Queens Public Library
Lights the Way to Connect the Community
Queens Public Library
Key Facts

• Serving a county with a population of the most diverse ethnic groups in the country
2000 Queens County Census

White Non-Hispanic 35%
Hispanic or Latino 26%
Black Non-Hispanic 20%
Asian Non-Hispanic 19%

2010 Queens County Census

White Non-Hispanic 29%
Hispanic or Latino 29%
Black Non-Hispanic 18%
Asian Non-Hispanic 24%
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• Long history of serving our immigrant population: our very own New Americans Program (NAP) recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.
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• Awarded Library Journal *Library of the Year 2009* for service that truly improves the lives of everyone in the borough
When hate is Mainstreamed...

Anti-immigrant movement is also seen on the rise

...anti-immigrant fervor, once relegated to more extreme quarters, has been increasingly mainstreamed over the last ten years.
Queens Library is for Everyone!

Queens Library is a safe space for all

No matter where you come from, who you love or what you believe
Everyone Campaign Launch day April 26, 2017
31-Hour Open House at Corona
31-Hour Summer Festival at our beach community library

Rockaway
31-Hour Summer Festival
Saturday August 26, 10am - Sunday August 27, 5pm

The Peninsula Community Library will be open for 31 hours straight from 10 am Saturday through 5 pm Sunday. Come and enjoy special story times, face painting, balloon animals, crafts, concerts, outdoor movies, yoga and meditation on the beach, a pop-up library on the boardwalk and much more.

See the full schedule here

- Free Admission -

Queens Library at Peninsula
92-25 Rockaway Beach Blvd.
(718) 634-1110
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

We’re reflecting on what’s important and focusing on acts of kindness.
Kindness Wall
Read-Aloud
Food Drive
Programs

QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
We speak your language.
The Queens Library aims to cross language barriers with a systemwide rebrand launched Tuesday, April 2, 2019.
Our Renewed Promise to the Public
What is a promise to the public?
Experience we are committed to delivering to our customers
Values we express, and Expectations the public can get from us.

What does our renewed promise to the public mean?
Recognizes how we are constantly evolving to meet the changing needs of our communities in our 123-year history. It also signals some exciting changes on the way to make absolutely clear who we are, who we aspire to be, and how we will serve the public.

Why is Queens Library now Queens Public Library?
With “public” at the center of our name, it reinforces who is at the center of our work and to whom the Library belongs.

Why is “We speak your language” the new tagline?
- Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, Russian, Greek, and many other tongues.
- imagination, tech, history, LGBTQ, HTML, finance, nonfiction, science fiction, storytime, chess, teens, opportunity
- In touch with the existing and emerging needs of our customers and our communities, and describes the extent to which we embrace them.
What does the new logo stand for?

• Many diverse perspectives of Queens Public Library, our resources, programs and services, and communities.
• The letter Q, references our name and the borough of Queens.
• An open book, an open doorway, and a welcome mat, extending our promise and welcoming everyone.

Why was purple selected as Queens Public Library’s primary color, and what is the significance of the secondary colors?

• Purple -- wisdom, creativity, dignity, and ambition.
• Secondary colors -- reflect the diversity and vibrancy of Queens, the people who live and work here, and the Library itself.

Why did QPL change its visual identity?

honors the diversity of our communities and conveys the magnitude of our mission to transform people’s lives by cultivating personal and intellectual growth and by building strong communities.

How will customers experience our renewed promise to the public?

ensure that all of us speak each person’s language every time they walk into one of our locations, interact with us, call us, or visit us online.
Technical Services Initiatives

- Book and Cultural Program Support
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Collection Promotion

• Partnership
Technical Services Initiatives

- Book and Cultural Program Support

W.P.A Entertainment for the Seamen
Two Dancers and a Horse
Elmhurst library adds Burmese books to roster

BY NY1 NEWS
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A local library is adding a new language to their roster of books.
New Americans Program

- Established in 1977
- Citizenship and Immigration Legal Assistance
- Coping Skills Workshops
- Cultural Arts Programs
- ESOL Program
- International Library Partnerships
- Help immigrants intergrade into American society and share their diverse cultures with the community-at-large

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We speak your language.
Did you know that all NAP staff are required to speak one of the languages spoken in Queens in addition to English? We’re in Queens so any language will do!
40th Anniversary Celebration
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Responding to Current Issues
NYCitizenship

APPLY FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP
Free legal help at a library near you

Attend a free information session at a participating library (see reverse side).
OR
Make your appointment today!
Please call 718.990.0730

For more information, visit queenslib.org/nycitizenship

Meet with a free, trusted lawyer
Apply for citizenship easily
Find out if you can apply for free
Get free, confidential financial counseling

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FREE IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- Full legal immigration consultations and screening for immigration benefits
- Assistance in filing applications (Naturalization, Adjustment of Status, Green Card Renewals, Etc.)
- If necessary, referrals made to trusted immigration specialists.

The consultations by Community Fellows are free and done under the supervision of Immigrant Justice Corps immigration attorneys. Community Fellows are also Board of Immigration Appeals Accredited Representatives.

SIGN UP FOR AN APPOINTMENT
ONLINE: https://goo.gl/VoCpJe
PHONE: 718.990.0730
LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Spanish & Mandarin

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Immigration Assistance Web Page

Immigration Assistance at Queens Library

Queens Library offers several resources for new Americans and prospective citizens. Learn your rights, the realities of the immigration process, and receive support from experienced lawyers and staff.

Services

- Immigration Case Management
  - Get safe and private one-on-one help with housing

- NYCitizenship
  - NYCitizenship provides free legal help with
Know Your Rights Workshops

Queens Library

Know Your Rights Immigration Services and Legal Aid

- Rights and protections for immigrant communities as well as resources for those seeking immigration-related assistance
- An opportunity to learn the applicable laws for detentions and deportation
- Speak with an Immigration Attorney

Admission is Free

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Interfaith Breakfast
Consulate Partnerships
Korean Education Center

- Funded the Queens Library for $13,500 for 2018-19
- Enables us to provide Korean classes and Korean cultural programs at Flushing, McGoldrick and Sunnyside for one year
- Started the partnership in 2014
The Beauty of Korean Tea

CULTURE AND TASTING

Presented by Sooyeon Chun
Korean tea is over 1,000 years old. Learn about this enduring tradition.

Five characteristics of Korean green tea
- Mild fragrance
- Soft green color
- Deep, clean taste
- Full of goodness
- Meditation of the mind

Limited to 30 participants. First come first served.

ADMISSION IS FREE
These programs are made possible with support from the Queens Library Trust. Contact us if you need assistance.

Friday, July 28 @ 2 pm
BAYSIDE
246-20 Northern Blvd. 1 718-229-8834
Library in Bayside: 1 718, 915, 931

Saturday, August 19 @ 3 pm
WOODSIDE
54-22 Steinway Avenue 1 718-425-4700
at 52nd Street: 1 718, 902, 986

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Queens Library, the borough’s public library system, serves all of New York City.

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Chinese Consulate

- A traveling photo exhibit, with pictures of everyday life in modern day China
- A roster of prominent folk artists showcasing traditional Chinese art
- Series of Chinese calligraphy workshops at Fresh Meadows Library
Chinese Calligraphy
Shadow Puppets and Sugar Painting
Papercutting
Bangladeshi Consulate
Book Donation
English Language Classes

- ESOL classes have been provided since 1979
- FY 2018: served total 2,462 customers
- Additional classes through the Adult Learning Centers & volunteer-led Conversation Groups
It’s Time for Kind
--Holiday Cards Participation
Wikitongues Project
Questions?

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Thank you!