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MCPL holds Teen Driver Safety Awareness workshop

Middle Country Public Library in Selden hosted a Teen Driver Safety Awareness workshop on April 29 as part of the Allstate Readiness Series. Paul Failla, a retired Suffolk County police officer, was the guest speaker. Over 50 teenagers and adults heard his talk which included advice for teenagers on how to drive safely and for parents supporting them. His two-hour talk included many anecdotes — funny, heartwarming, emotionally charged — providing lessons in safe teen driving, emphasizing driving as a privilege rather than a right and the necessity of making appropriate choices in driving as well as in life.

Teenagers who attended may participate in the Show Off For Safety Contest on June 12 at MCPL's Selden branch, from 6 to 9 pm, by producing a short commercial about safe driving in the form of a song, poem or skit. The grand prize is \$200.

Pictured from left: Elizabeth Malafi, Miller Resource Center coordinator at MCPL; Jeff Freund, Allstate agent; Sharon Breen, assistant director for human resources and facilities at MCPL; and Paul Failla, guest speaker.