

# August 2022 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS

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## THE BEST OF SUMMER!

This summer is flying by too fast! We had a wonderful July full of programs under the tent, bubbles outside, some fascinating speakers and more. August will bring even more fun and interesting things to do here at the library. Don't forget to savor those perfect peaches, get your toes in the sand and spend some time here with your friends at the library.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

## POLLINATOR PATHWAY AT THE LIBRARY

You might have noticed the new sign in the garden in front of the library, which is maintained by the Garden Club of Shelter Island. The library is proud to be part of the Pollinator Pathway, a national initiative to encourage pollinator friendly gardening by individuals and organizations. What is the Pollinator Pathway? Public and private pesticide-free corridors of native plants that provide nutrition and habitat for pollinating insects and birds. Even the smallest green spaces can be part of a pathway. Want to learn more? Go to <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org>.

## SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendar! The Shelter Island Library's annual tennis tournament will take place on Saturday, August 13th. This event was started by Jerry Berner in the mid 1990s and was brought back to life in 2018. This is a round robin tournament as Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles teams compete for bragging rights and prizes! The tournament kicks off at 8am and spectators are welcome. The entry fee is \$250 per team or, if you are not a player but want to support this fundraiser for the library, you can make a donation of \$100 and have your name appear on the t-shirt. You can come by the library to register, or access the registration materials on the website and mail in the paperwork, or visit <https://siltennis2022.eventbrite.com>. Many thanks to our sponsors Moussa Drame, Walter Richards, Stars Cafe and The Flying Goat Restaurant.



**SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
will be held on **Monday, August 8th at 7:00pm**. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.



## TAYLOR'S ISLAND

Join us on **August 19th at 9:30am** for our annual visit to Taylor's Island to see the historic Smith-Taylor Cabin, built around 1900, and given as a gift to the community by S. Gregory Taylor. Bring a picnic lunch and wear good walking shoes. Registration is required for this popular program and space is limited. Transportation is provided. Please meet at the Library at 9:15am.



## NEWSLETTER KEY

This summer 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.



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= 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](http://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

**JEFF BARON: AROUND THE WORLD WITH MR. GREEN:** Friday, August 5th, 7:00pm 🏠

Jeff Baron's *Visiting Mr. Green* is one of the most popular plays in the world in the past 25 years, with well over 500 productions in 26 languages in 52 countries. It won the Kulturpreis Europa and Best Play awards in Germany, Greece, Mexico, Turkey, The Czech Republic, Israel and Uruguay. In a multimedia presentation, Jeff will share scenes from the play, stories of working with some of the world's great actors and his theories about why this autobiographical story set on the Upper West Side of Manhattan resonates across six continents.



**JOHN AVLON: LINCOLN AND THE FIGHT FOR PEACE:** Friday, August 12th, 7:00pm 🏠

*Lincoln and the Fight for Peace* reveals how Lincoln's character informed his commitment to unconditional surrender followed by a magnanimous peace. Even during the Civil War, surrounded by reactionaries and radicals, he refused to back down from his belief that there is more that unites us than divides us. John Avlon, CNN anchor and journalist, will join us to discuss this timely new book. Artist Roz Dimon will bring her Lincoln drawings to help set the scene.



**MAGDA SALVESEN: ARTISTS' ESTATES - REPUTATIONS IN TRUST:** Friday, August 19th, 7:00 pm 🏠

Magda Salvesen will discuss the complex art world through the unusual lens of those who are left to deal with work artists leave behind after their death. For her book, *Artists' Estates - Reputations in Trust*, Ms. Salvesen interviewed heirs of well known artists. She comes to this subject with personal experience as the widow of second-generation Abstract Expressionist painter John Schueler. This will be a fascinating look into the conflicts, goals and frustration involved in managing an artist's estate.



**GREAT DECISIONS: THE QUAD:** Thursday, August 11th, 5:30pm 🏠 🗣️

The United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China as part of the U.S. pivot to Asia. Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. Will the actions of this alliance be effective? Iqbal Mamdani will be our guest speaker for this discussion. *This program will be at the library and on Zoom.*

**BARBARA JOSSELSOHN - MY WRITING LIFE:** Thursday, August 4th, 5:30pm 🏠

Author Barbara Josselsohn will discuss her life as a writer, including a behind-the-scenes look at writing a novel and getting published. She will talk about her inspiration, her writing process and the research she does for each book. Barbara is a novelist who grew up on Long Island and is spending the summer on the East End, writing her next book.



