor in the Grass (1961)

February 13th

The love of high school sweethearts Deanie (Natalie Wood) and Bud (Warren Beatty) is weighed down by the oppressive expectations of their parents and society in smalltown 1928 Kansas, threatening the future of their relationship. (2 Hours, 4 Minutes)

The Big Heat (1953)

February 20th

A tightly wound Glenn Ford stars as a homicide detective whose investigation into a sprawling crime syndicate becomes a shockingly personal quest for revenge. Co-starring Gloria Grahame as the mink-coated gangster's moll and featuring a supporting cast led by Lee Marvin. (2 Hours, 4 Minutes)

To Have and Have Not (1944)

February 27th

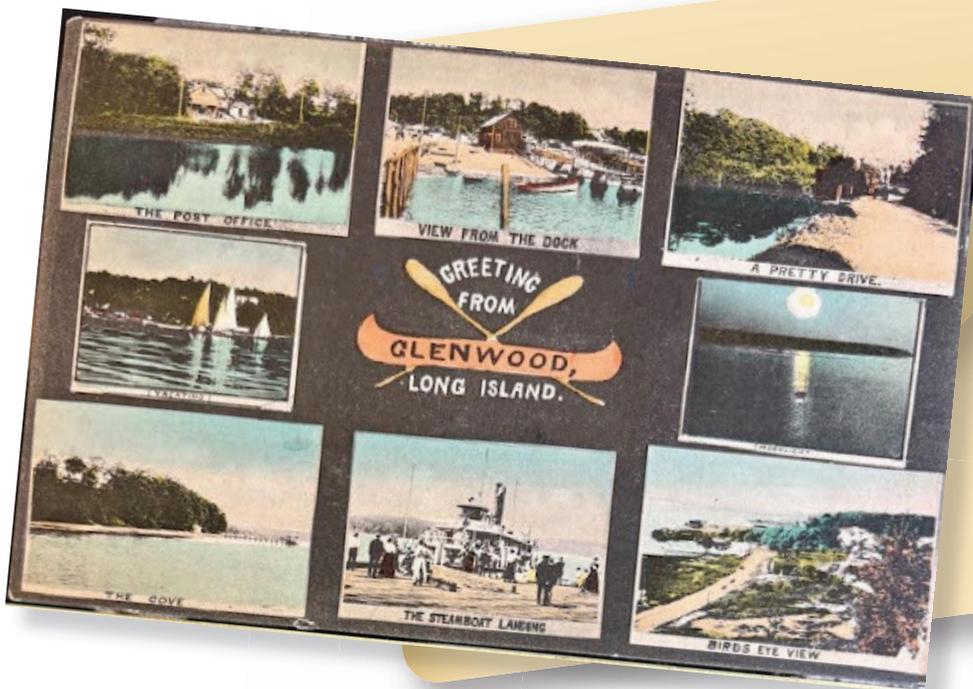
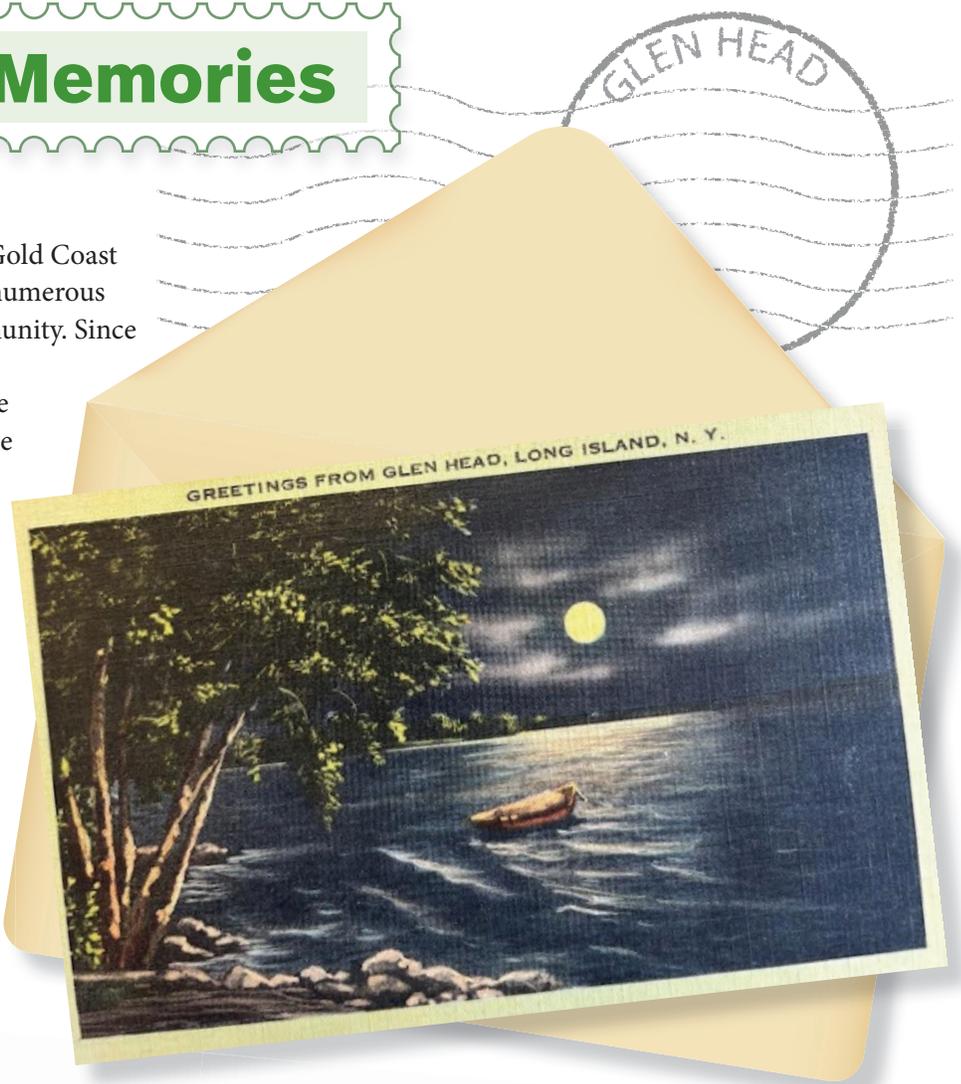
During World War II, an American expatriate (Humphrey Bogart) helps to transport a French Resistance leader and his wife to Martinique while romancing a lounge singer (Lauren Bacall). (1 Hour, 40 Minutes)

