



# JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026



# FARMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Newsletter

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9:00am-9:00pm  
Wed.: 10:00am-9:00pm • Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm  
Sat.: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Sun.: 1:00pm-5:00pm (Sept.-June)

### HOLIDAY HOURS:

New Year's Day: January 1, 2026 – CLOSED  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Weekend – January 18, 2026 – CLOSED  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19, 2026 – CLOSED  
Presidents' Day Weekend: February 15, 2026 – CLOSED  
Presidents' Day: February 16, 2026 – CLOSED

## All Aboard! Model Train Showcase at the Library

### Long Island Railroad Museum Display

Saturday, February 21 from 12PM-4:30PM

Sunday, February 22 from 1PM-4PM

#### No Registration Required

Join members of the Railroad Museum of Long Island as they bring their love of trains to life! Enjoy beautifully crafted model train layouts and watch toy trains in action.

Have a train that needs a little tune-up? Bring it along! Museum members will also host a train repair clinic to look at toy trains in need of fixing. It's a fun, family-friendly event for train enthusiasts of all ages!

## Farmingdale Library Cinema

### Fight or Flight (2025)

Tuesday, January 6 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: R 102 Minutes

Stars: Josh Hartnett & Charithra Chandran

A mercenary takes on the job of tracking down a target on a plane but must protect that target when they're surrounded by people trying to kill both of them.

### It's My Turn (1980)

Tuesday, January 13 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: R 91 Minutes

Stars: Jill Clayburgh & Michael Douglas

A successful but stressed professor goes to her father's wedding and falls in love with the son of her new stepmother.

### Jurassic World: Rebirth (2025)

Tuesday, January 20 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: PG-13 133 Minutes

Stars: Scarlett Johansson & Mahershala Ali

Five years after Jurassic World: Dominion, an expedition ventures into remote equatorial regions to extract DNA from three giant prehistoric creatures.

### Seabiscuit (2003)

Tuesday, January 27 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: PG-13 140 Minutes

Stars: Tobey Maguire & Jeff Bridges

True story of the undersized Depression-era racehorse whose victories lifted not only the spirits of the team behind it, but also those of the nation.

### The Life of Chuck (2024)

Tuesday, February 3 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: R 111 Minutes

Stars: Tom Hiddleston & Nick Offerman

A life-affirming, genre-bending story about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles Krantz.

### You Again (2010)

Tuesday, February 10 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: PG 105 Minutes

Stars: Kristen Bell & Jamie Lee Curtis

When a young woman realizes her brother is about to marry the girl who bullied her in high school, she sets out to expose the fiancée's true colors.

### Sketch (2024)

Tuesday, February 17 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: PG 93 Minutes

Stars: Tony Hale & D'Arcy Carden

When a young girl's sketchbook falls into a strange pond, her drawings come to life-chaotic, real, and on the loose. As the town descends into chaos, her family must reunite and stop the monsters they never meant to unleash.

### A Thousand Words (2012)

Tuesday, February 24 at 10AM & 1:30PM

Rated: PG-13 91 Minutes

Stars: Eddie Murphy & Kerry Washington

After stretching the truth with a spiritual guru, Jack McCall discovers a Bodhi tree on his property - one that teaches him the consequences of every word he speaks.

## NEW YEAR! NEW COLLECTION!



### Introducing our NEW Toy Lending Library!

Available Starting January 2 in the Children's Library

For UFSD #22 Residents Only

Get ready to play, explore, and imagine with our exciting new collection!

Patrons can borrow fun items like a dance pad, puzzles, train sets, and more through our new Toy Lending Library. Each item has a 7-day loan period, with a limit of one toy per patron. Items must be checked out on an adult Farmingdale Public Library card and returned to the Children's Library.

There will be a \$5-per-day late fee for each item returned late. All pieces must be included; items will stay on a patron's account until missing parts are either returned or paid for.

## The Saturday Beat!

### Synaptic Groove Band Concert

Saturday, January 10 at 2PM

No Registration Required

Presented by The Synaptic Groove Band

Musical Direction: Paul Block

Scientific Direction: Alan Ettinger, MD, Neurologist

Special Guest: Farmingdale Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

Join us for an inspiring afternoon where science and music come together! Discover how simple acts of kindness can actually rewire our brains - creating empathy, connection, and joy. As The Synaptic Groove Band performs live, Dr. Alan Ettinger will explore how music and compassion work hand in hand to bring people closer and make our community stronger. It's not just a talk, and it's not just a concert - it's a feel-good journey into what makes us more human, more united, and more alive. Preference given to UFSD #22 residents.



Seating tickets available at the Reference Desk starting at 1PM on the day of concert.

## AARP Tax Assistance for Patrons 50 Years and Older

In-Person or by Phone Registration Starts January 12 at 10AM

(Non-Residents will be placed on a waitlist and will be notified one week prior to confirm appointment.)

