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What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

Monday, December 4

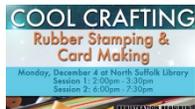
Medicare Benefits Counseling



Receive information and advice from a counselor about applying for Medicare, Medicaid, or Medicare Part D from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, December 4th at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street. These services are free and confidential. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Monday, December 4

Cool Crafting: Rubber Stamping and Card Making



Learn the basics of rubber stamping and card making on Monday, December 4th at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. Session 1 begins at 2 p.m. and Session 2 begins at 6 p.m. We'll create two festive cards just in time for the holidays. All supplies are provided and registration is required. Visit www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com for more information.

Monday, December 4 and Saturday, December 9

Hour of Code



Come code with us at the Chuckatuck Library, 5881 Godwin Boulevard, on Monday, December 4th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, on Saturday, December 9th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn through both plugged and unplugged activities, including coding your way through our larger than life code board, testing out online coding games, and crafting with code. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 5 and Thursday, December 7

Painting the Town for the Holidays



On Tuesday, December 5th and Thursday, December 7th, talented art students from elementary through high school will use their painting skills to decorate windows at participating businesses in Historic Downtown Suffolk. This marks the 17th year that the City of Suffolk and Suffolk Public Schools have partnered to bring a festive touch to downtown businesses.

Tuesday, December 5

Itsy Bitsy Babies



Itsy Bitsy Babies is a program featuring songs, rhymes, bounces and more for babies ages up to 12 months and their caregivers. Join us at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, on Tuesday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6

Babies Tots Combo and Tiny Tots



The *Babies Tots Combo Class* is a combo storytime that includes books, songs, rhymes, and more for ages up to 24 months. Join us on Tuesday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street.

Tiny Tots, a storytime for ages 12 to 24 months, will be held at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6th. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6

Toddler Time and Preschool Time



The Suffolk Public Library is offering *Toddler Time* and *Preschool Time* programs. *Toddler Time*, a program designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years, includes stories, songs and activities designed for toddlers. The Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, and the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, will host *Toddler Time* from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. each day.

Children ages 3 to 5 will enjoy *Preschool Time*, a program featuring stories, educational activities, rhymes and more! *Preschool Time* will be held at 11 a.m. on December 5th at the North Suffolk Library and at 11 a.m. on December 6th at the Morgan Memorial Library. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6

Growing Up Kindergarten



Prepare your child for kindergarten with this educational, interactive, and developmentally appropriate storytime series from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5th at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, and on Wednesday, December 6th at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. Participating children should be a rising

kindergartner. Registration is required and children will attend each class independently. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6

Homeschool Hub: Writer's Café



Read your creative writing at the Homeschool Hub: Writer's Café from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5th at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, and on Wednesday, December 6th at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. Receive a bound copy of the original work for other members. This event is open to Homeschool Hub participants and requires registration. Visit www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com for more information.

Tuesday, December 5

Holiday Jingle Mingle



Join the Whaleyville Community Center, 132 Robertson Street, on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for some holiday fun! There will be something for the entire family. Come hang out with us, enjoy some hot cocoa or coffee, fun games and crafts, as we await the arrival of Mr. Saint Nick! Free and open to the public. For more information, call 757.514.7100

Tuesday, December 5

Suffolk Writes: An Open Writers Group Meet Up



Join us at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, on Tuesday, December 5th from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for *Suffolk Writes: An Open Writers Group Meet Up* for adults. All genres welcomed, published and aspiring. Bring a typed page of what you are writing for group critiques. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 5

AHA! Art History Appreciation



Do you like art? Would you like to learn about famous artists? Come to the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, on Tuesday, December 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a program that will focus on art and art history. This program will focus on artist, Bridget Riley. Ages 8 to 11 will enjoy learning facts and creating fun art projects! Registration required; for more information, call 757.514.7323.

