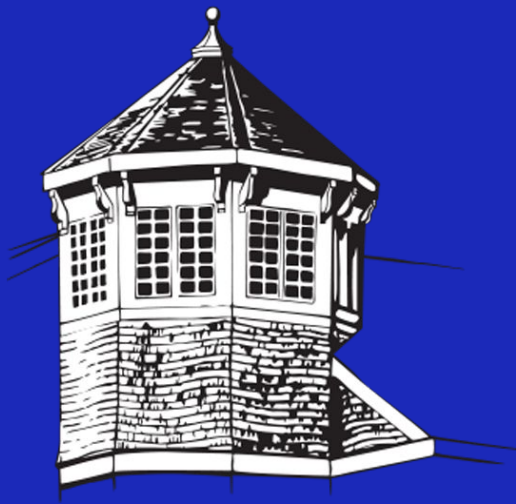




Rogers Memorial Library

Spring 2024





Mission Statement

The Rogers Memorial Library is dedicated to inspire and serve the educational, cultural and lifelong learning needs of the communities of the Southampton and Tuckahoe School Districts by providing information, materials, programs and state of the art services to all visitors.

Commitment to Sustainability

Environmental Policy

Rogers Memorial Library is committed to reducing our environmental footprint and promoting environmental stewardship at all levels of our organization, as evidenced by the Board's resolution to join the New York Library Association's (NYLA) Sustainable Libraries Benchmarks Certification. To be truly sustainable, an organization must embody practice that are environmentally sound, and economically feasible, and socially equitable.

Our goal is to minimize our organization's impact and maximize future generations' ability to live, work, and play in our shared natural environment, with equal access to clean air, clean water, and natural resources.

We will strive to minimize pollution and waste, conserve energy and water, protect habitat, support renewable energy resources, buy environmentally friendly products, and encourage environmentally preferable transportation.

These efforts will extend to contractor and supplier relationships. We will encourage contractors and suppliers serving or otherwise acting on behalf of the library to meet the standards of the Sustainable Libraries Benchmarks put forth by the Sustainability Initiative of NYLA.

Employee understanding and involvement are essential to the implementation of this environmental policy. All employees will receive a copy of this policy and be educated about our company's efforts to improve our environmental performance. Employees at all levels of the company will be involved in supporting our goals.



RML Demonstration Garden in memory of Matthew Rewinski



RML Community Garden

The RML Community Garden in Memory of Matthew Rewinski was made possible by donations from Kate Milligan, Fowler's Garden Center, and the Green Thumb.

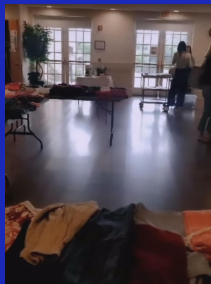
Patrons are encouraged to visit the garden, assist with planting, weeding and maintenance, and harvest the goodies to enjoy. Extra produce is available at circulation for patrons to take, and in the summer, teens looking for community service opportunities are able to come weekly for garden maintenance days.

Seed Library

A seed library is an institution that lends or shares seeds. Its purpose is to help preserve agricultural biodiversity in the community. Seed libraries often focus on rare, local, or heirloom plant life. The purpose of our seed library is to encourage everyone to help keep local plants thriving and experience the fun and fulfillment of gardening. Everything currently available in the seed library is seasonally appropriate, meaning it's the right time of year to plant those seeds. You're not required to return seeds to the library but we do encourage you to save some from whatever you grow to plant again next year, share them with friends or donate them back to the RML seed library for future gardeners to use.



Clothing Swap



Clothing Swap

RML hosts an annual, and occasionally bi-annual, Clothing Swap where patrons are able to bring in five to ten unwanted items in good condition, and trade them for “new” items. Patrons are asked to bring their items clean, in good condition, and encouraged to “shop” from the items brought by others. This is a walk-in event, that patrons can drop off items in advance if there is space available.

This event is able to cut down on clothing and accessories thrown out into landfills, and help our community become more sustainable in their daily practice. Any leftover items can be donated.

