

# Library Group Meeting

The Friends of the East Quogue Library will host a meeting this Monday, October 18, to discuss a series of programs they intend to offer to community members in the hamlet.

The programs will be the first programs sponsored by the group, according to President Bob Beattie. The recent addition to the East Quogue School has opened up some free space, giving the group a place to hold meetings and events, he said.

"We couldn't do anything earlier at the school because we just didn't have the space," he said. "Since they just put in the addition we have space to work with."

The organization plans to offer a pre-school storytime program, a defensive driving program, baby-sitter training, senior citizen health programs, literacy volunteer programs, and book discussion groups in the Community Room at the East

Quogue School.

The programs are being organized in conjunction with the Suffolk County Cooperative Library System, he said.

The Friends of the East Quogue Library was founded in the summer of 1998, during a failed effort to convince residents to build their own library. The measure was defeated twice at the polls. Mr. Beattie said he still hopes a library is in East Quogue's future.

He said that residents pay approximately \$250,000 in library taxes each year. Because the hamlet does not have its own library, the money goes to libraries in Westhampton Beach, Hampton Bays, and Riverhead. With the addition of the new programs, some of that money will, in effect, come back to the community, he said. The Suffolk County Cooperative Library System has agreed to fund the programs, he said.