

November 2020

SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONTHLY EVENTS



REASONS TO BE THANKFUL

When I recently looked back at the November newsletters from the past 5 years, I realized that my message this year, like everything else, would be a little different. Nonetheless, I am still feeling grateful as we head toward Thanksgiving. I appreciate more than ever, the dedication of the library staff. Our small staff has worked hard to stay in touch with Island residents and to provide information, materials and remote programs during this unprecedented time. I value the input and support of our Board of Trustees as we make our way through new waters. The Friends of the Library continue to offer financial help so we can offer extra programming and resources. Most of all I am grateful for a community which supports the library (and each other). Even in a pandemic, I feel very lucky to spend my days at the Shelter Island Library.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

HOW TO BE A TRUSTEE

Shelter Island Library President Jo-Ann Robotti has announced that five seats on the library's Board of Trustees will be up for election by the membership at the January 23rd annual meeting. The deadline for candidates to file applications is Friday, December 18, 2020.

Two current trustees will be standing for re-election this year. The board needs to fill five vacant positions with candidates who have experience or backgrounds in facilities, law, fundraising, communications or finance. Four of the positions are for three-year terms, one of the positions is for a one-year term.

The board is charged with the library's governance, including setting policy, exercising fiduciary responsibility, overseeing and evaluating programs and services, maintaining the facility and supporting its operations. Because of the library's small staff and tight operating budget, it is a working board and each member contributes specific skills.

In 2011 the library's bylaws were amended to open the board to election by cardholder residents, 18 years of age or older. A fact sheet, "How You Can Serve on the Library's Board of Trustees," is available at the library or on the library's website. Applications or letters of intent should be sent to the Nominating Committee in care of the library at P.O. Box 2016, Shelter Island, NY 11964 or emailed to tlucas@silibrary.org.

SHARED HISTORY

As part of the Shelter Island Health and Wellness Alliance's ongoing series *Necessary Bridges*, Donnamarie Barnes, Curator/Archivist of Sylvester Manor Educational Farm, will moderate a discussion with Ann Banks and Karen Orozco Gutierrez focusing on their shared family history. Banks' great-great-grandfather was a slaveholder in Alabama. Orozco Gutierrez's great-grandfather was one of the people he enslaved. In *Smithsonian Magazine* (<https://tinyurl.com/yxryzzua>), Banks tells the story of her connection with Orozco Gutierrez and the breakthrough discovery they made in the archives.



The conversation will continue with Donnamarie Barnes discussing the work she does at Sylvester Manor uncovering the lives of the enslaved there and with the *Plain Sight Project* (www.plainsightproject.org) documenting slavery on the East End. For more, visit Ms. Banks' website, www.confederatesinmycloset.com. Join us on Zoom for this enlightening program on November 13th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

BOOK SALE ROOM

While the Book Sale room remains closed, we are accepting gently used book donations. Please leave all donations in the book bin by the Book Sale Room entrance. We are asking that you leave no more than one box of book donations per month.

FOR ADULTS

To register for Adult Programs please go to www.silibrary.org and scroll down to our Calendar of Events. All adult programs in November will take place online. Please register for all programs at least 30 minutes before the program to receive the link to attend. Please send any programming questions to jozolins@silibrary.org

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

KRISTIN JOY LAVIN: *THE BUTTERFLY PROMISE*

Friday, November 6th, 7:00pm

Kristin Joy Lavin was exceptionally close to her grandmother, 'Gram', a free-spirited progressive who came of age in 1920's Greenwich Village. When her Gram died, reeling with grief from multiple other losses, Kristin began a voyage of spiritual self-discovery. Her memoir, *The Butterfly Promise* takes the reader on that moving voyage with wit and heart. Join us to hear Kristin's life-affirming story.

JEFFREY SUSSMAN - *BIG APPLE GANGSTERS*: Friday, November 20th, 7:00pm

The American mob's 'founding fathers' were born and bred in New York City. Figures such as Lucky Luciano and Bugsy Siegel, hungry for success, made their millions by any means necessary. Author Jeffrey Sussman will dig not only into the history of the mob but will also profile the prosecutors (Thomas Dewey and Robert Kennedy among others) who brought these gangsters to their knees.



NECESSARY BRIDGES

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ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB: Tuesdays, November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, 4:00 to 5:30pm

The Art/Rich Poetry roundtable meets every Tuesday to discuss poetry in depth. We read poets of all styles and points of view from classical times to the present, and welcome readers of poetry who enjoy meeting with fellow lovers of poetry for lively discussion. No onerous rules: bring a poem and your enthusiasm.

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, November 4th and 18th, 5:00pm

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese health practice that provides a wide range of mind/body benefits. The easy-to-follow fluid movements will improve balance, flexibility, concentration and create a peaceful mind. Often referred to as a moving meditation, this practice will increase vitality and strengthen immune function. The teacher is Denise Gillies, a certified instructor who has been practicing and teaching on the East End for the past ten years. Her teaching style is relaxed, enthusiastic and intended for students to leave feeling energized and joyful.

SPICE CLUB: EARL GREY AND CARDAMOM HONEY CAKE: Tuesday, November 17th, 6:00pm

Participants may pick up a spice sample and a recipe for Cardamom Honey Cake at the Circulation Desk or by curbside pick-up between Thursday, November 12th and Monday, November 16th. Make that recipe, or one of your own using cardamom. On the 17th, we will meet by Zoom to talk about what you made, what you thought of the spice and what other recipes you want to try. Space is limited, so register early.

