



# Hempstead Public Library

## Newsletter – Winter 2015



### Soups & Stews

*Presented by The Baking Coach*

Wednesday, January 14th,  
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Wintertime is the perfect time for comfort food. Learn the basics of delicious soups and stews to keep you and your family warm and toasty when it's freezing outside.

## January

### Adult Programs

### The Pleasures of Tea

Thursday, January 22nd, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

January is **National Hot Tea Month!** Join us for a trip around the world in tea. Attendees will explore the vast array of teas across the world and will learn the secrets to brewing a perfectly delicious cup at home. Tea is the perfect beverage for a cold winter's day.

## February

### Black History Month Poetry Slam

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

Following the success of HPL's two previous poetry slams, join us for an evening celebrating Black History Month. Be inspired and let your creativity shine!

### Black History Month Concert: Mostly Motown

Saturday, February 28th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Get the party started at the Hempstead Public Library! Vocalist Rhonda Denet and her accompanists will present an afternoon of Motown favorites. Celebrate the great songs and musicians of this uniquely American style of music.

### Tapestries: Life & Love

*Presented by Lauren Singer*

Saturday, February 14th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate **Black History Month, St. Valentine's Day,** or just the joy of being alive with a creative afternoon of tapestry weaving. Tell your own personal story through color and design or make the perfect gift to give to your loved one. Presenter Lauren Singer will guide you through the design process and the mechanics of using a loom.



## March

### Irish Scones

Thursday, March 12th,  
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** by learning the secrets to delectable scones. Serve them at a formal brunch or make a batch to keep in the fridge for a week's worth of breakfast. These delightful baked treats are sure to be a hit.

### St. Francis Hospital Community Outreach Bus

Friday, March 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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!

### Woman Power: Yoga & Meditation

*Presented by Ashley Straw*

Saturday, March 28th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate **Women's History Month** with author and yoga instructor Ashley Straw as she teaches you how to harness the natural power and strength of being a woman through yoga, meditation, and self-actualization. Discover untapped flexibility, creativity, and self-esteem while rejoicing in all aspects of womanhood.

# Job Information Center



## JOB SEEKING, FOR EX-OFFENDERS

A criminal conviction doesn't have to be the end of your career road. If you've recently been released from prison or are likely to be released soon, transitional work programs can help you find work and apply for jobs with employers who won't discriminate against you based on your criminal record.

There are many resources for workforce re-entry on the Internet. Many sites are backed up by real world organizations that can answer your questions. Some sites like *Exoffender Reentry* ([www.exoffenderreentry.com](http://www.exoffenderreentry.com)) and *The National Reentry Resource Center* ([csjusticecenter.org](http://csjusticecenter.org)) provide articles with job search tips and re-entry guidance. Other sites provide actual lists of job openings and employers that are friendly to ex-convicts. Some of these sites include: *The National Transitional Jobs Network* ([www.heartlandalliance.org/ntjn](http://www.heartlandalliance.org/ntjn)), *HempsteadWorks* ([www.hempsteadworks.com](http://www.hempsteadworks.com)), *New York State Department Of Labor Job Bank* ([www.newyork.us.jobs](http://www.newyork.us.jobs)) and *New York State Department Of Labor Career Centers* ([www.labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/osview.asp](http://www.labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/osview.asp)).

Your conviction may limit your career options but there is no reason why it should prevent you from finding steady, honest work.

## Job Information Center Programs



### RESUME AND COVER LETTER PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, January 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This workshop is a MUST for anyone who needs a job and wants to get one quickly! Resumes and cover letters are crucial components of the job search process. Well written resumes and cover letters can open doors for interviews. This workshop will cover: structure, format and design, effective accomplishment statements, highly effective "target cover letters", form and function of thank you letters and the protocol for requesting and using references. The program will be held in the Community Room. Registration is required for this free program.

### YOUR BRAND:

#### The Foundation of Your Career, Your Job Search and Your Wealth

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

Personal Branding is the process of determining who you are, what you want to accomplish, and how you want to market yourself to others. Most of us don't really know ourselves well. If we do, we have a hard time expressing who we are so that we can let, friends, networking connections and interviewers know. Come to this workshop and learn to create a meaningful and lasting impression which is key to getting a new job and advancing your career. The program will be held in the Community Room. Registration is required for this free program.