Wednesday, December 6

My Storytime

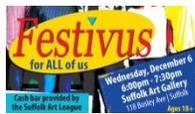


Bring your children ages up to 5 years to the Chuckatuck Library, 5881 Godwin Boulevard, on Wednesday, December 6th from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for an early literacy-based storytime filled with stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

Bring a bagged lunch and join us after My Storytime for a picnic and play time outside, or inside in case of rain or cold weather. There will be bubbles, hula hoops, jump ropes, lawn bowling and more. Come have fun with old and new friends. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Wednesday, December 6

Festivus for All of Us



Festivus is an evening for people of all backgrounds to come together and celebrate the past year while looking forward to the next. Join us on Wednesday, December 6th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Suffolk Art Gallery, 118 Bosley Avenue. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, engage in a friendly "Feats of Strength" competition, and create a community "Airing of Grievances" display. There will be a cash bar provided by the Suffolk Art League. This event is for ages 18+. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Wednesday, December 6

Give the Gift of Oils! Make and Take Workshop



Make a gift for everyone on your list including teachers, hostesses, best friends and neighbors on Wednesday, December 6th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. Participants will be instructed on how to create fragrant gifts like bath salts and roller blends using essential oils. All supplies will be provided and registration is required. Visit www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com for more information.

Thursday, December 7

Great Dismal Swamp Safari



The Great Dismal Swamp is anything but dismal! On Thursday, December 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., learn about the history, lore, vegetation and wildlife with this adventure that includes a brief walk to Lake Drummond. This tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center, located at 524 North Main Street, and is not recommended for very small children. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors 60+, military, and children ages 3 to 12. Reservations are required. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot.

Thursday, December 7

Busy Babies



Come for a morning of busy, messy, sensory fun at this baby friendly event on Thursday, December 7th from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street. Please wear clothing you wouldn't mind getting dirty. Ages 0-3; for more information, call 757.514.7323.

Thursday, December 7

Suffolk Rocks the Holidays



Join us for an evening of rock painting at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street on Thursday, December 7th from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and all materials provided. Come get artsy with us and meet fellow rockers of Suffolk! For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Thursday, December 7

\$Now Cash Crafts



Short on allowance this holiday season? No problem! On Thursday, December 7th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, will have all you'll need to make the special gift your loved ones will cherish. Warm refreshments and chill music will also be provided. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Thursday, December 7

Ugly Sweater Party



Come party in your best ugly sweater at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, on Thursday, December 7th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. We're going to have a fun night full of games, snacks, crafts, and don't forget about rocking your favorite ugly sweater! All teens and tweens are welcomed. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Saturday, December 9

Sensory Storytime



Join us at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, and the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, on Saturday, December 9th at 9:30 a.m. for a 30-minute storytime perfect for little ones with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder, and other Sensory Seekers. Typical

Peers are welcome to attend, as well. This program will feature a visible agenda, age appropriate books, fingerplays, and music. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Saturday, December 9

Suffolk Sheriff's Office Operation Helping Hands Toy Drive



The City of Suffolk Sheriff's Office will host a Toy Drive on Saturday, December 9th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at both Suffolk Walmart locations, 1200 North Main Street and 6259 College Drive. Fill the Sheriff's car with NEW toys so that local children can have a brighter Christmas! All toys collected will be given to Elephant's Fork Elementary and Booker T. Washington Elementary Schools.

Saturday, December 9

STEM Stories: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?



On Saturday, December 9th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, explore STEM activities related to *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr., and Eric Carle. Ages 3 to 7 welcome. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10

Adopt-a-thons



The Suffolk Animal Care Center and the Suffolk Humane Society will host an Adopt-a-thon from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 9th at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart, 4300 Portsmouth Boulevard in Chesapeake and on Sunday, December 10th at the North Suffolk PetSmart, 6243 College Drive. For more information, call 757.538.3030.

Saturday, December 9

Coding with PBS Kids



Joining us for our Hour of Code event? Take it a step further and register for WHRO's mobile coding lab on Saturday, December 9th from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. Children will be introduced to creative coding with the opportunity to make their own stories, games, and collages with the PBS Kids Scratch Jr. app. Ages 6 to 11; registration is required. To register for this program or for more information, visit www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com.

Saturday, December 9

Free Family Movie at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts



The Suffolk Division of Tourism is pleased to present the free family film, *Moana*, at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, 110 West Finney Avenue, on Saturday, December 9th at 2 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public; however, a donation of a canned good or non-perishable food item is encouraged. Stay for photos with Moana after the screening! Call 757.514.4130 for more information.

Saturday, December 9

Suffolk Holiday Parade



Be sure to join in the lights and sounds of the 2017 Suffolk Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 9th at 7 p.m. Find the best spot to watch the floats, equestrian units, marching bands and festive vehicles stroll down West Washington Street and take a turn up North Main Street, with the parade route ending on Finney Avenue. This event is free and open to the public. For information, call Suffolk Parks & Recreation at 757.514.7250.

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