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## *Financial Empowerment for Women at MCPL*

Michele Martin, Allstate Insurance exclusive agent, and Pamela Barbieri, Allstate Financial Services financial representative, hosted a 90-minute workshop entitled Financial Empowerment for Women at the Middle Country Public Library in Centereach. Those in attendance learned how to take control over their finances and stay out of debt. In the workshop, Ms. Martin and Ms. Barbieri covered topics such as how to create a budget, what to do if you are in debt or foreclosure, how to improve your credit score, the differences between long-term and short-term savings accounts and the benefits of having life insurance. This workshop is part of the Allstate Readiness Series.

Pictured (left to right): Elizabeth Malafi, coordinator, Miller Resource Center at Middle Country Public Library; Martin; and Barbieri. For more information about the Allstate Readiness Series at the Middle Country Public Library, call 585-9393 ext. 224 or check out the website at [www.readinessbeginswithme.org](http://www.readinessbeginswithme.org).

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