### INTERVIEWING:

#### Know Yourself, the Job and the Questions

Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Interviewing for a job can be a nerve wracking experience. Come and learn how to effectively prepare yourself before and during the interview. This is a comprehensive review on how to do well in a job interview. Understand the three types of questions: traditional, behavioral and personally challenging. The three P's of interviewing will also be covered: prepare, practice and perform. Find out what types of questions to ask and how to anticipate and answer difficult questions. The program will be held in the Community Room. Registration is required for this free program.

# Adult Learning Center



## Citizenship Preparation Class

If you would like to study for the United States Citizenship exam, the library's Adult Learning Center has many resources to help you. Materials to study for both the civics portion of the test and the English skills portion of the test are available. In addition, there are multimedia materials to help the applicants prepare for the USCIS interview.

In addition, there are many programs available for use in the center that teach English speaking, reading, writing and comprehension skills.

To find out more about the Adult Learning Center's citizenship, ESL, GED and adult basic literacy programs, please call 481-6990 ext. 18 or visit the center, which is located on the main floor of the library.



## Driving Classes



### THE AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Friday, January 30, 2015

10:00AM – 4:30PM

**THE AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE** will be offered in one session, Friday, January 30, 2015, from 10:00AM – 4:30PM. 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.

Please call the Library at 516-481-6990 for registration fee and to check if spots are available: Space is limited!

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 January 20th.

Non-residents may register beginning Monday, January 26th. Bring lunch or a snack.

The class will meet in the Community Room.

### THE AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

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Hempstead Village residents may register starting on Monday, March 16th.

Non-residents may register beginning Monday, March 23rd. Bring lunch or a snack.

The class will meet in the Community Room.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Registration for Village Residents</u>	<u>Registration for non-residents</u>
Friday 1/30	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday 1/20	Monday 1/26
Friday 3/27	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Monday 3/16	Monday 3/23

*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.*

# February

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Celebrate Black History Month

*for children in 2-5th grade*

Saturday, February 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month through the program *Under African Skies*. This portable planetarium explores the constellations of various African tribes, and then tells the story of American slaves following the North Star to freedom. Saturday February 21 at 2:00 p.m. For children in 2-5 grade. Materials fee: 50 cents.

### Bilingual Story Times

*for children ages 3 - 5 years*

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

January 10, 17, 24; February 7, 14, 21; March 7, 14, 21

Children ages 3 through 5, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join us on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. for a program of stories, animal friends, and music in English and Spanish.

Saturdays at 11:00 A.M. January 10, 17, 24;

February 7, 14, 21; March 7, 14, 21. Free

### Picture Book Times

*for children ages 3 - 5 years*

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

January 9, 16, 23; February 6, 13, 27 and March 12, 19, 27

Children ages 3 through 5, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join us on Fridays at 10:30 for storytelling and music.

January 9, 16, 23; February 6, 13, 27 and March 12, 19, 27 . Free.

### Ongoing Programs

#### Lego Club

*for children in grades K-5*

Saturday, January 17,

Friday, February 20 and

Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 pm at 3:00 pm



Lego Club For children in grades K-5 on Saturday, January 17, Friday, February 20 at 3:00 pm and Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 pm

## YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### DIY Table Top Lamp

Saturday, January 31st at 2:30 p.m. \$1.00 fee

Saturday, January 31st at 2:30pm. Teens will decorate the plastic shade on the tabletop lamp using markers and acrylic paints that will provide a soft glow when the lamp is in use, enhancing their room. \$1.00

### Nintendo Wii

Thursday, February 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Nintendo Wii Thursday, February 19th at 3:00 pm. Play *Super Smash Bros Brawl* against your friends with your favorite characters from the Nintendo universe!

### Zumba

March 19th at 7:00 p.m. \$1.00

### 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.*

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## Winter 2015

### 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.

### Library Closings

New Year's Day . . . . . Thursday, January 1  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day . . . . . Monday, January 19  
President's Day . . . . . Monday, February 16

## 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, FindLaw, Freegal, 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, and World Book.

### Database Spotlight

#### **Learning Express Library**

Learning Express Library is the leading source of test preparation materials and interactive practice exams, based on official tests that will help you improve your scores on academic, civil service, military, and professional licensing and certification exams. They provide immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and individualized analysis of your score. Also included are a “Career Center”, “High School Equivalency Center” and “College Prep Center”

