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The Middle Country Public Library hosted its 17th annual Women's EXPO Oct. 5 at the library's Centereach location. The event, which attracts local women entrepreneurs, hosted more than 80 women business owners. The EXPO offered an opportunity to meet new people, discover new products, enjoy a meal and support the Long Island business economy. "Over 2,500 people came to support Long Island women entrepreneurs," said Elizabeth Mafi, coordinator of adult services at the library. "The connections and the camaraderie between women on the day of the event are always overwhelming. We are grateful to all of our sponsors for supporting the event." Supporting the event were, clockwise from top left, Bebe Federmann of SoulVessel Designs; Diane Schips of Green Fire Herbs; Stella Krasinski of Malaika Boutique and Karyn Villante of Made Here New York. All the women at the event spent the day teaching shoppers about their businesses while selling products and networking with other local entrepreneurs. See page A8 for more photos from the Women's EXPO.





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Women entrepreneurs filled out surveys following the event, saying "My first EXPO was a beautiful experience for me with amazing and supportive people," and "My favorite thing about the EXPO is women supporting women in a positive way." Clockwise from above, Carly McAllister, on left, of Modern Primal Soap Co; Karyn Villante of Made Here New York; Mari Irizarry of Hook + Wool; Suzette Montalvo of ANEWYORICANTHING LTD.; pottery by Contemporary Artifacts; Peggje Ehlers of Nuna Knits and Karen Trzaska, a representative from Sparklefly Candle Company in Selden were showing off their goods at the annual Women's EXPO at Middle Country Public Library's Centereach location Oct. 5.