Shredding Events & E-Waste Recycling

Each year, we are able to hold separate shredding events and e-waste recycling days for patrons to responsibly dispose of their household materials.

These are incredibly popular and successful!

For the last e-waste recycling day in January of 2024, 35 patrons brought materials for recycling.

For the shredding event in May 2023 (held each spring), we had 120 total participants!

Community Outreach - Social Work Intern

Our social work interns through Stony Brook University are able to assist patrons with health insurance, housing applications, job preparation, finding legal aid, food security, unemployment benefits, social service paperwork, college applications and more. All services are free and confidential.

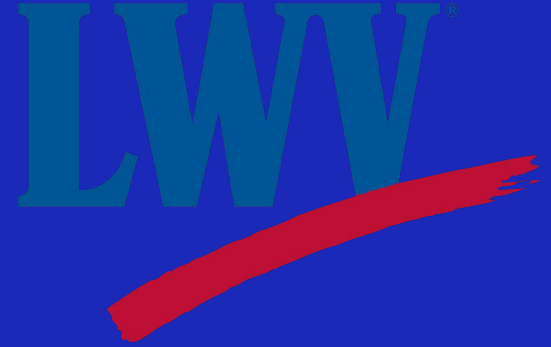
Community Outreach - Homebound Services

The homebound program by Rogers Memorial Library is available to library district patrons who are unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent physical or medical impairment that prevents them from visiting the library and who still wish to retrieve materials that are available through the library's vast catalog. Material is either shipped through the USPS or can be picked up by a volunteer that the patron chooses and authorizes.

Home Bound Program



Civic Engagement



The League of Women Voters has been unanimously approved to host a voter registration table event at the library during the month of September each year. This way, a non-partisan organization is able to register voters, and also provide information about upcoming elections and relevant items and information for these elections.

Community Partnerships

RML regularly partners with local businesses for Rogers and Retail, which allows locals to receive discounts by presenting their library cards, and allows businesses the opportunity to be advertised by the library.

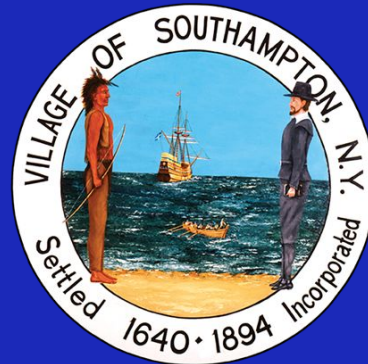
We also partner with local non-profit organizations such as the Cultural Center, the Youth Bureau, as well as the Village and Town, in order to provide the best services, programs and events for the community!

Community Partnerships

Throughout the year, the library is also able to create health and wellness programs through participation with Stony Brook School of Social Welfare, with a social worker on site for semesters.

Through this partnership with Stony Brook, we are also able to provide health programs and events for patrons to take part in certain health screenings, such as blood pressure and hearing tests.

Community Partnerships



Community Partnerships



CANOE PLACE
INN & COTTAGES



Corwin's
Jewelers



HILL STREET
BOXING
SOUTHAMPTON, NY



Diverse Programming



Each year, RML provides programming that centers on the historical and current diversity of our town, community and country. These programs highlight cultures and history. These programs have been presented by:

- Southampton Historical Society
- Southampton African American Museum, Brenda Simmons Exec. Dir.
- Debra Freeman, Writer and Podcaster
- Naela's Organics, Middle Eastern Cooking



Environmental Programming



Each year, RML offers numerous programs directly related to the unique environment of the East End. These programs are presented by:

- Eco-Photo Explorers
- The Fish Guy
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- SoFo Museum
- Quogue Wildlife
- Cold Spring Whaling Museum
- Long Island Science Center
- Southampton Historical Society



Bike Repair Station

Funded by our Friends of the Library, the Bike Repair station provides patrons with an opportunity to care for and maintain their bikes at no cost. Signs at the bike racks near the entrance direct patrons to the repair station located near the rear of the parking lot.



