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SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY EVENTS



STAY WELL

Recently I read an article in the Shelter Island Gazette about a Shelter Island Historical Society Collection letter from 1920. The young woman writing the letter spoke of the hardship of a winter in which many islanders died during the influenza epidemic. The snow, the lack of medical care, closed schools and churches and the inability to travel with cars or horses, added to the woes. But at the end of the letter she spoke of her mother's cozy bungalow and future visits from friends. Shelter Islanders are made of stern stuff.

March was a difficult month for the Island. As I write this, I do not know if the library will be open and fully functioning at the beginning of April. We have been focusing on providing you with information about the COVID-19 virus and with resources you can access remotely. We are using both social media (Facebook and Instagram) and email to disseminate this information.

Our staff has been working hard and has put together some "Program Packages" for both adults and children. The packages offer a number activities centered around a particular theme. We hope you find them both educational and fun.

While we miss seeing you at the library, as always, the health and safety of our patrons and our staff are our primary concern. Enjoy the spring, notice the daffodils blooming everywhere, get some fresh air and we will see you soon.



Terry Lucas, Library Director

CENSUS

Filling out your 2020 Census while you are at home is a good use of social distancing time. It only takes about 10 minutes and it is more important than ever to be counted. If you have received your census notice in the mail, here is the link to the website where you can fill out the form <https://2020census.gov/en.html>



THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, April 13 at 7pm**. It is likely that the meeting will take place via conference call.

Notice of how to join the conference call to listen to the meeting will be emailed to all card holders, posted on the front door of the library and listed in the Shelter Island Reporter and the Shelter Island Gazette.

MISS YOUR FACE

One of the things we miss the most is interacting with our patrons. Please send us a picture of yourself (tlucas@silibrary.org) reading a book or cooking or just saying hello to your library friends. We will post it on our social media so we will be able to recognize each other when we gather at the library again! Here is a picture of Jocelyn and me before we closed the library. Notice that we are 6 feet apart!



FOR ADULTS

JULIA CHILD

- Watch *Julia Child: America's Favorite Chef!* on Kanopy
<https://silibrary.kanopy.com/video/american-masters-julia-child>
- Listen to a podcast *Inside Julia's Kitchen* from The Julia Child Foundation for Gastronomy and the Culinary Arts
<https://juliachildfoundation.org/podcast>
- Read an eBook version or listen to an audio version of *Dearie: The Remarkable Life of Julia Child* by Bob Spitz. Available through Overdrive or Libby
- Make Julia Child's classic French onion soup. Recipe link
<http://juliachildsrecipes.com/soup/julia-childs-french-onion-soup>
- Send a picture of your culinary creation to info@shelterislandpubliclibrary.org so we can post it to share with your neighbors!



WORLD WAR II

- Watch *Paradise* on Kanopy: <https://silibrary.kanopy.com/video/paradise-0>
- Listen to: *WW2: War and Words*, an acclaimed podcast series narrated by Jonathan Dimbleby of the BBC: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/bbc-world-service/ww2-war-and-words#>
- Download the eBook *Band of Brothers* by Stephen Ambrose on Overdrive or Libby
- Check out the wealth of World War II Resources available from the Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ww2/ww2bib.html>

GARDENING

- Watch *Gardening with Soul*, an uplifting documentary about a nun from Wellington, New Zealand who tends a garden in her small community
<https://silibrary.kanopy.com/video/gardening-soul>



- Read a gardening magazine online (not available for temporary cards)
You may access magazines with your library card by doing the following:

1. Go to silibrary.org
2. Go to “[online resources](#)” at the top right of the screen
3. Click [Live-brary Database](#)
4. At the blue bar on the side (under 'Database Information', then 'Database Category') click “[Magazines and Journals](#)” and “[Apply](#)”
5. Click on [Flipster](#) (right side of screen). You'll find a wealth of magazines
6. For gardening - click “[Home and Garden](#)” on the left side of screen under categories. You'll find *Fine Gardening* and a few other home and garden magazines there