Gold Coast Memories

New Beginnings

The long-awaited opening of the new Gold Coast Public Library building brings with it numerous opportunities to better serve the community. Since the library opened in 2005, many have asked questions about the history of the district and have requested that there be a greater effort made to document the area's heritage and to make that heritage more accessible.

The new building provides space for public display of the local history archive. More importantly, the library now has an archivist on staff, Amanda Hellberg, who became a full time librarian at the Gold Coast Public Library in the fall. Amanda earned two Master's Degrees from Queens College simultaneously: one in History, the other in Library & Information Science. Please welcome Amanda and let her know (either call the library or email ahellberg@goldcoastlibrary.org) how you would like to see the history of your library district made more accessible to the community!



READER'S CORNER

Good Reads with Sarah Siegel

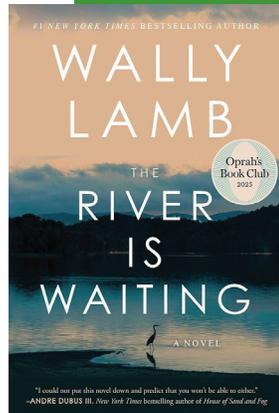
Good Reads book discussions are held in-person in the Library Annex. Register either online or at the Reference Desk. You can reserve copies of the books either online or by speaking with a Librarian at the Reference Desk.

The River is Waiting by Wally Lamb

Wednesday, December 17th • 6PM

Wally Lamb is not for the emotionally fragile. His novels unflinchingly examine the dark elements of contemporary American life, from mental illness and psychological abuse to rape, suicide, and the Columbine school shootings.

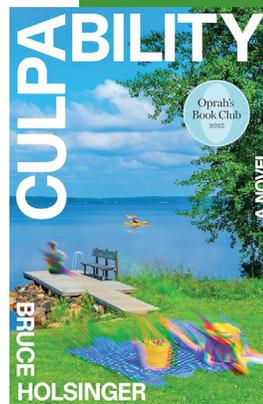
But the suffering is leavened by a pervasive sense of humor, and readers who persevere through Lamb's lengthy novels will be rewarded with strong themes of redemption and renewal. An engaging prose style draws the reader into the emotional and powerful worlds of Lamb's unforgettable characters.



Culpability by Bruce Holsinger

Wednesday, January 21st • 6PM

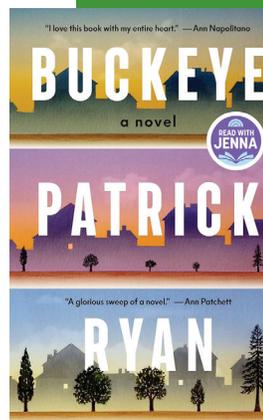
Set at a summer rental on Chesapeake Bay, a riveting family drama about moral responsibility in the age of artificial intelligence.