No Idling Signs

Located throughout the parking lot, multiple signs have been placed for “No Idling Zones” that require patrons to turn off their engines while in the parking lot.



Heating and Cooling Center

As temperatures experience greater extremes and fluctuations, RML is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment.

Southampton Town					
Southampton		Hampton Bays Public Library	52 Ponquogue Ave., Hampton Bays, NY, 11946	631-728-6241	Mon-Thurs: 10:00 AM - 09:00 PM; Fri: 10:00 AM - 07:00 PM; Sat: 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM; Sun: 01:00 PM - 05:00 PM
Southampton		Quogue Library	90 Quogue St., Quogue, NY, 11959	631-653-4224	Mon-Tue: 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM; Wed: 01:00 PM - 08:00 PM; Thurs-Fri: 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM; Sat: 09:30 AM - 05:00 PM; Sun: 12:00 PM - 05:00PM
Southampton		Rogers Memorial Libraary	91 Coopers Farm Rd., Southampton, NY	631-283-0774	Thu: 9:30AM - 8:00PM; Fri: 9:30AM - 7:00PM; Sat: 9:30AM - 5:00PM; Sun: 1:00PM - 5:00PM
Southampton		Westhampton Free Library	7 Library Ave., Westhampton Beach, NY 11978	631-288-3335	Mon-Fri: 10:00 AM - 07:00 PM; Sat-Sun: 11:00 AM - 04:00 PM
Southampton/East Hampton	✓	John Jermain Memorial Library	201 Main St., Sag Harbor, NY, 11963	631-725-0049	Mon-Wed: 09:00 AM - 06:00 PM; Thurs: 09:00 AM - 09:00 PM; Fri: 09:00 AM - 06:00 PM; Sat-Sun: 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Collections

RML is dedicated to providing a collection that serves the many needs of the community, including:

- Spanish Language Section
- Career Development - One Stop Job Shop
- College Preparation Section
- Parenting Section
- Large Print Section and magnifier available for vision impaired accessibility

Services - Cell Phone and Battery Recycling

A battery and cell phone recycling box is available for patrons who have small e-waste throughout the year they need to recycle, free of charge. These boxes are purchased through Call2Recycle, and are shipped back to this company for responsible recycling and disposal.

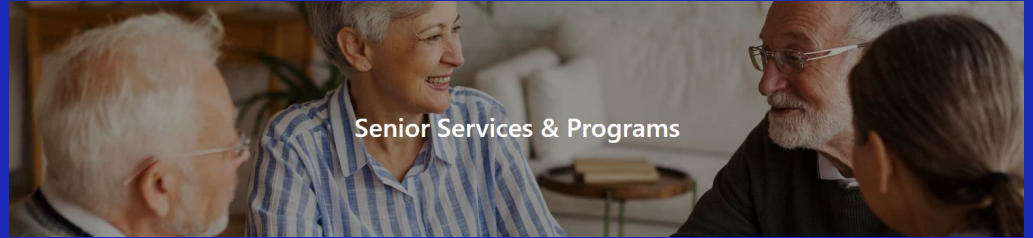


Services - Medication Disposal

Patrons are able to responsibly dispose of their expired or unused medication at RML! Deterra Drug Deactivation System is a product that uses proprietary activated carbon to render prescription drugs inert, unavailable for misuse, and safe for the environment. Once used, the pouches can be safely disposed of in the regular trash. The kits are provided free of charge thanks to the Human Understanding and Growth Services (HUGS) and the Long Island Addiction Resource Center.



Senior Services



RML is proud to partner with Southampton Town and Village in order to provide numerous services for the seniors within the community.

- Senior Advocate
- Senior Lunch Club (third Thursday of the month)
- One-on-One Medicare Counseling (first Wednesday of the month)
- Veterans' Resource Table (every third Wednesday of the month)
- Caregiver Support Group (every third Tuesday of the month)

RML TechLab

A collaborative makerspace for patrons of all ages to create, explore, and learn.



