

An animal connection at Middle Country library



Photos from Marissa Sanseverino/Syntax

At Middle Country Public Library's Mutt Club, children will learn about pets, like those above at last year's Pet Parade.

Students in grades two through five living in the Middle Country community can join Middle Country Public Library's Mutt Club, which will center on humane education. Register for one of the following Mutt Club programs by visiting www.mcpl.lib.ny.us or calling the youth services desk at the Middle Country Public Library at 585-9393, x107.

The Mutt-i-grees curriculum is an innovative program developed by North Shore Animal League's Pet Savers Foundation in collaboration with the School of the 21st Century at Yale University and Cesar Milan's Millan Foundation. The Mutt-i-grees curriculum builds on children's affinity for animals and uses "mutt-i-grees," mixed-breed shelter dogs, to teach important social and emotional skills and create a more humane and compassionate world.

- My Mutt-i-gree and Me

Friday, Feb. 15, from 4:30 to 5:15 pm

Children will work together to create a display for the library containing photographs of themselves and their pets, as well as original artwork and writing for and about Mutt-i-grees.

- With a Little Help from My Mutt-i-gree

Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 7 pm

Children will meet companion dogs, therapy dogs and guide dogs and learn about the ways in which they help their human companions.

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