Buckeye by Patrick Ryan

Wednesday, February 18th • 6PM

In Bonhomie, Ohio, a stolen moment of passion—sparked in the exuberant aftermath of the Allied victory in Europe—binds Cal Jenkins, a man wounded not in war but by his inability to serve in it, to a woman trying to obscure her past, Margaret Salt, Cal's wife, Becky, has a spiritual gift: She is a seer who can conjure the dead, helping families connect with those they've lost. Margaret's husband, Felix, serving on a Navy cargo ship, is out of harm's way until a telegram suggests that the unthinkable might have happened. Later, as the country reconstructs in the postwar boom, a secret grows in Bonhomie—but nothing stays buried forever in a small town.



The Glad Scientists Book Discussion

The Grand Design by Leonard Mlodinow

Wednesday, December 10th • 7PM

When and how did the universe begin? Why are we here? What is the nature of reality? Is the apparent “grand design” of our universe evidence of a benevolent creator who set things in motion—or does science offer another explanation? In *The Grand Design*, Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow present - in nontechnical language marked by brilliance and simplicity - the most illuminating scientific thinking about these and other abiding mysteries of the universe.

The Quark and the Jaguar by Murray Gell-Mann

Wednesday, January 14th • 7PM

The Santa Fe Institute celebrates one of its founders with a new edition of a seminal work by the late Nobel laureate Murray Gell-Mann. *The Quark and the Jaguar* spans the simple and the complex, examining the relationship between the fundamental laws of physics and the complexity and diversity of the natural world. Neither autobiography nor strictly scientific document, this uniquely personal and unifying vision reflects Gell-Mann's broad expertise, curiosity, and passion for topics as disparate as archaeology, linguistics, child development, and computers.

The Character of Physical Law by Richard Feynman

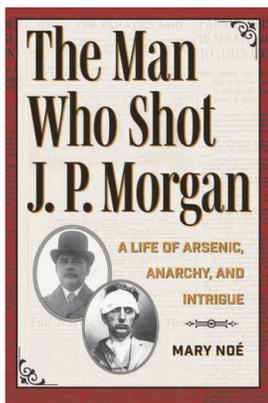
Wednesday, February 11th • 7PM

Author Visit: *The Man Who Shot J.P. Morgan*

Rescheduled From October 26th, 2025

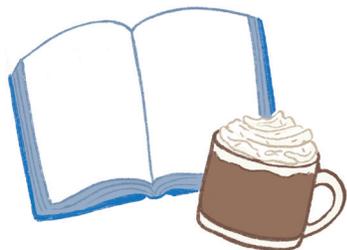
Sunday, January 18th • 2PM

Local author and Gold Coast patron Mary Noe—lawyer, writer, lecturer and Professor at St. John's University's Collins College of Professional Studies—takes us on a journey from the halls of Harvard University to the door of J.P. Morgan Jr.'s mansion on Long Island's Gold Coast. Her new book is a delightful true crime tale about false identities, radical politics, and the prewar tensions of the early 20th century.



The Man Who Shot J.P. Morgan: A Life of Arsenic, Anarchy, and Intrigue is the true story of Harvard instructor Erich Muentner who vanished after an autopsy revealed that his first wife had died from arsenic poisoning shortly after giving birth. Nine years later, using the alias Frank Holt, he was remarried, living in Ithaca, NY and teaching German at Cornell University...all while becoming increasingly deranged. Muentner's efforts to keep the U.S. out of the war had failed; he blamed famous financier J.P. Morgan, Jr. for financing the Allies in defiance of President Woodrow Wilson's neutrality policy; and he decided to act.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Gold Coast Library.



Winter Reading Is Here!

January 19th through March 13th

This winter, cozy up with a good book and participate in our Winter Reading Challenge! Here's how: Pick up a Game Card at the Library, read four books of your choice, have your Game Card stamped by a librarian and win a prize! Explore new genres or revisit old favorites. Enjoy!

2026 North Shore Reads

The North Shore Reads is an annual local celebration of Long Island Reads. Book lovers from eight local public libraries—Bayville, Bryant, Glen Cove, Gold Coast, Locust Valley, Manhasset, Oyster Bay-East Norwich and Sea Cliff—come together for an entertaining evening of book discussion, coffee, and delicious desserts! For more information, including the book discussion guide, visit the website northshorereads.org.

This year's selection is *The Doorman* by Chris Pavone.