3D Printer



Button Maker



Cricut



Laminator



Lightbox



Digital Converters



Heat Press



Mug Press



Poster Printer

Collections and Space



BetterWorldBooks®

- In order to maintain adequate space for a well rounded collection, librarians frequently weed unused materials that are then given a second life through Better World Books, that provides much needed materials to those with need, while also supplementing the library materials budget.
- For patrons looking to donate their own materials to the library, the Friends of the Library book sale accepts donations, and in turn the sale of these materials fund many of the library's extra services, technology purchases, and enrichment programs.



KanJam

Games & Toys



WiFi Hotspots

Electronics & Technology



Giant Jenga

Games & Toys



Giant Domino Set

Games & Toys



Giant Checkers Set

Games & Toys



Cornhole

Games & Toys



Chromebooks

Electronics & Technology



Bocce Ball

Games & Toys



Badminton Set

Games & Toys

Library of Things

Our Library of Things collection includes electronic items like WiFi hotspots, laptops, digital magnifiers, and preloaded kindles as well as indoor and outdoor games and items like Happy Birthday lawn signs, a telescope and a car diagnostic. These are items that promote equity in our community as not everyone can afford these items. They help with sustainability, as these items do not have to be purchased by every individual who needs them, but can be used and shared.

Library of Things



Car Code Reader

Electronics & Technology



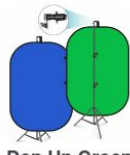
Telescope

Outdoors



Pickleball Set

Games & Toys



Pop Up Green Screen

Electronics & Technology



Digital VHS Converter

Electronics & Technology



Photography Light Box

Electronics & Technology



Digital Cassette Converter

Electronics & Technology



Hiking & Birding Backpack

Outdoors



Blood Pressure Kit

Electronics & Technology



Transportation Kit

Travel



Happy Birthday Yards Signs

Outdoors



Giant Connect 4

Games & Toys



Geekish Games [Kit]

Game Boxes



Travel Games [Kit]

Game Boxes



Literary Games [Kit]

Game Boxes



Family and Friend Night Games [Kit]

Game Boxes



Mystery Games [Kit]

Game Boxes



Date Night Games [Kit]

Game Boxes



Yardzee

Games & Toys



Volleyball Set

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Spinning Turtle Sprinkler

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Ring Toss

Games & Toys



Optelec 7HD Magnifier

Electronics & Technology



Ladder Toss

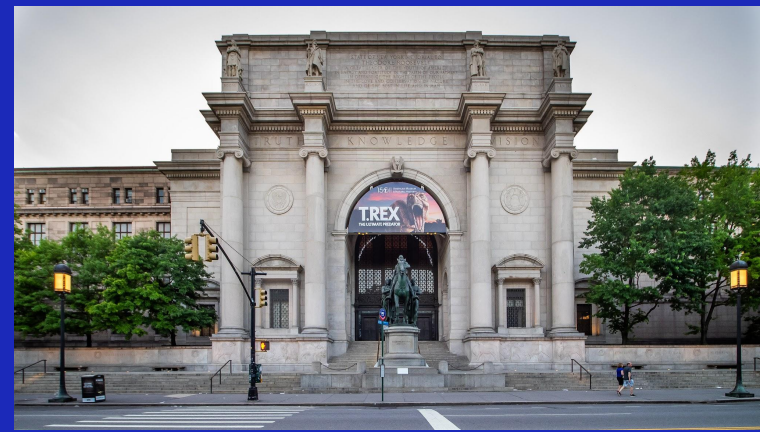
Games & Toys



Kindle Paperwhite

Electronics & Technology

Museum Passes



Sponsored by our Friends of the Library, patrons are able to borrow museum passes at no cost to the following museums for admittance and shop discounts:

- American Museum of Natural History
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Children's Museum of the East End
- Empire Pass
- Frick Collection
- Guggenheim Museum
- Harbes Barnyard Adventure
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
- Longhouse Reserve
- Museum of Modern Art
- New York Historical Society
- Parrish Art Museum
- Pollack-Krasner House and Study Center
- South Fork Natural History Museum

Staff Development

Through LILRC (Long Island Library Resource Council), cultural competency training is available to all library staff, regardless of membership to LILRC through the general portal, with additional videos and instruction available for LILRC members, which many of the staff are included in.

