

April 2022 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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HELP WRITE OUR NEXT CHAPTER

As we contemplate a renovation and expansion of the library, I am visiting different groups on the Island to find out what Islanders would like to see from an expanded library. We will be holding a listening session here at the library on Saturday April 30th at 11:30am for those I have not yet reached. I promise to listen to your thoughts and concerns (and to provide some tasty cookies!) Join us as we embark on this project and help us write the next chapter for your library!

Terry Lucas, Library Director



SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
will be held on **Monday, April 11th at 7:00pm**. The meeting will take place either in the library's Community Room or remotely. Please contact tlucas@silibrary.org for information on how to attend the Board Meeting.

RETROSPECTIVE OF ELIZABETH HANSEL'S PAINTINGS



We are so pleased to exhibit the paintings of Elizabeth Hansel who will be 99 on April 12th. She has accomplished quite a bit in her incredible life. She attended Carnegie Mellon at a very young age, raised 5 beautiful children, owned and managed a very successful boutique, Our Racquet, on the Island, inspired 12 grand-children and continues to inspire 8 great grand-children. Although Betty has always had a creative flair in both decorating and fashion, her love of painting wasn't developed until late in life when she moved to Peconic Landing. Her travels to Europe, England, Galapagos Islands, Australia, New Zealand and beyond have influenced many of her paintings but also her desire to share her craft. Every one of the paintings in the show were given as gifts, sometimes for

no reason at all, but usually to mark an occasion which Betty never misses when sharing her love for friends and family. Join us to celebrate Betty's life and art on April 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00pm. All are welcome!

BLISS MOREHEAD MEMORIAL POETRY GRANT

The late Bliss Morehead, founder and curator of the Shelter Island Poetry Project produced annual Poetry Month readings at the library for many years. In honor of Bliss, we will have a reading at 7:00pm on April 22nd on the theme of "Delight and Despair". At this reading, the winner of the inaugural Bliss Morehead Poetry Grant will be announced. Bliss' husband, Mike Zisser, established this \$1,000.00 grant to be given to an aspiring poet. The deadline to apply for this grant is April 8th. If you have any questions please email Jocelyn Ozolins at jozolins@silibrary.org.

LONG ISLAND SCIENCE CENTER

It's official: we have tickets for the Long Island Science Center! Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase at the front desk. The Science Center is located in a pop-up location at the Tanger Outlets in Riverhead while their new building is being constructed. They are open 7 days a week, 11:00am to 5:00pm and have all kinds of different interactive exhibits. Explore virtual and augmented reality, handheld 3D printers, a magnetic wall, an engineering station, and so much more!



NEWSLETTER KEY

This spring we are offering programs for adults and children in a variety of formats. So when you read your newsletter, please pay attention to the icons next to the program description. If you follow this key, you will be sure to show up to the right place, either in person or remotely, to enjoy our programs to the fullest.



= in-person outdoors



= Zoom



= Take and Make



= Inside

BOOK SALE ROOM

We are accepting gently used book donations for the Book Sale Room and our Free Book Cart. 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. Please, no magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

To register for Adult Programs please go to www.silibrary.org and scroll down to our Calendar of Events. This month we will be offering programs for both adults and children in a variety of formats. So, when you read your newsletter, please pay attention to the icons next to the program descriptions. If you follow this key, you will be sure to show up in the right place, either in person or remotely, to enjoy our programs to the fullest.

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

NEW YORK IN THE MOVIES WITH ERIN COUGHLIN: Friday, April 1st, 7:00pm 🗣️

Glittery and glamorous or down and dirty - New York has been shown in many lights in the movies. Join author Erin Coughlin for an interactive presentation about New York's starring role in film and television, New York filmmakers and the importance of New York in modern day film making. The presentation will also cover the history of New York in the early days of the film industry, famous New York filmmakers and New York as a unique setting.