Choose one date and time only. Tax appointments will be for one hour.

Mondays, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Times: 9:30AM, 10:30AM, 11:30AM

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

Times: 9:30AM, 10:30AM, 11:30AM

To make an appointment, please call the Reference Desk at 516-249-9090 ext. 204. Preference given to UFSD #22 residents. Patrons MUST bring last year's Federal and NYS returns, a Photo ID, and Social Security Card with them to their appointment. If filling a joint return, both parties will need to bring a Photo ID and Social Security Card.

## Display Your Artistic Talents in our Tiny RocArt Show!



### The Tiny RocArt Show

For Adults, Teens, and Children 8 years and older

In-Person Registration Starts January 20

Here's How to Enter:

1. Starting January 20, pick up a tiny RocArt kit at the Adult or Children's Reference Desk. You will need to show your Farmingdale Public Library card to receive a kit. One kit per person. Supplies are limited.
2. Using the supplies provided and your own paint, create your masterpiece. This year's theme is winter.
3. Once your painting is DRY, fill out the entry card provided in your kit and drop it off at any service desk by February 3.
4. Our Tiny RocArt Show will take place between February 9-28. Patrons can come into the library and vote for "Best in Show" during this time. You may only vote once. Ballots will be given out at the Circulation Desk.

Winners will be announced March 3. The Tiny RocArt Show is for UFSD #22 residents only.

## Winter Bingo Reading Challenge!

Warm up this winter with our Bingo Reading Challenge! For UFSD #22 residents only.

### Winter Book Bingo Challenge

January 26-February 28

In-Person Registration Starts January 26

#### For Adults 18 years-up

It's time for a game of Winter Book Bingo! Complete a Bingo row and return it to the Reference Desk to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our prize baskets! Prize baskets include gift cards to Amazon, Vespa, Starbucks, and more! A list of gift baskets will be on display at the Reference Desk starting January 26.

#### For Teens Gr. 6-12

Complete a Bingo row and return it to the Children's Reference Desk to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our teen prize baskets! Prize baskets include gift cards to Amazon, Starbucks, Dunkin' and more! A list of gift baskets will be on display in the teen room starting January 26.

#### For Children Ages Birth-Grade 5

Complete a Bingo row and return it to the Children's Reference Desk to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our prize baskets! Complete two Bingo rows to earn an extra raffle ticket. Prize baskets include Super Mario Bros., Bluey, LEGO sets, Squishmallows, and more! Gift baskets will be in the display cabinet located in the Children's Library starting January 26.



## Adult Classes & Events

Preference given to UFSD #22 residents for all programs. Adult programs are for patrons ages 18 years and up.

### Book Clubs

Books Available on Overdrive/Libby and at the Reference Desk unless otherwise noted.

#### Short Story Group

**Mondays, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 10:30AM-12PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 26**

Join us for a lively discussion of short stories. Pick up your copy at the Reference Desk.

#### Novels After Noon Book Club

**Monday, February 9 at 2PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 12**

We'll be discussing *Fellowship of Puzzlemakers* by Samuel Burr.

**Monday, March 9 at 2PM**

**Online Registration Starts February 9**

We'll be discussing *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston.

#### Page Turners Book Discussion Group

**Thursday, February 26 at 10:30AM**

**Online Registration Starts January 29**

We'll be discussing *Honor* by Thrity Umrigar.

**Thursday, March 26 at 10:30AM**

**Online Registration Starts February 26**

We'll be discussing *The Winemaker's Wife* by Kristin Harmel.

#### Books on Tap

(Location: Rosemarie's Pizzeria at 188 Merritts Rd.)

**Thursday, February 26 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 22**

We'll be discussing *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian.

**Thursday, March 26 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts February 26**

We'll be discussing *The Story She Left Behind* by Patti Callahan Henry.

### True Crime Discussions

#### Mischief & Mayhem

**Monday, January 26 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 12**

When Louise "Lulu" Bailey was shot while at a doctor's visit, all eyes turned toward his wife. Find out what happened during the trial that had all of Freeport talking in 1914.

#### Twisted Tales: True Crime Club

**Wednesday, February 25 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts February 11**

This month, we'll be delving into the Murdaugh Murders. Register to receive your case file by email, then join us as we examine the evidence.

### Recurring Events

#### Poetry Group

**Wednesdays, January 7, 21, February 4, 18 from 6:30PM-8:30PM**

**No Registration Required**

#### Knitting & Crochet Group

**Thursday, January 8 & February 5 at 6:30PM**

**Monday, January 26 & February 23 at 1PM**

**No Registration Required**

#### Coping with Stress Group

**Saturday, January 10 at 11AM**

**Online Registration Starts January 2**

**Saturday, February 7 at 11AM**

**Online Registration Starts January 24**

Join social work intern Andrew for a monthly support group. Learn helpful techniques and strategies for coping with life's stressors.