The videos available without membership include information and instruction for working with and supporting LGBTQ members of the community, unhoused individuals, veterans, disabled, and trainings for racial justice.

Staff Wellness

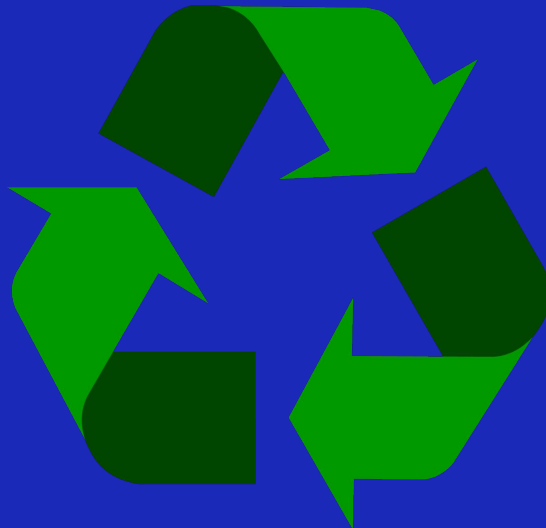
In order to promote staff wellness, there are many discounts for athletic memberships made available through the employee health insurance, as well as in house options as well. A walking club for staff and patrons was established, with staff taking more frequent walks on their breaks on local village paths and trails, and the patron group meeting with staff monthly to explore hiking trails in the area. For staff, access to yoga programs offered by the library are free of cost.

Financial Responsibility and Sustainability

As part of our commitment to our patrons and community, our yearly budget is kept well within the limits of the 2% tax cap set by the state, that allows the library to maintain the level of service it provides to the community, without overburdening our community members.

Staff Newsletters & Bulletin Board - Stay up to date!

The staff sustainability bulletin board is updated with photos and sustainability ideas for each season or upcoming events, generally quarterly, and the information shared through email as well to all staff.



SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

PROTECT OUR EARTH



Start from small things
Keep an eye out for sustainable updates.

Sustainable Summer Tips

grow your own food (even if its just some potted herbs!)



use vegetable scraps to make homemade veggie broth, then compost them

try going meatless once a week (or more!)



choose local, in-season produce (buying from local farm stands and markets cuts down on food transportation costs and emissions, and supports small farms - we have a lot on the East End!)

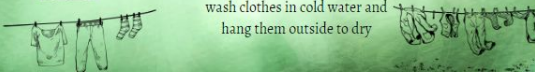
try using cloth napkins instead of paper, which can't be recycled with oil or grease on them



set your thermostat at 74 or higher if you or your pets aren't home



wash clothes in cold water and hang them outside to dry



Let's Eat!
RML Sustainability

share your favorite healthy meals

My Drive > Recipe Swap!

Type People Modified

Files

Roasted Cauliflow...
Smoky Sweet Pot...

AUTUMN Sustainability

Check your tire pressure - cooler weather can lower tire pressure, which decreases your gas mileage - keep your tires at the proper PSI to get the best gas mileage and decrease wear on your tires.

Leave the leaves - dead leaves are part of the natural cycle of plants - decomposed plants and leaves promote healthy microbial activity in the soil. If you do want to remove the leaves, consider composting them.

Pumpkin Spice Lattes in Reusable Mugs! Enjoy your favorite seasonal beverage in a reusable mug, which many coffee shops will give you a small discount for using :)

Clean your windows for the winter! Allowing more sunlight in through the windows will help keep heating costs down. If you have single pane windows, adding a plastic film window treatment can also help retain more heat as the weather cools.

Use an Instant Pot or Slow Cooker for savory fall meals, which are more energy efficient than firing up your oven.

Our Continued Commitment!

RML will continue to be committed to upholding the mission of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and providing environmentally sound, socially equitable and economically feasible practices to address climate change and encourage the growth of a thriving community.



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