

# December 2020

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## MONTHLY EVENTS



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### A HARVARD PROFESSOR, A SHOE CLOSET AND AN AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGIST

Do you have any idea what these three items have in common? They are all linked to the history of The Shelter Island Public Library.

The Harvard Professor was Eben Norton Horsford - who married a descendant of one of Shelter Island's founding families and went on to become lord of Sylvester Manor. He donated 280 volumes to the first library.

The shoe closet was in the Old Store, a building located not far from the present library that served as a post office, telegraph station and local meeting place. That little closet is where the library's first volumes were held. After a fire in 1891, a new library was built on a nearby lot.

The amateur archaeologist was Cornelia Horsford, daughter of Eben, and the Library's first President. You may know her from her portrait in the library's main room, but what you might not know about her is that she wrote books on the Vikings in North America!

This November we are grateful for all that has gone into what the library is today and to the people that have been a part of its past and its present: our founders, our board members, staff and you, the community members who we serve. Happy Thanksgiving and thank you Eben Horsford!

### HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

While we cannot join together for our regular holiday extravaganza, we have decided to adjust the regular program. As always, Mollie Numark will read a special story for the children. This year, we will be showing the recording on our Facebook Page and on Channel 22. To complete the extravaganza, parents may pick up a Take and Make craft kit and a hot chocolate packet prior to December 5th. Keep your eyes out; a special guest may make an appearance. Register to pick up your Take and Make craft kit on our website.



### FREE BOOK CART

While the Book Sale Room remains closed, we have been sharing our book donations with the community on our Free Book Cart. If the weather is nice, you will find the cart by the front door. Starting this month, we will have Themed Wednesdays on the cart. Check social media to see if your favorite kind of book will be featured! There is no charge for these books and we ask you to pass them along rather than returning them to the library. We love to see these books find new readers!

### BOOK SALE ROOM

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

# FOR ADULTS

To register for Adult Programs please go to [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org) and scroll down to our Calendar of Events. All adult programs in December 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](mailto:jozolins@silibrary.org)

## FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

### PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS WITH FENG SHUI

Friday, December 4th, 7:00pm

Although the holidays are a time for celebration and rest, sometimes they can seem a little stressful as well. Join Laura Cerrano, certified Feng Shui Expert, and learn how to create harmony and positivity in your living space to support your home, family and self during the holiday season.

### COOKING BY THE BOOK: CELEBRITY CHEFS, COOKBOOKERY AND THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF AMERICAN CUISINE: Friday, December 11th, 7:00pm

Join Food Historian Sarah Wassberg Johnson for a journey through America's cuisine as told by cookbooks. Along the way we'll meet celebrity chefs obscure and familiar from all over the country and across the decades. Spanning the late 18th century to the present, Wassberg Johnson will discuss how cookbooks reflected and influenced changes in home cooking in the United States.

### 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 of the BBC series. The Highclere Gardens owe much of their inspiration to Capability Brown, the famous 18th century landscape designer. We'll visit the Secret Garden, the White Garden, and the Monks Garden as well as the follies.



### COOKIE RECIPE SWAP: Friday, December 11th (pick up)

Love to bake? Love cookies? Join our Cookie Recipe Swap. Email your recipes to Jocelyn Ozolins ([jozolins@silibrary.org](mailto:jozolins@silibrary.org)) by December 8th. We'll compile the recipes and you may pick them up (along with a little surprise!) starting Friday, December 11th. Please register online.

### DIY BIRD FEEDER WREATH - FAMILY PROGRAM: Saturday, December 12th, 1:30pm

Join the Group for the East End in this virtual program to make your own bird feeder wreath. You will create a hang-able, beautiful and bird-friendly feeder that can be added to any landscape. They make great holiday gifts and are easy to make. Participants will receive an ingredient list and kits to pick up at the library. Pick up your kits between December 7th and 12th. A Bundt cake pan, corn syrup and flour are required. All other ingredients will be supplied.



### ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB: Tuesdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 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, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 5:00 to 6:00pm

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. If you find yourself in a world that is presenting more and more stress and distractions, give yourself an opportunity to be still and learn these skills of well-being. 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 to leave students feeling energized and joyful.

### ADULT CRAFT: NO-SEW FELT ORNAMENT: Saturday, December 12th (first day of pickup)

Make a cute little felt fox or a bird to decorate your home for the holidays! We'll supply the instructions, patterns, felt, fill, and tacky glue. (You can use a hot glue gun instead if you have one). Craft idea is courtesy of the blog [frugalfun4boys](http://frugalfun4boys.com). Please register online to pick up your kit starting on December 12th.

### SPICE CLUB: WARMED SPICED CASHEWS WITH FIVE-SPICE: Monday, December 14th (first day of pickup)

Participants may pick up a spice sample and a recipe for Cashews with Five-Spice at the Circulation Desk or by curbside pickup between Monday, December 14th and Friday, December 18th. Make that recipe, or another that you like using five-spice. Send us an email to tell us how it turned out or a picture of your culinary creation. You will need to supply some of your own ingredients. Space is limited so please register early!

# FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

**Miss Benson's Beetle** by Rachel Joyce: **Tuesday, December 8th, 4:30pm**

In 1950, London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson is trying to get through life, surviving on scraps. One day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession - the golden beetle of New Caledonia. When she advertises for an assistant to accompany her, the woman she ends up with is the last person she had in mind. Fun-loving Enid Pretty seems to attract trouble wherever she goes. But together they find themselves drawn into an adventure that exceeds all expectations.



### BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BOOK) CLUB

**Thursday, December 17th, 5:30pm**

Let's talk about what we're reading, what we want to read, what we've loved, what we've hated, how COVID-19 has affected our reading and anything else at all with Librarians Poppy Johnson of Floyd Memorial Library, Jocelyn Ozolins of Shelter Island and your fellow bibliophiles from Greenport and Shelter Island. Please register at either [www.shelterislandpubliclibrary.org](http://www.shelterislandpubliclibrary.org) or [joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org)

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**The Coroner's Lunch** by Colin Cotterill: **Monday, December 21st, 5:00pm**

Laos, 1976: Dr. Siri Paiboun, a 72-year-old medical doctor, has been unwillingly appointed the national coroner of newly-socialist Laos. Though his lab is underfunded, his boss is incompetent, and his support staff is quirky, Siri's sense of humor gets him through his often frustrating days. When the body of the wife of a prominent politician comes through his morgue, Siri has reason to suspect the woman has been murdered. Somehow, Siri must figure out a way to balance the will of the party and the will of the dead.



### EAST END HOSPICE'S ANNUAL TREE OF LIGHTS CEREMONY:

**Saturday, December 5th, 2:30pm**

Join us on the front lawn of the library for a socially distanced Tree of Lights Ceremony. Each year, East End Hospice holds this celebration of life at the Shelter Island Library. This occasion honors the memory of friends and family members with special tributes, spoken remembrances, and music. Ornaments are placed on a tree in memory of loved ones. Call the EEH development office at 631-288-7080 with any questions or to request an ornament.

### SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE:

**TWELFTH NIGHT: Saturday, December 19th, 12:30pm**

Shakespeare wrote the romantic comedy *Twelfth Night* as an entertainment for the close of the Christmas season. Set in a topsy-turvy world, this comedy devises a romantic plot around separated twins, misplaced passions, and mistaken identity. Juxtaposed to it is the satirical story of a self-deluded steward who receives his comeuppance at the hands of the merrymakers he wishes to suppress. Join us to discuss this delightful exploration of gender and role-playing.



### INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th, 2:00pm

Would you like to improve your French conversation skills? In this program, you will listen to a podcast ([innerfrench.com](http://innerfrench.com)) at home before the meeting. We will 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, December 3rd, 10th and 17th, 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](http://www.silibrary.org)

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# FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – PROGRAM PACKAGES

Please register for all programs on our website [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org). Take & Make quantities are limited.

## HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA CRAFT – DECORATE YOUR OWN TREE ORNAMENT – VIRTUAL, TAKE & MAKE

**Pick up: December 1st-5th. All ages**

Continuing our Holiday Extravaganza Celebration traditions, you can pick up a special Take and Make starting December 1st and then join us on Facebook on December 5th at 11:00am to listen to Miss Mollie read *Santa Claus is Coming To New York City!* And keep an eye out because there might be a very special surprise visitor too. After the story, settle down to decorate your own tree cookie ornament and enjoy some hot cocoa.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### DIY BIRD SEED WREATH – VIRTUAL, TAKE & MAKE

**Saturday, December 12th, 1:30pm. Pick up your kits between the 7th and the 12th.**

Pick up your kit and then hop on Zoom to follow along and create your own bird seed wreath. Completely environmentally friendly and great fun for the whole family. You will need a Bundt cake pan. Space is limited so register soon!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

### MICROWAVE PUFFY PAINT

**Pick up: December 1st-5th. Ages: 2-5**

Pick up your kit and make your very own puffy paint at home. The painting technique is a great motor skill building activity for your little one!

### POLAR BEAR MASKS

**Pick up: December 15th-19th. Ages: 3+**

Create your very own paper plate polar bear mask using glue, tissue paper, and a pompom. Wear it loud and proud!

## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

### SNOW GLOBES

**Pick up: December 8th-12th. Ages 6+**

Create your own snow globe using sand, small figurines, and a mini glass mason jar. Perfect as a gift or a festive decoration!



### WINTER TREE ART

**Pick up: December 15th-19th. All ages**

Use twigs from the great outdoors to design your own tree and decorate your own winter landscape around it. (All materials provided).

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### BUJO (BULLET JOURNALING) FOR 2021!

**Pick up: December 8th-12th. Ages 12+**

Pick up your own journal and bujo supplies and prep your 2021 planner with different tutorials and ideas. Perfect for high school or college students!

### HOMEMADE MOCHI ICE CREAM

**Pick up: December 15th-19th. Ages 12+**

Learn how to make your own mochi ice cream, a traditional Japanese treat, using the ingredients given. You will need ice cream (any flavor you want), granulated sugar, water, a measuring cup, and food coloring (optional). We will provide the rest!