#### ADRC Caregiver Support Group

**Monday, January 12 & February 9 at 11AM**

**No Registration Required**

Connect with other caregivers to find emotional support, share challenges, and learn strategies for balancing your needs while caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

#### Word Weavers

**Wednesday, January 14 at 2PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 2**

**Wednesday, February 11 at 2PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 28**

Share your creative writing in a supportive environment. No experience necessary.

### Do You Need Help with a Legal Problem?

**Wednesday, January 14 & February 11 from 1PM-3PM**

**Call 516-281-7422 to Make an Appointment**

The Community Legal Help Project offers free legal services for low income residents of Nassau County. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Senior Topics

#### Senior Social

**Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 10AM-12PM**

**No Registration Required**

Join us each week for different activities and socialize with your fellow Farmingdale seniors.

**Schedule:**

Jan. 8: Games	Feb. 5: Charlie Cart
Jan. 15: Charlie Cart	Feb. 12: Crafts
Jan. 22: Whodunnit?	Feb. 19: Card Tourney
Jan. 29: Bingo	Feb. 26: Family Feud

### ADRC Presents Navigating the Maze of Dementia

**Friday, February 13 at 2PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 30**

Join the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for an informative session to help families navigate the challenges of memory loss. Learn about different forms of dementia, get practical care tips, and gain insight from Carol Hartman, Director of Programs, Education, and Training at ADRC.

### Games

#### Board Game Night

**Mondays, January 5 & February 2 at 5PM**

**No Registration Required**

Whether you're an experienced gamer or newbie, come join us for a night of fun playing board games. Please bring your own games, as none will be provided.

#### Scrabble

**Tuesday, January 27 at 10AM**

**Online Registration Starts January 13**

**Tuesday, February 24 at 10AM**

**Online Registration Starts February 10**

Test your word skills and enjoy a fun game of Scrabble! All levels welcome.

#### Game Night

**Tuesday, February 3 at 6PM**

**No Registration Required**

Join a game or start your own! Bring your own game, none provided. Hosted by Long Island Women over 50.

### Lectures & Workshops

#### Life Insurance Made Simple: Protecting What Matters Most

**Tuesday, January 20 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 6**

Join us for an informative session on how life insurance can provide financial security and peace of mind for you and your loved ones. Learn about the different types of coverage plans and how each can help with expenses, income protection, and long-term goals.

#### Bra Fitting

**Thursday, January 22 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 8**

Did you know most women are in the wrong size bra? Angela's Bra Boutique is here to help! Expert bra fitters can show you the proper way your bra should fit. Learn what to look for in a well-fitting bra and get expert advice for women of all ages - including those who've had lumpectomies or mastectomies.

#### The Do's & Don'ts of Home Improvement

**Thursday, January 29 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 15**

Join Beth Mignone, from Mignone's Masonry with over 35 years of experience in the construction industry, for a talk about how to trust, and hire a contractor, how your project should be completed, and how to avoid scams.

### Taxes 101: How to Prevent Needless Liabilities

**Tuesday, February 10 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 27**

Many Americans overpay their taxes simply because they don't understand the tax code. Financial expert Daniel G. Mazzola, CFA, CPA, will share practical ways to reduce tax liabilities using credits, deductions, and allowances - and highlight a key line on Form 1040.

### Kitchen Countertop Questions

**Thursday, February 12 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 29**

Join Jared Barry, Branch Manager at UMI, and Nicole DaSilva, Manager at Mastora Stone, for an informative session on the kitchen countertop replacement and renovation process. Learn about the differences between popular stone surfaces and discover which options best fit your style, needs, and budget.

### Researching Your Italian Roots

**Monday, February 9 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 26**

Curious about your Italian heritage? Join Local History Librarian Natalie for an engaging session on tracing your family history. Learn how to use genealogy websites and research tools to uncover stories from your Italian ancestors.

### Pre-Arrangement Seminar

**Thursday, February 26 at 2PM**

**Online Registration Starts January 12**

Join Arthur F. White Funeral Home for a thoughtful discussion on the benefits of pre-planning funeral arrangements. Learn how advance planning can ease emotional and financial stress for your loved ones. Light refreshments will be served.

### Cooking

#### Let's Make Pasta: Tortellini

**Thursday, January 15 at 6:30PM**

**Online Registration Starts Jan. 5 at 6:30PM**

**Fee: \$8.00 per person**

Learn to make delicious four-cheese tortellini from Italy's Emilia-Romagna region! Shape these tasty filled pasta rings by hand and enjoy a fun, hands-on cooking experience. Please bring a large mixing bowl and cutting board.

#### Let's Dish

**Tuesday, February 17 at 7PM**

**In-Person Registration Starts January 20**

Cookbook: *Every Day with Babs* by Barbara Costello

Stop by the Reference Desk to pick out a recipe and register.

