

**Technology Information Forum Meeting
November 5, 2015 @ Brentwood Library**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Bob Johnson. He reminded us that our Annual Meeting/Holiday Party will be held at Connetquot Library on December 3rd at 10am and the CATS Annual Meeting will be on December 9th. He then introduced Dominic Iadicicco who gave a demonstration and led a discussion on the Hour of Code series of programs he has been hosting at the South Country Library. These programs are held monthly and they teach how to code in easy self-guided steps with the assistance of several websites, including <https://code.org/learn>, <https://scratch.mit.edu/>, codecombat.com/, codeacademy.com, and appinventor.mit.edu/explore/.

- Provide snacks, drink, time, and a plan
- Use inexpensive Android tablets, ~\$100
- Use Chromebooks to learn programming and program on
 - Android is easier but you can also use windows laptops
 - IOS will be available in the future
- Play games to start, tutorials, homework assignments, coding exercises

Bob then introduced Nick Tanzi, Head of Digital Services at the Mastic Moriches Shirley Community Library. He showed the how-to-guides for digital services that he created for their website. These guides serve as an always available set of instructions for the patrons and staff.

- Support site created as referral information/training for staff
- Changes on site made as needed (notify staff of changes)
- Printable/mobile responsive/navigable
- Lots of screenshots, links to URLs
- Individual, personalized help is still provided by staff if needed

After these presentations, a motion to accept the October 2015 minutes was made by Dominic Iadicicco, seconded by Dave Jones, and approved. Bob reminded us that the December 3rd Annual Meeting was also our Holiday Party and anyone attending was asked to bring something for the food table. The main course and salads will be supplied. Bob will send out an email with a link to a food form you can submit. We will also have our "Secret Techie" so if you're interested in participating, bring a \$15 tech gift for the grab bag.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schott