STACKS
A Curriculum-Based Afterschool Program for School-Aged Children

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About STACKS

Developed by Queens Library, STACKS is a free afterschool program for children ages 6-14. STACKS was created to enhance your child’s learning experiences through structured and unstructured, age-appropriate activities in a safe and welcoming environment that helps school-aged children build their emotional, social and academic skills.

STACKS operates throughout the school year, Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m., including school holidays.
STACKS Programming

STACKS offers your child both structured and unstructured programming every day. Each session will begin with homework help, facilitated by qualified and caring staff, supervised by your children’s librarian.

During the second half your child will participate in a variety of high-quality and age-appropriate enrichment activities that are informative, hands-on and fun. These activities include week-long learning projects that allow students to use all the resources Queens Library has to offer, as well as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and literacy-based activities that complement your child’s school-day curriculum.
Qualified and Caring Staff

STACKS staff receives more than 20 hours of training annually in youth development, homework help, group management and evidence-based learning strategies that enhance literacy and STEM learning. Every STACKS location is staffed by a team leader with a minimum of one year of college. Larger programs have additional staff.

A Safe and Nurturing Environment
STACKS builds upon the Queens Library’s historic role as a primary afterschool destination for children to study, read and explore with their peers. STACKS will offer evidence-based learning projects that spark children’s curiosity and help them discover the joys of learning in a library setting.
Locations

STACKS programs are available in the following community libraries:

Arverne*
Cambria Heights
Central Library*
Corona*
East Elmhurst*
Far Rockaway
Flushing*
Jackson Heights*
Laurelton

Lefferts
Lefrak City
Long Island City
Pomonok
Queensboro Hill*
Ridgewood*
South Hollis
South Ozone Park*
Woodside*

*Asia Society Partnership Sites
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For the first time ever, Queens Library and the Asia Society will collaborate on the design and delivery of a library-based afterschool curriculum for elementary school students. The goal of this partnership is to foster global awareness in our students and help them to better understand and act on issues of global significance. This new curriculum will be piloted at ten STACKS sites during the winter and spring semesters.
Register Now!

STACKS is a year-long program. Each library has a limited number of openings. If you are interested in having your child participate in STACKS, you must register your child during the first week of school in the STACKS library branches listed on page 5.

Registration requirements:

- Children ages 6-14 with a Queens Library card.
- Year-long commitment
- Parent or guardian signature

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