### Arts & Crafts

#### Craft Night

**Tuesday, January 6 from 6PM-8:45PM**

**No Registration Required**

Bring your favorite craft and enjoy a relaxing night with fellow crafters. Hosted by Long Island Women Over 50.

#### Cozy Crafternoons

**Friday, January 16 at 2:30PM**

**Online Registration Starts Jan. 2 at 2:30PM**

Create a unique felted tealight orb. All supplies provided. Space is limited.

**Friday, February 6 at 2:30PM**

**Online Registration Starts Jan. 23 at 2:30PM**

Create a Valentine gnome themed decoration. All supplies provided. Space is limited.

#### Playing Card Heart Garland

**Monday, January 26 at 2:30PM**

**Online Registration Starts Jan. 12 at 2:30PM**

Create a festive Valentine's Day garland using playing cards and fabric - perfect for adding a touch of charm to your décor! Space is limited.

#### DIY Stained Glass Picture

**Tuesday, February 17 at 2:30PM**

**Online Registration Starts Feb. 3 at 2:30PM**

Design your own "stained glass" masterpiece using a glass picture frame, glue, and acrylic paint. Space is limited.

### Masterpiece by Numbers

**Thursdays, February 19 & 26 at 2:30PM**

**Online Registration Starts Feb. 5 at 2:30PM**

Join us for a relaxing two-part paint-by-numbers workshop - perfect for unwinding and creating your own beautiful work of art! Space is limited. Refreshments will be served.

### Health & Fitness

#### Chair Yoga

**Thursdays, January 8, 15, 29, February 5, 19, 26 at 10:30AM**

**Online Registration Starts Jan. 2 at 10:30AM**

**Fee: \$30.00 per person**

Join instructor Kristine M. for a gentle chair yoga session combining breathwork and movement to boost flexibility, reduce stress, and improve posture. Perfect for all ability levels! Please wear comfortable clothing, rubber-soled shoes, and bring water.

#### Body & Brain Chair Yoga

**Fridays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30AM**

**Online Registration Starts Feb. 13 at 10:30AM**

**Fee: \$30.00 per person**

Join instructor Laura Proppe for Body & Brain Chair Yoga to release tension, boost flexibility and strength. Wear comfortable clothes, rubber-soled shoes, and bring water.

#### Yoga with Karina

**Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 15 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts Feb. 18 at 7PM**

**Fee: \$30.00 per person**

This gentle slow flow class uses breath and mindful movement to help you release tension, quiet the mind, and reconnect with your inner calm and joy. Instructor Karina Barbiero teaches with care and compassion, offering guidance and modifications for all levels. Please bring an exercise mat; blocks and a blanket are optional.

#### Barre Fitness

**Thursdays, January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7PM**

**Online Registration Starts Jan. 15 at 7PM**

**Fee: \$30.00 per person**

Enjoy a full-body workout that combines elements of ballet, yoga, and Pilates. This low-impact, high-intensity class helps strengthen and tone your body while improving balance and flexibility. All fitness levels are welcome - move at a pace that feels right for you!

#### Goodbye Osteoporosis

**Thursday, March 5 at 10AM**

**Online Registration Starts February 19**

What is osteoporosis, and how can you protect your bone health? Join us for an informative session led by a doctor of physical therapy to learn practical ways to strengthen your bones and reduce the risk of fractures.

### Defensive Driving

#### AARP Smart Driver Course

**Thursday, February 12 from 9:30AM-4PM**

**Thursday, March 12 from 9:30AM-4PM**

**Fee: \$25 - AARP Members; \$30 - Non-Members**

**In-Person Registration Starts Jan. 13 at 10AM**

Checks payable to "AARP". Have your driver's license and AARP card with you (if you are a member). Each registrant is required to have a separate check. Please bring a bagged lunch.

#### All Ages Defensive Driving

**Saturday, February 28 from 9:30AM-4PM**

**Thursdays, March 12 & 19 from 6PM-9PM**

**(MUST ATTEND BOTH)**

**Fee: Ages 18-59 - \$35; Ages 60-up - \$25**

**In-Person Registration Starts Jan. 20 at 10AM**

Checks payable to "Safe Trips Inc.". Driver's license must be shown at registration. You must arrive on time to participate.

### In the Gallery

**January:** Photographs of Tigers by John Martello

**February:** Alcohol Ink Works by Vera Worthington

To display your artwork in our gallery, call Connie Fleming at 516-249-9090 ext. 207.

## Children's Programs & Events

Only siblings under the age of 12 months may accompany a registered participant to a program. Programs run by the Children's Department are for children residing in UFSD #22 only. You **MUST** use your child's library card to register. Registration with an adult card will be invalid.