ADULT CRAFT - HOLIDAY LUMINARIES: Saturday, November 21st

These luminaries will take only a few minutes and can be used as a centerpiece or on your mantle. We'll supply cranberries, greens, a votive candle and a jar. You may want to add a decorative ribbon. The jars will look festive day or night. Limit of 15. Craft idea is courtesy of www.thirtyhandmadedays.com



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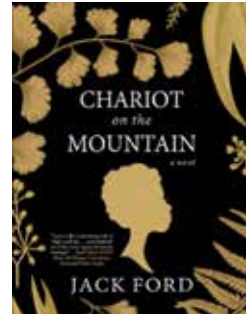
FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

***Chariot on the Mountain* by Jack Ford: Tuesday, November 10th, 5:00pm**

Chariot on the Mountain is a novel based on the real life of Kitty Payne who was a young, multiracial, freed slave who had to fight for her rights in American court before the Civil War years. The story goes through the ins and outs of plantation and farm lives of slaves in Virginia in the early 1800's. This astonishing work from Emmy and Peabody Award-winning journalist Jack Ford vividly recreates a treacherous journey toward freedom, a time when the traditions of the Old South still thrived—and is a testament to determination, friendship, and courage.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

***Death in a Strange Country* by Donna Leon: Monday, November 30th, 5:00pm**

Early one morning, Commissario Guido Brunetti of the Venice police confronts a grisly sight when the body of a young man is fished out of a fetid canal. All clues point to a violent mugging, but for Brunetti the motive of robbery seems altogether too convenient. When something discovered in the victim's apartment suggests the existence of a high-level conspiracy, Brunetti becomes convinced that somebody, somewhere, is taking great pains to provide a ready-made solution to the crime.

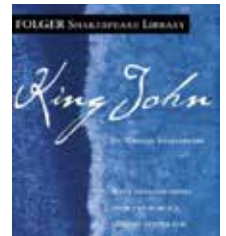


SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE:

KING JOHN

Saturday, November 28th, 12:30pm

King John tells the story of John's struggle to retain the crown in the face of alternative claims to the throne from France.



INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, November 5th, 12th and 19th, 2:00pm

Would you like to improve your French conversation skills? In this program, you will listen to a podcast (innerfrench.com) at home before the meeting. We'll have a group discussion on the weekly topic. Subjects covered will be wide-ranging with a new topic each week. Alix Shearer (native French speaker and Shelter Islander) will facilitate. There is no fee for this program but registration is required and space is limited.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL): Thursdays, November 5th, 12th and 19th, 7:00pm

Learn English virtually using Zoom with former English as a Second Language and Spanish teacher, Teri Piccozzi. Everyone is welcome and the class is free.

Aprende ingles virtualmente usando Zoom con la ex profesora de Ingles Como un Idioma Secunda y de Espanol. Teri Piccozzi. Todos son bienvenidos y la clase es gratis. Para registrarse en este programa visite www.silibrary.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PRESENTS "THE GARDENS OF DOWNTON ABBEY"

Wednesday, December 2nd, 4:00pm

Looking for a fix of Lady Mary or Mr. Carson? Come to the grounds of Highclere Castle, the setting location of the BBC series. The Highclere gardens owe much of their inspiration to Capability Brown, the famous 18th century landscape designer. The Secret Garden, the White Garden, the Monks Garden as well as the creation of follies and ha-has will be visited.

You may register for all programs at www.silibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – PROGRAM PACKAGES

Please register for all programs on our website www.silibrary.org. Take & Make quantities are limited.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

NAME THAT TUNE-FAMILY EDITION (VIRTUAL PROGRAM)

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

NATURE JOURNALING/FALL SCAVENGER HUNT WITH GROUP FOR THE EAST END (TAKE & MAKE WITH PARTIAL VIRTUAL)

Saturday, November 7th, 11:00am. Great for ages 3-8

Get ready to learn and do some outdoor adventuring with the Group for the East End. After a small Zoom presentation, you will use your kits and head outside to scavenge to complete your worksheet! A great way to bundle up and get outdoors for a while.

FINGERPRINT BUG JARS (TAKE & MAKE) Saturday, November 14th. Ages 6 and under

Using washable stamps and your imagination, you can create all different kinds of bugs to live in your printed jar! A great way to visualize bugs that we might find in the world around us.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

FESTIVE FALL CORN (TAKE & MAKE) Friday, November 13th. Ages 4-10

Create a super cute wooden bead ear of corn. Ideal for fall decorating and so easy to make!

LEGO BUILD (TAKE & MAKE) Saturday, November 21st. Ages 6+

Pick up your free kit filled with all kinds of Legos and get building! Share your creations to our Instagram or Facebook page. Build ideas will be posted each month with possible creations you can make!

ANIMAL FOOD CHAIN (TAKE & MAKE, LIMITED QUANTITIES) Saturday, November 28th. Ages 6-12

Learn about the food chain with this kit. You will be able to cut out and color creatures found in the wild and, using nesting tubes, create your very own mini ecosystem! Both educational and creative.

TEEN PROGRAMS

SQUISHY CAKE KEYCHAIN (TAKE & MAKE)

Friday, November 20th. Ages 12+

Get ready to make your own squishy cake keychain! Cute to hang from your car keys or your backpack. You will need hot Gorilla, Krazy, or a similar type glue. Everything else will be provided.

TISSUE PAPER STAINED GLASS MASON JARS (TAKE & MAKE)

Friday, November 27th. Ages 12+

Create your own faux stained glass jar using tissue paper and mod podge. Then use one of our battery-operated candles to make a decorative light for your room.

