A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The Library Board of Trustees and I are committed to protecting the health and safety of our patrons and staff from unnecessary COVID-19 exposure. In accordance with Governor Cuomo’s “New York on Pause” and related Executive Orders, the East Islip Public Library remains temporarily closed to limit the spread of this disease.

During these uncertain times, I hope you will consider the Library a place to turn to for information, solace and support. The Library has many online resources accessible 24 hours per day through our website, including an expansive collection of books, movies, music, magazines and learning software. And, while we have canceled in-person programs, our librarians are working hard to bring you a wide array of virtual experiences (cooking classes, story times, book discussions, etc.) through social media with some of your favorite librarians and programmers.

I am also proud to tell you that, along with other Suffolk County libraries, the Library’s 3D Printer has been utilized to print parts for face shields which we delivered to all our local fire depts., the Exchange Ambulance Company, the ASPCA, and Stony Brook Hospital.

As we live through this pandemic that has dramatically changed our lives, we continue to plan for reopening. We are carefully monitoring the current situation, installing shields to protect you and our staff and look forward to expanding our services soon.

On June 9th the Library will be having our annual vote and trustee election via absentee ballot along with the School District. Because of these unusual economic times, the Library Board of Trustees unanimously decided to put forth a proposed budget with a zero percent increase. Although this budget proposal will not increase taxes, it will more accurately reflect our financial circumstances during this unusual time. So, please vote on the 9th.

Your entire East Islip Public Library family misses you! We wish you all good health and if there is anything we can do to serve you during this period of closure, please do not hesitate to email us at help@eipl.org

Thank you,
Guy Edwards

Budget Message:
No Tax Increase!

In the midst of this very challenging time we hope that you and your family are healthy and safe. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, this year’s proposed budget vote and trustee election, which had been scheduled for April 7, 2020, had to be canceled. The library plans to hold this vote and election on Tuesday, June 9th with the school district via absentee ballot. After careful consideration of everyone’s current financial situation, the East Islip Library’s Board of Trustees decided to revise the proposed budget so that there will be no increased tax burden.

Every registered voter in the school district will be receiving an absentee ballot by mail to be returned in a postage paid envelope that will be provided. All absentee ballots must be received in the office of the School District Clerk not later than Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5 p.m.

This budget proposal, while not increasing taxes, allows the library to operate more effectively by moving funds to better reflect our current operations. Please vote on June 9th and help us continue our tradition of excellence in library services. Thank you!

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- Adult Dept. - help@eipl.org
- Children’s Dept. - childrensinfo@eipl.org
- Young Adult Dept. - teens@eipl.org
- On Instagram - @eastislippubliclibrary
- On Facebook - www.facebook.com/eastislippubliclibrary
ADULT SERVICES

Imagine Your Story: The Adult Summer Reading Club
June 1 - August 21

We’re excited to announce our online Adult Summer Reading Club. We have created a Google Form that you can use to register and report on any books that you’ve been reading. For each book that you report, you can pick a book from our prize cart (a list of the books will be online, you can pick a title and it will be reserved for you to pick up once we reopen). The reviews will be posted anonymously on our Facebook page every Saturday morning. Each review you submit will also enter you into a grand prize gift card drawing that we will have at the end of the club.

To sign up and post reviews, please visit https://forms.gle/jZ23Mdg9xM7UpdYs7
For any questions, email eipladults@gmail.com

CAREER COUNSELOR AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE APPOINTMENTS
Starting June 1st, community members can schedule an online consultation with the library’s professional Career Counselor. Get help with career changes, resumes, cover letters and your job search. At this tenuous time, many of us are facing completely new employment challenges. This is the time to access the knowledge of a professional with years of experience in the field. To request an appointment, send an email to help@eipl.org, including your name, telephone number, and the email address at which you want to be contacted. The Career Counselor will contact you to set up an appointment at your convenience.

THE EIPL HELP DESK
Working from home and stuck with a technology issue? Our helpdesk may be able to answer your computer-related question. Email help@eipl.org and one of our staff will look into your problem.