### Infant/Toddler/Preschool Sessions

*Preschool programs are not for children in Kindergarten.*

#### Tiny Tots

**Mondays, January 26, February 2, 9, 23 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 12**  
**12-23 months with an adult**

Bring your little one to share in the joy of learning and growing together! With activities designed to spark curiosity and support early development, each week will feature something new. This program will require active participation from adults.

#### Tots on the Go!

**Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30PM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 13**  
 Not open to patrons registered for the Tiny Tots session.

#### Toddler Explore

**Tuesdays, January 27, February 3, 10, 24 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 13**  
**24-47 months with an adult**

Bring your little one and enjoy fun-filled activities that encourage fine motor skill development. Each week offers something new - sensory play, art projects, parachute games, music, and more! This program will require active participation from adults.

#### Toddler Time

**Wednesday, February 4 at 6PM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 21**  
**Saturday, March 7 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 21**  
 Not open to patrons registered for the Toddler Explore session.

#### Baby & Me

**Thursdays, January 29, February 5, 12, 26 at 9:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 15**  
**0-11 months with an adult**  
 Sing, play, and explore with your baby and meet new friends. Every week features something different - music, play, and more! This program will require active participation from adults.

#### Fun with Baby

**Monday, February 9 at 1:30PM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 23**  
**Saturday, February 28 at 9:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 14**  
 Not open to patrons registered for the Baby & Me session.

#### Every Child Ready to Read

**Fridays, January 30, February 6, 13, 27 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 16**  
**2-4 years with an adult**  
 Give your child foundational reading skills in this four-week program that covers all six early literacy pillars.

#### Parent Child Workshop

**Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 18**  
**12-36 months with an adult**  
 This workshop encourages interactive play and introduces your child to group activities. Each program features developmentally appropriate toys, play, activities, and a simple art activity. This program will require active participation from adults.

#### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

**Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 20**  
**3-5 years with an adult**  
 Have you joined 1000 Books Before Kindergarten yet? Get a head start on this reading initiative as we share stories and discover a love of reading.

### Infant/Toddler/Preschool Programs

*Preschool programs are not for children in Kindergarten.*

#### Concept Time

**Friday, January 16 - Choose Time: 10AM or 11AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 2**  
**2-4 years with an adult**  
 Learn all about colors, numbers, letters, shapes, and more with our hands-on educational stations.

#### Musical Baby

**Wednesday, January 21 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 7**  
**0-18 months with an adult**  
 You and your little one are in for a joyful musical adventure! Sing songs, wiggle with fingerplays, giggle with puppets, dance with scarves, shake instruments, and so much more!

#### Little Snowflakes

**Thursday, January 22 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 8**  
**6-18 months with an adult**  
 Learn about winter through a story and circle time, then move on to different learning stations where your baby will work on their fine and gross motor skills.

#### Tot Sensory Play

**Friday, January 23**  
**Choose Time: 10AM or 11AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 9**  
**12-36 months with an adult**  
 Enjoy a morning of hands-on, sensory friendly play stations and a circle time.

#### Warm Winter Wishes

**Wednesday, January 28 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 14**  
**3-5 years with an adult**  
 Celebrate the winter season with us through stories and songs! Afterward, children can enjoy creating their own adorable penguin craft to take home.

#### Fingerplays & Music Fun

**Saturday, January 31 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 17**  
**0-18 months with an adult**  
 Bring your baby to the library for a sweet and engaging session filled with nursery rhymes, music, and movement activities.

#### Love Bugs

**Wednesday, February 4 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 21**  
**2-4 years with an adult**  
 Join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day with heartwarming stories and songs! Afterwards, children can create a special "love bug" craft to bring home.

#### Valentine Pee Wee Prom

**Wednesday, February 11 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 28**  
**2-5 years with an adult**  
 Dress in your Valentine's best and join us for a fun-filled prom featuring games, crafts, entertainment, and sweet treats!

#### Baby ASL

**Tuesday, February 17 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 3**  
**6-18 months with an adult**  
 Join us for a circle time featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays. We'll wrap up the program by learning some popular songs you can enjoy at home with your baby.

#### Broadway Babies

**Thursday, February 19 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 5**  
**6-18 months with an adult**  
 An instructor from Drama with Your Mama will lead a lively program, where you and your little one can enjoy singing, dancing, and introductory theater games together!

#### Tuney Tots

**Friday, February 20 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 6**  
**2-5 years with an adult**  
 Instructor Jeannie Pendergrass is here with her vibrant Tuney Tots class - an exciting blend of music, movement, and dance.

#### Active Babies

**Saturday, February 21 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 7**  
**3-18 months with an adult**  
 Bring your baby for a playful session designed to build early gross motor skills. Little ones can explore ball play, crawl through baby tunnels, and more.

#### Celebrating Dr. Seuss

**Wednesday, February 25 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 11**  
**2-5 years with an adult**  
 We're celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday! Join us for whimsical stories, a fantastic fishing game, a design-your-own sock activity, and plenty more Seuss-inspired fun!