- Check out www.gardenista.com for some practical tips and great design inspiration

- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County has a wealth of information especially for gardeners in our particular zone. You'll find horticultural factsheets, a plant hardiness zone map, a list of gold medal plants for Long Island, and much more: <http://ccesuffolk.org/gardening>

THE ANY BOOK BOOK CLUB

Want a different kind of book club? We don't have to read the same book to share our opinions. In the *Any Book Book Club* you may talk about a book you are currently reading, one you read and loved, or even the one that had the most impact on you. Join us online to share a book that you feel strongly about. It's a great way to learn about a lot of books at one time! Instructions for joining the club are below:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/415634749>

You can also dial in using your phone:

United States (Toll Free): 1 (866) 899-4679, United States: +1 (224) 501-3318 - Access Code: 415-634-749

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – PROGRAM PACKAGES

ASTRONOMY IN APRIL

Supermoon!

April 8th is a Supermoon and a Pink Moon! Step outside to see the moon at its biggest and brightest. The moon rises in the East at 5:43pm on April 8th and will make for excellent viewing for the entire evening. It is easy to see the moon with binoculars or the naked eye. You don't need a telescope! Here are some moon related activities and resources.



- You can find a short NatGeo video for kids about the moon in our [Tumblebooks video collection](#). (Just scroll down a bit.)
- Here's a nice simple [map of the moon](#).
- And here is an assortment of [additional moon maps](#) for you to consult before or after viewing.
- When you're done viewing the moon, try this easy craft [making a moon using tinfoil stamps!](#)
- Still hungry for more moon? Here's an assortment of ebook [downloads](#) from the Library.

Lyrid Meteor Shower!

April 22nd is the Lyrid Meteor shower. This meteor shower occurs when pieces of the Thatcher comet burn up in our atmosphere. There are only about 20 meteors an hour in the Lyrid meteor shower, but they are very fast bright meteors that make for good viewing. To see the meteors, you'll need to locate the constellation Lyra. The meteors appear near this constellation, which is why they're called Lyrids. Luckily, Lyra is really easy to find because the bright star Vega is part of the constellation. You'll see Vega rising about 11:00pm in the Northeast. You can't miss it. It is the fifth brightest star in the sky! Here are some meteor related activities and resources.

- You can find a short NatGeo video for kids about meteors in our [Tumblebooks video collection](#). (Just scroll down a bit.)
- NASA has a great [educational page about meteors](#) as well.
- If you're willing to make a bit of a mess, (of course you are,) try out this [excellent meteoroid experiment](#) that allows you make your own craters, like meteors crashing into the moon!
- Berkeley has a whole [series of home astronomy experiments](#) that you might find interesting if you like our Astronomy in April materials.



Backyard Bird Watching!

Earth Day is April 22nd, so let's spend the month learning about the natural world around us! There are over 400 species of birds living on Long Island. Some more famous species are ospreys, robins, plovers, egrets, double-crested cormorants, hawks, falcons, red cardinals, blue jays and more.

- Step 1: Build and decorate a simple [bird feeder](#) using recycled materials. (There are a million additional bird feeder designs online, just google *kids' bird feeder craft* if you want a different design.)
- Step 2: Get a recording sheet so you can keep track of the birds you see. Here's a good example of [a recording sheet for kids](#). This is a more robust discussion of [how and why to keep a birding journal](#).
- Step 3: If you see any birds you don't recognize, you can use an online bird guide to try to identify them. Here's a [\(long\) list of birds found in New York](#), with pictures!
- We have a variety of [picture ebooks](#) with birds as the main characters/subjects as well.

Juice Carton Crafts: Owl Bird Feeder - Red Ted Art

Here is an easy Owl Bird Feeder made from a milk carton or juice carton. This is a great bird feeder craft for kids.

<https://www.redtedart.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Juice-Carton-Crafts-Bird-Feeder.jpg>