BLISS MOREHEAD ANNUAL POETRY READING: Friday, April 22nd, 7:00pm 🗣️

The late Bliss Morehead was a poet and a great advocate for poetry. For many years she curated and directed an annual themed poetry reading. This year, in her memory, we will be reading poetry on the theme of "Delight and Despair". We will also recognize the winner of the first annual Bliss Morehead Memorial Grant which is an award to be granted to an unpublished poet from the East End of Long Island. That poet will read the winning poem at this special event.

IT'S YOUR MONEY, GET IT BACK!: Saturday, April 9th, 11:00am 🗣️

Every day New York State returns 1.5 million to those who file claims. Is any of that yours? The state may be holding money that belongs to you, a family member or friend. New York State wants to reunite rightful owners with their unclaimed, lost or forgotten assets. Join us as a representative from the New York State Comptroller's Office explains how to get your money back.

REIKI ENERGY MOVEMENT CLASS: Monday, April 11th, 5:30pm 🗣️

Reiki Energy Movement is a combination of Reiki, Chair-Qigong, Meditation and Guided Visualization. These practices kick start the body's own self-healing mechanism with benefits including stress reduction as well as increased sensations of calmness, clarity, joy and lightness. These energy-movement pairings help to minimize pain and fatigue. This class will be led by Machi Tantillo.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL PROGRAM: SACHEM WOODS CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 23rd, 11:00am to 12:30pm

In honor of Earth Day, we will meet to clean up Sachem Woods! Please register each member of your family for this program of service to the community. The library will supply water, gloves and garbage bags. Enjoy the fresh air, good company and do good for the earth and the community at the same time! Meet on Midway between Jaspa and Bowditch.

BATTLE OF THE BRAINS WITH BOB DESTEFANO: Saturday, April 23rd, 5:00pm 🏠

Battle of the Brains is back and, finally, we'll hold the contest in person! Join Quizmaster extraordinaire Bob DeStefano for an evening of good natured competition and a chance at bragging rights. Bob is preparing his most challenging questions. How many will you be able to answer? To keep your brain sharp, we will serve light refreshments.

ADULT TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT: COFFEE FILTER PEONIES

Pickup between Tuesday, April 12th and Saturday, April 16th 🛒

Refresh your spring decor. Coffee filter peonies are pretty and so easy to make! You will also get food coloring with the kit so that you may dye them if you wish. These would make good Mother's Day gifts, gift toppers or party centerpieces!



Image from The Crafted Sparrow

KNITTING AND CROCHET WITH ASHLEY: Monday, April 11th, 5:30pm 🏠

Ashley Edmund is a fiber artist with years of experience in an array of techniques. She is excited to share her passion for knitting with her fellow Shelter Islanders. Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet for the first time or want support with a more challenging technique, she will be here to help! Ashley will be here on the second Monday of every month through May. Please register online for this program.

HELP US WRITE OUR NEXT CHAPTER: A LISTENING SESSION: Saturday, April 30th at 11:30 am 🏠

As we consider a renovation and expansion of our Library, we are very interested in what members of our community value. What do you want to see in a library expansion? More quiet space? A bigger community room? Your ideas will provide guidance as we embark upon this exciting chapter in the library's history. We welcome you to share your thoughts at this public forum and we can't wait to hear from you.

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, April 6th and 20th, 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 increase vitality and strengthen immune function. Teacher Denise Gillies has been practicing and teaching on the East End for ten years. Her teaching style is relaxed, enthusiastic and intended for students to leave feeling energized and joyful.

KEY: 🌳 = in-person outdoors 🗣️ = Zoom 🛒 = Take and Make 🏠 = Inside

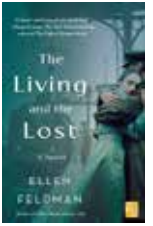
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

***The Living and the Lost* by Ellen Feldman: Tuesday, April 12th, 4:30pm** 

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. *The Living and the Lost* tells the gripping story of Millie Mosbach who, with her brother David, escapes from Berlin to America just before Kristallnacht, leaving her parents and younger sister behind. She and her brother return to Berlin after the war, working and living in a bombed out Berlin rife with criminals, spies and unrepentant Nazis. *The Living and the Lost* is a story of rage, suffering and, ultimately, forgiveness. It is the official selection for Long Island Reads 2022.