#### Waddle Waddle Little Feet

**Monday, March 2 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 17**  
**1-4 years with an adult**  
 Join us for a chilly-fun penguin-themed storytime, followed by an adorable craft.

#### Ready, Set, Go!

**Tuesday, March 3 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 17**  
**3-5 years with an adult**  
 Join us for classic games like Red Light, Green Light, Duck Duck Goose, and more. Please remember to wear sneakers and comfy, gym-style clothing.

#### Drama with Your Mama

**Thursday, March 5 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 19**  
**2-5 years with an adult**  
 An instructor from Drama with Your Mama will lead this exciting program, where children can build confidence and discover new skills through singing, dancing, and playful theater games!

#### All Around the Town

**Monday, March 9 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 23**  
**1-4 years with an adult**  
 Join us for a fun "Morning Around Town!" Children can explore hands-on stations that introduce places in the community like the post office, food market, school, and library - each with engaging activities and crafts.

#### There Was an Old Lady

**Tuesday, March 10 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 24**  
**2-4 years with an adult**  
 Become part of the story in this interactive storytelling of *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*.

#### All Abilities

Designed to support all learners & those with sensory differences.

#### Valentine Process Art

**Friday, February 6 at 4:15PM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 23**  
**All Ages/Special Needs**  
 Use a white crayon to draw a simple heart, then paint over it to create a beautiful wax-resist Valentine - perfect to keep for yourself or give to someone special.

#### Open Play Programs

*Programs for Children of All Ages*

#### Open Play

**Starting January 5 through February 27**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**2:15PM-3:30PM**  
**No Registration Required**  
 Bring your little one for a fun-filled open play session! Explore a variety of toys and hands-on learning activities designed to spark imagination, creativity, and playful learning together. **There will be no open play on February 9.**

#### Family Programs

*Programs for Children of All Ages*

#### Silly Polar Bear

**Saturday, January 10 at 2:15PM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 2**  
 Let's get creative and make an adorable, fun-loving, and silly polar bear together!

#### Bluey Bonanza

**Tuesday, January 13 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 2**  
 Wackadoo! Jump into the Heeler's world and play a game of Keepey-Uppy, pretend to be a zoo animal, play the magic xylophone, and more!

#### Mini Heart Pizza

**Friday, February 13 at 4:15PM**  
**In-Person Registration Starts January 30**  
 Families will roll, shape, and top their very own heart-shaped mini pizzas using our Charlie Cart. Space is limited.

#### Grandparent Fun

**Tuesday, January 20 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 6**  
 Spend a cozy morning bonding with your grandchild during this storytime and hands-on craft adventure. Grandparent or child must be a UFSD #22 resident.

#### Special Person Grandparent Time

**Thursday, February 5 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 22**  
 Celebrate Valentine's Day with your grandchild through sweet stories, joyful songs, and a craft! Grandparent or child must be a UFSD #22 resident.

#### Winter Gnomes

**Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30PM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 27**  
 Join us for a magical art adventure! Children can paint a cute winter gnome and bring their frosty new friend home afterward.

#### Winter Carnival

**Wednesday, February 18 at 10:30AM**  
**Online Registration Starts February 4**  
 Join us for this year's Winter Carnival, filled with characters, exciting games, sweet treats, creative crafts, and plenty more surprises. Don't miss out on the fun!

#### Family Puzzle Challenge

**Thursday, February 19 at 6:30PM**  
**In-Person Registration Starts February 5**  
 Put your family's teamwork to the test! Join us for a lively Puzzle Challenge where families race to piece together a jigsaw puzzle! Laughter, friendly competition, and prizes guaranteed.

#### Drop-In Crafts

*Programs for Children of All Ages. Crafts are for UFSD #22 residents only. While supplies last. One craft per child. Child must be present to receive a craft.*

#### Winter Animal Drop-In Craft

**Saturday, January 24 from 10AM-3PM**  
**No Registration Required**  
 Join us to make an adorable winter animal magnet - perfect for adding a touch of winter magic to your home.

#### Love Monster Drop-In Craft

**Saturday, February 14 from 10AM-3PM**  
**No Registration Required**  
 Create a charming Love Monster using stickers.

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day!

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**

#### Guess Who? Contest

**Saturday, February 7 from 9AM-5PM**  
**All Ages with an adult**  
 We've wrapped a popular children's book. Using the clues provided, can you guess the book? For UFSD #22 residents only.

#### ABCs & ME

**Saturday, February 7 at 10AM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 24**  
**2-4 years with an adult**  
 Now we know our ABCs - come join a fun, alphabet-themed storytime! We'll share engaging stories and then make a creative craft together.

#### Touchdown Drop-In Craft

**Saturday, February 7 from 10AM-3PM**  
**No Registration Required**  
**All Ages with an adult**  
 Gear up for the Big Game! Create an adorable 3D animal football field craft to take home and display. One craft per child. Child must be present to receive a craft. While supplies last.