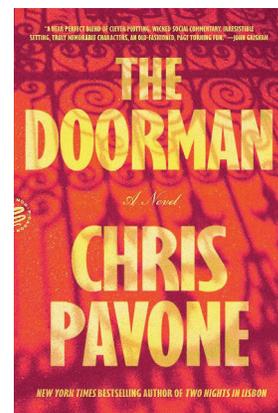
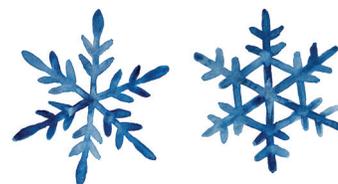
Chicky Diaz is everyone's favorite doorman at the Bohemia, New York City's world famous home of celebrities, financiers, and the cultural elite. As Chicky changes into his uniform for his shift, he finds himself breaking a cardinal rule of the job: tonight, he'll be carrying a gun because pandemonium is taking over the city. Chicky knows there's more going on in his patch of sidewalk in front of the Bohemia than anyone's aware of. Tonight in the city, enemies will clash, loyalties will be tested, secrets will be revealed—and lives will be lost.

Virtual Author Visits All Year Long!

Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Gold Coast Library

The Gold Coast Public Library has joined the Library Speakers Consortium to bring you access to the most interesting and impactful authors of our time. Tune in live and be part of the conversation, or watch the recordings on your own schedule after they happen.

Upcoming speakers include New York Times bestselling author Liz Moore on Wednesday, January 28th at 2PM. Visit goldcoastlibrary.org/authorvisits for more information.



REPAIR CAFE

Nassau's Public Libraries



Saturday, December 20th • 1-4PM • Port Washington Library

Repair Cafe Needs You!

The Gold Coast Public Library and neighboring libraries have collaborated to give our communities access to experts who can repair your broken items as an alternative to tossing them out.

Do you have the skills to be a volunteer? Do you have items you need fixed? Please go to the library website goldcoastlibrary.org/repaircafe for complete information and to register.

Buy a Brick

Friends of the Gold Coast Library is selling bricks to raise money for an Outdoor Reading Garden. Purchase a brick today with a personalized message to honor or memorialize a special person, recognize your business, or add a personal sentiment. Sharing your message will leave a legacy, make you a permanent part of your community, and help pave the path for your library's future.



Visit goldcoastlibrary.org/buy-a-brick for more information on how to buy a brick!

Find the Perfect Gift this Holiday Season with Consumer Reports

GCPL cardholders can access **Consumer Reports** for free* through the Library website! Explore reviews and ratings in categories including cars, appliances, electronics and home and garden. **Consumer Reports** is the world's largest independent product-testing organization and provides frequently-updated, unbiased information.

** To access **Consumer Reports** for free YOU MUST go through the Library Website with your Library Card. If you encounter any trouble signing in, please call the Reference Desk. A librarian will be happy to help!*



Watch Movies with Kanopy

Enjoy thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more, free with your library card. Learn more about Kanopy and other streaming services at: goldcoastlibrary.org/streaming-video.



Library Chef

Adults and children can not only watch classes to learn kitchen skills and how to cook, but they can also join live sessions with a nutritionist! If you miss a session that interests you, replays can be watched anytime! Scan the QR Code to learn more!