WILLA CATHER BOOK CLUB

***My Antonia*: Saturday, April 23, 2:00pm** 

Director Terry Lucas continues to focus on a classic author each year with the new Willa Cather Book Club, exploring the work of an iconic American writer. *My Antonia* is set in the Nebraska prairie of Willa Cather's childhood. Told through the eyes of the young orphan Jim Burden, it is the story of the oldest daughter of Bohemian immigrants toward the end of the nineteenth century. Cather's depiction of prairie life pays tribute to the conviction and courage of immigrant pioneers. One of Cather's earliest novels, *My Antonia* is considered a masterpiece.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

***The Stranger* by Harlan Coben: Monday, April 25th, 5:30pm** 

The Mystery Book Club, led by Jocelyn Ozolins, reads a broad range of mysteries from the 'cozy' to page-turning thrillers, spy novels and much more. Suburban husband and father Adam Price seems to have it all: a wonderful wife and sons, a nice house and a good job. All of it begins to unravel when a stranger whispers in his ear a devastating secret about his wife. Soon he finds himself tangled in something far worse than his wife's lie. Full of twists and turns, *The Stranger* ranks among Coben's most engrossing works.




SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

***MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING*: Saturday, April 23rd, 12:30pm** 

Shakespeare's comedy features two very different stories of romantic love. Hero and Claudio fall in love at first sight until their happiness is threatened by an outsider. Beatrice and Benedick are kept apart by pride until others play Cupid. Set in Messina, Sicily, the play explores the themes of honor and deceit, hidden identity, friendship and marriage. Shakespeare's battle of the sexes is one of his most-performed comedies.



MAH JONGG: Mondays, April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 10:00am 


Come join a friendly group of Mah Jongg enthusiasts. No need to be an expert, just join the fun and learn as you go.

ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB: Tuesdays, April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 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.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 4:00pm 

Would you like to improve your French conversation skills? In this program we will have a weekly discussion on a wide range of topics. We watch movies, listen to podcasts, read books and even have presentations. Alix Shearer (native French speaker and Shelter Islander) will facilitate. There is no fee for this program but registration is required.

KNITTING CLUB: Thursdays, April 7th, 14th and 21st and 28th, 4:30pm 

Our weekly Knitting Club is meeting at the big table upstairs in the library. Whether you are a long-time member or newly interested in knitting, we look forward to seeing you there!

ENGLISH AS A NEXT LANGUAGE (ENL): Saturdays, April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 11:00am 

We are happy to announce the return of our English as a Next Language program. This class is for anyone who speaks English as a second language. Join us to practice English through informal conversation. The teacher is Shelter Islander Karen Springer. This is a free class and childcare will be provided.

INGLÉS COMO PRÓXIMO IDIOMA (ENL): Los sábados, 2, 9, 16, 23, y 30 de Abril, a las 11:00 de la mañana

¡Estamos felices porque nuestro programa de inglés como próximo idioma está regresando! Para cualquiera que quiera aprender o mejorar su inglés. Únete a nosotros para practicar inglés con conversaciones informales. La profesora es Karen Springer de Shelter Island. Este curso es gratis y el cuidado infantil está incluido.

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

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Please register for all programs on our website www.silibrary.org.

Take & Make quantities are limited. Spaces are limited for all in-person programs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY: Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, April 2nd, 9th and 30th, 10:30am

Come join Sara at the library for story time! Spaces are limited so be sure to register early.

SENSORY HOUR: Ages: 0-5 

Every Tuesday & Wednesday (except Tuesday, April 5th), 10:30am

Come to the library to enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! To keep things safe & sanitary, we have separate bins for each child. Be sure to register ahead of time to reserve your spot.