#### Smitten with Sloths!

**Saturday, February 7 at 2:15PM**  
**Online Registration Starts January 24**  
**All Ages with an adult**  
 Join us as we discover a newfound affection for sloths through lively songs, fun dance activities, and an adorable sloth-themed craft. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with some slow-moving charm!



## NEW! Big Buddies Program

Programs for Gr. K-2 & Volunteer Opportunity for Gr. 7-12

### Big Buddies

Wednesday, January 14 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 2  
 Wednesday, February 11 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 28  
 Gr. K-2 & Gr. 7-12

Team up with a big buddy for exciting activities, games, art projects, and more! All teens will be awarded one hour of community service for each program.

### Big Buddies Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 5 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 22  
 Gr. 7-12

Teens are invited to help plan fun activities for our Little Buddies and prepare for February's Big Buddy Program. Earn one hour of community service for attending!



## The Charlie Cart Project

Food & Nutrition Program for Gr. K-5

### The Charlie Cart Project

Online Registration Starts February 9  
 Children along with their parents will learn how to prepare and taste healthy snacks and meals in this hands-on cooking club! Space is limited

Gr. K-1 with an adult  
 Tuesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7PM

Gr. 2-3 with an adult  
 Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7PM

Gr. 4-5 with an adult  
 Mondays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7PM

## School Age Programs

Programs for Children in Gr. K-5

### Pokemon Meetup

Monday, January 12 at 6PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 2  
 Monday, February 9 at 6PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 26  
 Gr. K-5

Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Trade cards, battle friends, and share your favorite Pokémon stories in this fun meet-up.

### Waffle Pizza

Tuesday, January 13 at 7PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 2  
 Gr. 3-5

Looking for a fresh twist on a classic favorite? Learn how to create a delicious pizza-waffle fusion.

### Axo-LOT-I Fun

Wednesday, January 14 at 7PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 2  
 Gr. 3-5

Discover the fascinating world of axolotls. After learning all about these unique creatures, you'll get to create your own mini axolotl aquarium to take home!

### The Sour Grape

Thursday, January 15 at 4:15PM  
 In-Person Registration Starts January 2  
 Gr. K-2

Join us for an engaging discussion of *The Sour Grape* by Jory John, brought to life through interactive activities and a fun grape-themed craft. Book available upon registration.

### Lego Challenge

Saturday, January 17 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 3

Monday, January 26 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 12

Saturday, February 14 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 31

Thursday, February 19 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 5

Gr. 2-5

Let your imagination run wild as you build your own original Lego designs or use idea cards to spark new creative projects.

### Character Movie Drawing 101

Tuesday, January 20 at 7PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 6  
 Gr. K-5

Learn how to draw some of your favorite characters from Moana and Sonic the Hedgehog.

### Crystal Science

Thursday, January 22 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 8  
 Gr. 3-5

Learn the science behind how crystals are formed and afterwards we'll set up jars to create our own crystals.

### Winter Snow Globes

Monday, January 26 at 6PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 12  
 Gr. 3-5

Join us as we create our very own "winter in a jar." Mix, shake, and watch as you make a magical snowstorm that will last long past the winter season - even into summer!

### After School Snacks

Wednesday, January 28 at 7PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 14  
 Gr. 3-5

Discover how to make delicious after-school snacks using the Charlie Cart, and learn simple recipes you can recreate at home.

### InvestiGATORS Pixel Art

Friday, January 30 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 16  
 Gr. 3-5

Explore the world of pixels, then use your new skills to create your own sewer-surfing super-sleuth. Choose Brash or Mango.

### Super Bowl Showdown

Saturday, January 31 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 17  
 Gr. 3-5

Gear up for an action-packed Super Bowl celebration. Compete in football challenges, create your own spirit gear, and make a snack mix to enjoy during the big game.

### DIY Valentine Cards

Monday, February 2 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 20  
 Gr. K-5

Get creative and design your very own Valentine's Day cards to share with the special people in your life.

### Love Potions

Thursday, February 12 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 29  
 Gr. 3-5

Discover the science behind chemical reactions and make some fizzy love potions.

### Picasso the Painting Dog

Tuesday, February 17 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 3  
 Gr. K-5

Watch Picasso the Painting Dog create a masterpiece and then create your own work of art.

### Animal Spotlight

Wednesday, February 18 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 4  
 Gr. K-5

A representative from The Waterfront Center will teach you about horseshoe crabs and other local marine creatures - plus you'll get to see horseshoe crabs up close!

### Peanut Butter Angelica Storytime

Friday, February 20 at 10AM  
 Online Registration Starts February 6  
 Gr. K-5

Meet author, PJ Andrews as he shares his new book *Peanut Butter Angelica*. You'll sing-along to his song and learn about being courageous and being a good friend.

