**Message from the Director**

Happy New Year East Norwalk,

The East Norwalk Association Library is bringing experts in finance and personal wellness to introduce to you our winter ‘**New Year, New You Financial Health and Wellness’ Series**. We hope that some of our offerings will help you to plan and make good on some of your new year’s resolutions. We also sprinkled in a winter line-up of exciting programs, events and new services for all ages. As always, we welcome you with open arms and hope to see you at the Library. I hope you are enjoying our new quarterly newsletter. **All of our programs are Free. Watch out for Special events, Evening programs and Start Times too.** Happy and Healthy New Year to All,

Sylvia Archibald, Library Director

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**Program Highlights and more Inside…**

Anne Frank Museum for Mutual Respect presents a GRANT FUNDED program for the Library. A dramatic live performance by professional actors Letters from Anne and Martin,” is a production combining the voices of Anne Frank and Martin Luther King Jr.. This piece evokes the important messages from these legendary figures, as they write of their hopes and plans for a peaceful and unified world. **This program has been performed at the Clinton Presidential Center, the Dallas Holocaust Museum, and many other venues in the NYC metropolitan area and across the United States. Monday, January 15 @ Noon Location: Van Zilen Hall**

**Open House-Mix, Mingle and Meet the New Library Director.** Meet the New Children’s Librarian and see what new e-resources our Library Tech has enabled and has in-store for you. In addition, meet the Library Board of Directors. Refreshments will be served as you tour the Library and discuss the Library’s transformation and plans for the future. **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 @ 6:00pm Location: East Norwalk Library: Van Zilen Hall**

**The Easter Bunny is Coming** – Take Pictures and make an Easter craft with candy. **Saturday, March 24 @11:30am-1pm Location: Van Zilen Hall**

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**Library Hours:**

| Mon 12:30 am-5:30pm |
| Tues 12:30 am-7:30pm |
| Weds 12:30 am-5:30pm |
| Thurs 12:30 am-5:30 pm |
| Fri 12:30 am-5:30 pm |
| Sat 9:30 am-5:30 pm |
| Sundays Closed |

**Library Closings:**

- **New Years Day**
- **January 1, 2018**
- **Martin Luther King Jr.Day**
- **January 15th, no Library Services -Instead special Live Event at NOON**
- **Good Friday**
- **March 30, 2018**
**Children’s Programs**

**Checkers Club for Kids**– Spend the afternoon with friends at the library playing or learning to play this classic board game. *Monday’s, @ 3:30 Location – Library children’s room*

**Baby and Me Program**– Your baby and you or caregiver will enjoy rhymes, songs, movement and read-aloud stories with our Children’s Librarian Ms. Gina. Parents get to take home a folder filled with the activities of each session to keep the learning growing. *Every Tuesday, @ 11:30am-12:15pm Location–Library children’s room*

**Toddler Storytime**– Make NEW Friends, sing, play and enjoy stories with your child at our Toddler storytime. Recommended age group: 2 - 3 years old. *Every Thursday, @ 1:30-2:15pm Location–Library children’s room*

**New!! PJ Storyhour Celebrating the Seasons**. Stay in your jammies and come to the Library for this part one of a four part series on the ‘Seasons of the Year’. Part one will celebrate the Winter season. Hot Cocoa will be served to get warm and cozy as we read stories and sing songs of the season with parents. *Saturday, January 20, @10am Location–Library children’s room*

**SLIME IT UP!** Come have fun while making slime and take home your own slime goo. *Thursday, January 25, @ 3:30pm Location: Library children’s room*

**Back by Popular Demand (by our library kids) Local Author Mira Rosenberg, creator of Indiana Bamboo.** Join us for a creative writing workshop. Recommended for middle school students: *Thursday, February 1 @3:30, Location–Library children’s room*

**Valentine’s Day Crafts**– Make something special to share or keep for yourself. Two sessions *Thursday, February 8th @ 1:30 and 3:30, Location–Library children’s room*

**Book Buddies**– Have your child spend a morning reading with a new furry friend. Book buddies is a reading program designed to motivate kids and give kids extra practice with reading and oral skills. Kids build confidence as they read to a specially trained reading dog. *This program will return in the Spring. We express sadness on the loss of our four legged friend.*

**Watercolors**– Come learn how to use watercolor paints while making your own work of art to take home. *Thursday, March 15, @ 3:30 Location–Library children’s room*

**Here Comes the Easter Bunny to the Library!** Bring your kids; make a basket; fill it with treats; and take pictures with the Easter Bunny at the East Norwalk Library. *Saturday, March 24, @11:30am-1 pm Location–Library children’s room*
**Sole Line Dancing Classes**  Line dancing is exercise providing a low impact cardio workout. The line is a choreographed dance, repeating a sequence of steps with people dancing in different rows. No partner required for this hoedown. The music varies from Jazz, R&B, Pop, Hip Hop, and Country Western. Facilitated by Dr. Cynthia Barnett. 