On our website and social media pages, you will find staff recommendations, free activities, and information on our scheduled programs including our annual summer reading club, cooking demonstrations, nature talks, and virtual travel vacations. We’re even having a virtual book discussion (June’s title is Afterlife by Julia Alvarez), where patrons can check out the title on hoopla and read the book online! For each book that you report, you receive a virtual raffle ticket that can be entered into the raffle drawing of your choice. There is no specified amount that you need to read, but the more you read, the more chances you have of winning a prize. Also, you get a virtual raffle ticket just for signing up! For registration and details, please visit eiplya.blogspot.com/p/2020-young-adult-summer-reading-club.html

The Adult Summer Reading Club will run as it has in the past. Raffle prizes will be awarded at the end of the club along with the grand prize, an Oculus Stand-Alone Virtual Reality Headset. For every book you read and submit a review, you will earn a virtual raffle ticket that can be entered into the raffle drawing of your choice. There is no specified amount that you need to read, but, the more you read, the more chances you have of winning a prize. Also, you get a virtual raffle ticket just for signing up! For registration and details, please visit eiplya.blogspot.com/p/2020-young-adult-summer-reading-club.html

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TEENS
Young Adult Services
For teens in grades 7-12

Though we cannot serve you in person right now, the Young Adult Department is still here for you virtually.

Virtual Programs
You can find a collection of fun programs on our website, eipl.org, and in June we will be adding more. Look out for Creatures of the Night, Introduction to Child Care and Virtual Dot Art. Promotion of these programs will be on our teen blog, website and social media. For the time being, all programs can be done with items found at home. In the future, we hope to move to a “Take and Make” format for your convenience.

Virtual Community Service
Visit our volunteer opportunities page on the teen blog for all of your online options to gain community service at home; they have been curated with the understanding that your actions are limited. Please visit eiplya.blogspot.com/p/volunteer-opportunities.html for more information.

Virtual Summer Reading Club - Monday, June 1—August 21
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We miss you and hope you are staying safe. We’re looking forward to seeing you all soon!
Summer Reading Program for Kids: Imagine Your Story

Our annual Summer Reading Club will begin virtually on Monday, June 1 and will run through August 21. The program will be run virtually this year, with registration links being sent out via email soon. Be sure that you and all of your children’s email addresses are up to date and if not, please email childrensinfo@eipl.org to have your information updated. There will be a Read to Me program and another for Independent Readers.

Participants are encouraged to read as much as they like, and submit as often as they like, to be eligible for weekly drawings! Audiobooks, ebooks, and traditional books are all great choices. Prizes will include gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses, and will be distributed safely once the library re-opens. Please let us know if you have questions or would like help locating your next book. Email us at childrensinfo@eipl.org for any assistance required.

To register for the Summer Reading Program, use this link: [http://www.eipl.org/childregsrp](http://www.eipl.org/childregsrp)

PROGRAMS

The Children’s and Parents’ Services Department has lots of programs for you to check out at your convenience! Please find programs on our website, Facebook and YouTube accounts. Email subscribers will get our weekly schedules each Sunday, with this schedule also posted to our Instagram page and program calendar on our website. No registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Until the library opens, all of our programs will allow you to use what you have at home to craft, play and learn. Once it is safe to do so, the department will offer “Take and Make” kits. Please follow along with us as we share stories, songs, easy crafts and more! If you need assistance accessing anything, send us an email at childrensinfo@eipl.org and a librarian will respond soon. If you try out an activity, please share and tag us on your preferred social media platform or email to us to post! In addition to the bibliographies curated by department staff on our website, craft and reading suggestions are also available on our Pinterest page.

**EIJ612 - Virtual Monster Circus**

Tuesday, June 22, 12-12:30 p.m., All ages with an adult

Come one, come all, to a circus like no other! Encounter magnificent creatures from the wilds of your imagination as their quirky human caretaker tries to teach them new tricks. This colorful, silly, multi-sensory show full of friendly monsters will also teach attendees how to create their own monster puppets! No registration required. This program will be available on the library’s website and Facebook accounts for one week. Tune in at your leisure!
Phased Reopening Coming Soon!

We continue to plan towards expanding the library services available to you. Our top priority, as always, is the health and safety of our patrons and staff. We will continue following the rulings and recommendations of our local, state and federal leadership throughout this process, working alongside health and safety officials and our colleagues to safely serve you.

Based upon comments from the Governor and other officials, it seems that Long Island is close to reaching Phase 1 of the statewide reopening plan. During the second phase (two weeks later), the library would be allowed to provide pickup service and phone reference services. It is our plan that, once we meet this milestone, we will proceed to provide these services as quickly as possible.

So, although an exact date remains to be determined, sometime in early to mid-June you will be able to pick up library materials here at East Islip Library. We have installed a pickup ramp at our front desk to protect you and our staff during these interactions. We have also purchased additional tubs for our book drop so all material will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before again being loaned out.

Please stay safe and take care. We miss you!

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