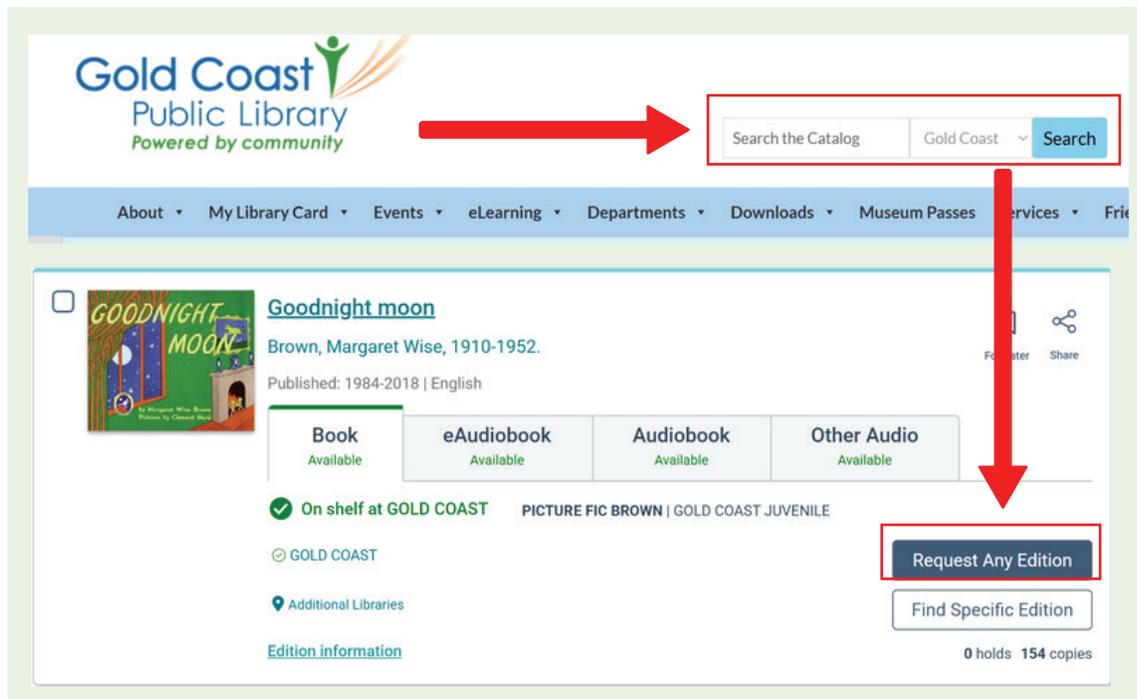


Three Ways to Place Holds

Here are a few ways to place holds, so you can easily get your books!

1.

Visit the library's website at www.goldcoastlibrary.org. Once you find the item you want, click on the REQUEST button and enter your library card information. You will be notified once the item is available for pickup at the library's circulation desk.



The screenshot shows the Gold Coast Public Library website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search the Catalog" and a dropdown menu set to "Gold Coast". A red arrow points to the search bar. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with options like "About", "My Library Card", "Events", "eLearning", "Departments", "Downloads", "Museum Passes", "Services", and "Frie". The main content area displays the book "Goodnight moon" by Margaret Wise Brown, published in 1984-2018. It shows various formats: Book (Available), eAudiobook (Available), Audiobook (Available), and Other Audio (Available). A red arrow points to the "Request Any Edition" button, which is highlighted with a red box. Below it is a "Find Specific Edition" button. At the bottom right, it says "0 holds 154 copies".

2.

Download the Nassau Library app to your device. Once you enter your library card info, you can place or manage your holds directly from the app.



Try Libby! With your library card, you can borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines

3.

During library hours, call the reference desk at (516) 759-8300 and a librarian can place the hold for you. If the library is closed and you are unable to place an online hold, you can email gcinfo@goldcoastlibrary.org with your request.



Library Hours

Monday through Thursday - 9AM to 9PM

Friday and Saturday - 10AM to 6PM

Sunday - 12PM to 5PM

The Library is closed on:

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

December 25th (Christmas Day)

December 31st (New Year's Eve)

January 1st (New Year's Day)

The Library is open 9AM to 2PM on:

January 19th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

February 16th (Presidents' Day)

Upcoming Meetings

Friends of the Gold Coast Library

Monday, December 1st • 7PM

Monday, January 5th • 10:30AM

Monday, February 2nd • 7PM

Library Board of Trustees

**Wednesdays, December 17th, January 21st,
and February 18th • 7:30PM**

Library Board of Trustees

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Program Registration

Registration is required for all events. Register at the Library Circulation Desk or online: goldcoast.librarycalendar.com.

When a program fee is required, you **MUST** pay at the Library Circulation Desk at time of registration. See the registration dates below.

For all Zoom programs, you receive access information via email only if you register!

Residents Registration Dates

Programs December 1 - January 15

Monday, December 1st • 9:30AM

Programs January 16 - February 28

Monday, January 5th • 9:30AM



Registration For Non-Residents is one week later.

Event Locations

The events presented in this newsletter are all slated to take place in the Library Annex until the new library building opens. If you wish to attend an event, please make sure to register so that we are able to communicate with you should your event location change. We are thankful to Mario Sichiana Associates for allowing us to continue to lease space in the Annex at 40 Railroad Avenue.

Study / Meeting Space Remains Available at the Annex

In addition, Room B will continue to operate as a study room/meeting space. Visit the Library website to ensure that Room B is open. Our Wi-Fi will remain available to use with your laptops and personal devices. Public computers are not available at this time; and there is limited staff-assisted printing. Please do not hesitate to visit our neighboring libraries if you need computer access.

Thank You and Welcome!

We would like to thank retiring trustee David Martin for his more than 10 years of service to the Gold Coast Library Community! David's term ends at the end of December. We are excited to welcome new trustee Lisa Vizza to her first 3-year term which begins in January.