Resumes January 9th, Every Tuesday @ 6:30pm. Location - Van Zilen Hall

**National Blood Donor Month**  Check off one of your New Year’s Resolutions. Pay it forward by giving the Gift of Life, donate blood to The American Red Cross. They will be here doing a Blood Drive receive a gift card as your reward. January 10th, @ 1:00pm - 6pm Location - Van Zilen Hall

**Look A Holiday Program!!**

**A Very Special Event:** The Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect will present a dramatic live performance. Taken from Anne Frank’s Diary of a Young Girl (1947) and Martin Luther King Jr’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail (1963), this piece highlights the parallels in their lives and addresses the need for shared responsibility for social progress. The actors will be available after the show to talk with the audience. Monday, January 15, @ NOON, Location - Van Zilen Hall

**Open House**  Meet the New Library Director; meet the New Children’s Librarian; see what our Library Tech has new in-store for you; and meet the Library Board of Directors. Refreshments will be served as we gather to meet and greet and talk about the Library present and future. Then stay for the monthly Board meeting at 7pm, if you like. Tuesday, January 16, @ 6:30pm Location - Library

**Know the 10 Signs for the onset of Alzheimer’s Disease**  - The Alzheimer’s Foundation of America will be here to talk about the most common forms of dementia and memory-loss. Wednesday, January 24, @ 6:30PM

**Talk Saves Lives: Suicide Prevention** - The Southern Connecticut Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will talk about recognizing the warning signs of suicide. Discuss prevention steps with the Director of Prevention. Wednesday, January 31 @ 6:30pm. Location - Van Zilen Hall

**Job Corps**  - Administered by the US Department of Labor, Job Corps is the largest free residential education and job training program for young adults ages 16–24. A representative will be here from this federal program to discuss, one to one or in groups, available opportunities. Tuesday, February 6, @12:30-2:30pm Location – Library

**First Time Homebuyers Seminar**  - Prepare yourself to achieve your American dream of homeownership. An agent from Keller Williams will be here, along with mortgage brokers and credit specialists, to explain the process and answer questions. Monday, February 26, @6:30pm Location – Van Zilen Hall

**Upside of Downsizing**  - How to buy a new home using a reverse mortgage. Is this for you or someone you know? Come find out at this Q&A seminar. Monday, March 19, @ 6:30 pm Location – Van Zilen Hall

**Short Answers to Hard to ask questions on the Opioid Crisis**  - Presented by Positive Directions - The Center for Prevention & Recovery  Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 7pm-8:30pm, Location – Van Zilen Hall

**NOTE:** The East Norwalk Library has received a generous grant from the Anne Frank Center via an anonymous donor to hold this performance at our library on this Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. As such we will be open for this special event.
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Merry Christmas Party!

Author Visit, Mira Rosenberg “Indiana Bamboo”

Cooking with Chef Penn

Trick or Treat!

Teens Love Pizza

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FALL BOOK FAIR!

CT Historical Society
Presents Kate Hepburn

Art Class – Painting on Glass

Toddler Story Hour

Artists At Work

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GET FOOT LOOSE!

Line Dancing!

Game Day!

Summer 2017
Animal show

Birds of Prey

Mime Performance

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The Library is also looking for skilled volunteers to assist with programs. We welcome readers to facilitate a book club, knitters to do a knitting club, quilters to do a quilting club, foreign language speakers to teach conversation, or techies to show basic computer skills. Call the Library if interested.

Entertainment Passes—
Use your ENAL library card to receive attraction passes.
Participants include: The Frick Collection, Norwalk’s Maritime Aquarium. The Beardsley Zoo, SoNo Switch Museum, Stepping Stones Museum, Connecticut Historical Society, Connecticut Science Center.

The RED CROSS Will be holding a BLOOD DRIVE
January 10, 2018 from 1-6pm at the Library.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 11, 2018
Remember to -Fall back, Spring Ahead

ENAL Free Book Nooks at five locations around town.

Library Board of Trustees Meetings
January 16, February 20, March 20, 2018

Our Library Mission
The Mission of ENAL is to provide the people of East Norwalk with access to information and materials, which will aid them in their pursuit of education, information, recreation, and the creative use of leisure time.

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