APRIL SHOWERS CRAFT: Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, April 2nd, 1:00pm

Get ready to make this adorable rain cloud craft. After all, April showers bring May flowers! And with this craft, we'll be sure to have plenty of flowers.

HANDPRINT BUNNY TAKE & MAKE: Ages: 2-5 

Pick up your kits between Tuesday, April 12th and Saturday, April 16th

Spring has sprung and it's time to celebrate with this adorable (and easy) handprint bunny craft! A super cute craft with no mess that will make you hop for joy!

EARLY CHILDHOOD MOVIE DAY: Ages: 2-5 

Thursday, April 21st, 1:30pm

Come join us for a movie day! We'll be watching *Clifford the Big Red Dog* (2022 release) and enjoying some movie-theater worthy snacks. This movie runs about an hour and a half and is rated PG.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MO WILLEMS' PIGEON TAKE & MAKE: Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kits between Tuesday, April 5th and Saturday, April 9th

Don't let the pigeon do this craft without you! In honor of National Library Week (and Mo Willems' awesomeness) we're going to create our own pigeon! Grab your kit (and maybe a hot dog) and have fun!

BOOK RACCOON CRAFT: Ages: 6+ 

Saturday, April 9th, 1:00pm

It's National Library Week! We'll be wrapping up our favorite week of the year with this adorable book raccoon craft. We'll be upcycling book pages and making awesome art with them.

BUNNY FENCE TAKE & MAKE: Ages: 6+ 


Pick up your kits between Tuesday, April 19th and Saturday, April 23rd

Get ready for one of the cutest crafts we've ever seen. We'll provide all of the supplies you need to create your own Popsicle stick fence, complete with little bunnies to celebrate the season.

DESSERT PIZZAS: Ages: 6+ 

Wednesday, April 20th, 1:00pm

Dessert? Or Pizza? Hmm...oh! I know, how about dessert pizza?! No, we're not putting M&Ms on top of a cheese pie, but we'll be creating our very own wacky pizza style desserts. Yum!

BAD ART NIGHT: Ages: 6+: Friday, April 29th, 3:30pm 

Compete with your friends to see who can create the best, worst art piece of the night. There will be snacks, voting, and plenty of glitter.

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

VR NIGHT: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, April 1st, 4:00pm

Step into a new world and try out virtual reality games with your friends! Try out various games (including fan favorites like Beat Saber), explore sunken ships, or interact with the art of Vincent Van Gogh.

CAMP NANOWRIMO WRITE-IN: Ages: 12+ 

Every Wednesday at 3:00pm during April

April is Camp NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month)! We'll be hosting small "write-in" hours on Wednesdays so you can come and work on your manuscript. Camp NaNo is created so you create your own word count limits and you determine what writing project you want to work on. Ready? Set. Write!

MAGIC: THE GATHERING THURSDAYS: Ages: 13+ 

Every Thursday at 3:00pm

"But Sara, what's Magic: the Gathering?" It's a fun card game where you use creatures and spells to defeat your opponent. Both experienced and new players are welcome to join us! We'll also go over how to build a deck. (MTG is geared for ages 13+)

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, April 8th, 4:00pm

Join us for another movie night! We'll be watching *Encanto*! And enjoying some delicious snacks. But remember, we don't talk about Bruno...

BREAK THE RECORD: M&MS AND CHOPSTICKS: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, April 15th, 2:00pm

How many M&Ms can you eat with chopsticks in one minute? Not sure? Come and test your skills to see if you can beat the record!

TINY FOOD PARTY: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, April 22nd, 2:00pm

Ever wanted to eat all different kinds of foods but there was just too much of it?! Well, now you can eat everything because we've shrunk it down and made it tiny! Come get ready to party!

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: Ages: 12+ 

Wednesday, April 27th, 3:00pm

Get ready to join our second graphic novel club meeting! We'll be going over the book we selected from March and will pick our book for May.

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