### The Science of Ice Cream

Friday, February 20 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 6  
 Gr. 3-5

Discover the science behind ice cream as you mix, shake, and make your very own delicious treat.

### Read Me a Book Club

Thursday, February 26 at 4:15PM  
 In-Person Registration Starts February 12  
 Gr. K-2

Join Narwhal, Jelly, and their pod of awesomeness as we read *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* together. Afterwards, we'll do a fun craft and other activities related to this dynamic duo. Book available upon registration.

### Pokemon Party

Saturday, February 28 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 14  
 Gr. K-5

Calling all trainers. Celebrate Pokemon Day with games, trivia, and a Pikachu-themed craft.

### The Lorax

Monday, March 2 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 17  
 Gr. K-2

Enjoy a reading of *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss, then make your own truffula tree in a flower pot to take home.

### Learning Lines

Friday, March 6 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 20  
 Gr. K-2

Explore stations with dashed, diagonal, and squiggly lines to create your own unique artwork.

### Read Me a Book Club

Thursday, March 12 at 4:15PM  
 In-Person Registration Starts February 26  
 Gr. K-2

Join us for a reading of *Bobo and Pup-Pup: We Love Bubbles!* Then stick around for a bubbly craft and fun activities inspired by the story. Book available upon registration.

## Teen Programs

Programs for Teens in Gr. 6-12

### Stranger Things Tote

Wednesday, January 21 at 7PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 7  
 Gr. 6-12

Venture into the upside down to create your own tote bag using heat transfer vinyl and the heat press.

### Breakfast Battle Royale

Saturday, January 24 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 10  
 Gr. 6-12

Love cereal? Ever wondered where it came from? Come hang out, taste-test a variety of cereals, and take on some fun cereal-themed trivia. Bring your appetite.

### Valentine's Day Tumblers

Wednesday, February 11 at 7PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 28  
 Gr. 6-12

Design your own Valentine's Day-themed tumbler! Make one for yourself or create the perfect gift for someone special.

### Flavor Frenzy: Hershey's Kisses

Wednesday, February 18 at 7PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 4  
 Gr. 6-12

Discover the sweet history of Hershey's Kisses and try a variety of tasty flavors while competing in fun Kiss-themed games. Come for the chocolate - stay for the challenge!

### Mending Basics

Thursday, February 19 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 5  
 Gr. 6-12

Got a rip, hole, or loose hem in your favorite clothes? Learn some simple stitches that can help you fix them up yourself. Bring an item that needs mending.

### Vanilla Bliss Body Scrub

Saturday, February 21 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 7  
 Gr. 6-12

Discover simple self-care ideas while creating your own amazing vanilla-scented body scrub.

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### Library Trustees:

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### Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings:

Tuesday, January 20 at 4PM & Tuesday, February 17 at 4PM

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### No-Bake Dessert Party

Friday, February 27 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 13  
 Gr. 6-12

Got a sweet tooth? Come learn how to make edible cookie dough and brownie batter dip! Bring your appetite and dive into dessert.

### Polished Flowers

Saturday, March 7 at 2:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts February 21  
 Gr. 6-12

Use nail polish to create your own colorful "forever flower" that will never wilt. Come get creative and make something totally unique!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Valentine Card for Seniors

Saturday, January 17 from 9AM-5PM  
 No Registration Required  
 Gr. 6-12

Spread the love this Valentine's Day by creating heartfelt cards for local seniors. Your kindness can brighten someone's day! Volunteers will earn one hour of community service for every five cards made. Maximum of two hours.

### Traveling Pillowcase Project

Tuesday, January 20 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 6  
 Gr. 6-12

A simple pillowcase can bring comfort and hope to women and children in shelters. Help us make a difference by learning how to sew a pillowcase for kids in need. Hand-sew or try a sewing machine. One hour of community service will be awarded.

### DIY Bookends

Friday, January 23 at 4:15PM  
 Online Registration Starts January 9  
 Gr. 6-12

Get creative and paint a bookend that will be used in the Children's Library. One hour of community service will be awarded.

See our **NEW Big Buddies program** for more volunteer opportunities.

## Test Prep

### SAT Review Class

Tuesdays, January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3 from 6:30PM-8:30PM  
 In-Person Registration Starts January 13 at 6:30PM

Fee: \$80.00 per person  
 Checks Payable: \$40.00 to Kevin Beirne & \$40.00 for Brian Buckley  
 Gr. 10-12

Students receive 12 hours of instruction (6 math, 6 English) focused on strategies and preparation for the new digital SAT. Taught by experienced Long Island educators, this course includes tips and resources for independent study. Students must bring *The Official Digital SAT Study Guide* (1st or 2nd ed.) by The College Board.

## Teens with Special Needs

### Video Game Club

Every Thursday Night at 7:30PM  
 No Registration Required  
 Gr. 6-up with Special Needs