**400 YEARS OF NEW YORK HISTORY:** Thursday, August 25th, 6:00pm 🗣️

Sasha Vosk, an expert in photo-realistic imagery, has created this stunning illustrated guide that offers the reader the chance to view New York history in a whole new way. Sasha will discuss the process of creating this special work.



**NEW! TECH TUESDAY:** Tuesdays, August 9th and 23rd, 1:00 to 4:00pm 🏠

Having trouble setting up Libby? Would you like to learn how to access email when you're away from home? The library staff will meet with you on a one-on-one basis to help you with your devices and answer questions that you may have. Please remember to bring passwords for your devices, email and any sites you would like to access.

**THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON:** Thursdays, August 18th and 25th, 10:00am 🏠

Please join us for a philosophy discussion roundtable. Our focus text will be *Philosophy* by Nigel Warburton. Our topics will range from God, art, politics, mind, appearance/reality to truth. The text should be fun reading but anyone is welcome who would like to engage in Socratic dialogue on questions that get to the fundamental human experience. We can choose our topics as we go but maybe we will start with the concept of freedom.

**WHAT ARE WE DRINKING TONIGHT?: A SHELTER ISLAND WATER PRIMER:** Thursday, August 18th, 5:30pm 🏠

The Shelter Island Water Advisory Committee will present facts and myths about water on the island. Topics covered will include: a description of the aquifer, how water is directed and direction of flow, what is in our water, steps to prevent contamination/hazardous waste, how to prevent water waste in the home and well testing and more. Town Engineer Joseph Finora will answer your questions.

**ADULT CRAFT: SEA SALT SCRUBS WITH HOLLY CRONIN:** Wednesday, August 10, 11:30am 🏠

Enhance your summer-baked skin in this class. Invigorating, soothing or stimulating essential oils will be combined with a smooth sea salt. Your skin will feel scrumptious. Register early as space is limited.

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# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

**Sparks Like Stars by Nadia Hashimi:** Tuesday, August 9th, 5:00pm 

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Lover, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. Young Sitara narrowly escapes Afghanistan during the 1978 coup. She is her family's only survivor and is helped to relocate by a U.S. diplomat who adopts her. Years later, Sitara, renamed Aryana, becomes a surgical oncologist. She has suppressed the trauma of her youth until she meets someone from her past.




**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Susan Elia MacNeal:** Monday, August 22nd, 5:30pm 

The Mystery Book Club, led by Terry Lucas, reads a broad range of mysteries from the 'cozy' to page-turning thrillers, spy novels and much more. Maggie Hope graduated at the top of her class but in 1940s London she can only get a job as a typist at No. 10 Downing Street. But working for the Prime Minister allows her clearance to secrets and exposes her to spies, murder and intrigue. Her quick wits and intelligence are called on as she tries to foil an assassin.



## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

**ROMEO AND JULIET:** Saturday, August 27th, 12:30pm 

An age-old vendetta between two powerful families erupts into bloodshed. Shakespeare's tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*, follows two young star crossed lovers whose death mends a long time family feud.



## CHESS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS


**Children's classes on Saturdays, August 6th, August 20th and August 27th, 2:00-3:00pm.** 

**Adult classes will be held on the same dates from 3:00 to 4:00pm**

Johnny Dawson and his grandfather Jonas Gayer have organized a chess program for four sessions starting in July. They are both avid chess players who started as young children. Johnny has won many tournaments and traveled widely to play in state and national championships. His grandfather started as a 6 year old in Poland and loves playing with his grandson. Johnny will teach children from 2:00 to 3:00pm and Jonas will teach adults from 3:00 to 4:00pm. They are looking forward to sharing their passion for chess with others at any skill level. Please register on our website for this program.

**TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES:** Wednesdays, August 3rd & 17th, 5:00pm 

Discover this ancient art of well being. Easy to follow movements combine breath and intention to create a healthy body and a peaceful mind. Learn poetic sequences that improve balance, strength and flexibility. This class is designed to welcome beginners as well as practiced students. It is a combination of Tai Chi, Qigong and meditation. Instructor Denise Gillies has been teaching for over 12 years on the East End of Long Island.

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 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, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 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. This program will be offered in person and on Zoom.

### INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION:

Intermediate French is on hiatus for the month of August. The program will resume in September in a hybrid format.

**KNITTING CLUB:** Thursdays, August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 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):** Wednesdays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 5:00 pm 

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 Erland Zygmuntowicz. This is a free class and childcare will be provided.

**INGLÉS COMO PRÓXIMO IDIOMA (ENL):** Los Miercoles 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 de Agosto, a las 5:00 de la tarde 

¡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](http://www.silibrary.org).

# PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**FAMILY GAMES:** Wednesday, August 10th, 11:00am 

Join us for some awesome outdoor games! We'll have badminton, giant foam blocks, and more. And yes, the cotton candy machine and the popcorn machine will be up and running. Come have fun with us!

**FAMILY TEA PARTY:** Saturday, August 20th, 1:00pm 

Come join us for a delightful family tea party! We'll have our party outside under the tent and there will be tea (of course) and finger foods. Feel free to bring your stuffed animals to the fun.

**QUOGUE WILDLIFE: BIRDS OF PREY:** Wednesday, August 24th, 11:30am 

The Quogue Wildlife is back and they've bought an amazing array of predatory birds. This program will be hosted outside where you get to admire the birds and learn all about them.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**SENSORY HOUR:** Ages: 0-5 

Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30am except Wednesday, August 10th and Wednesday, August 24th

Come to the library and enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! To keep things safe & sanitary, we have separate bins for each child so be sure to register ahead of time to reserve your spot. Weather permitting, sensory hour will be held outside.

**FARMSTAND STORY THYME:** Ages: 2+ 

Saturdays at 10:30am at the Sylvester Manor Farmstand

Sara will be at the Sylvester Manor Farmstand for our outdoor Story Thyme! We'll read all kinds of books and have a great time.

**BUBBLE HOUR:** Ages: 2+ 

Every Saturday, 11:30am

Bubble hour is back! Meet your friends for some fabulous bubble fun. The program is held outdoors under the tent.

**PLAY-DOH PLAY:** Ages: 2+ 

Tuesday, August 2nd, August 16th, and August 30th, 1:00pm

Join us for our play-doh play program. We'll have plenty of tools and suggestions for you to create whatever wild, weird, or wonderful play-doh creation you'd like!

**PAPER APPLE CORE CRAFT:** Ages: 2+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, August 16th and Saturday, August 20th  
Get ready to make this super adorable craft! It's easy and great for little hands.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 3+ 

Wednesday, August 17th, 1:00pm

We're going to watch *The Bad Guys*, eat popcorn, and have a great time! The movie is rated PG and is an hour and 40 minutes long.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**POOL NOODLE SHARK:** Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, August 2nd and Saturday, August 6th  
This shark-tastic creation is the perfect craft for our Oceans of Possibilities theme for this summer! These sharks are more cute than creepy and we love them.

**ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE EXPERIMENT:** Ages: 6+ 

Friday, August 5th, 1:00pm

You've probably heard of this experiment before but have you ever actually made elephant toothpaste? Neither have we but we're going to try it and see how crazy this experiment actually gets!

**STUFFED SHARKS & SEA TURTLES:** Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, August 9th and Saturday, August 13th

Stuffies are back! This year's adorable stuffed animals are sharks and sea turtles. This kit is a wonderful send-off to our Oceanic themed Summer Reading Program. The spots are super limited so be sure to register!


**LEGO CLUB:** Ages: 6+ 

Friday, August 5th and 19th, 2:30pm

Join us for Lego Club! Create your wildest creations, challenge yourself to build something new, and chat with friends and have fun.

**SUMMER CHESS CLUB:** Ages: 6+ 

Saturdays in August from 2:00-3:00pm (except Saturday, August 13th)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play chess? Or maybe you already know how to but need a few more people to play with? Come join us for Summer Chess Club led by Johnny Dawson. Johnny is an accomplished chess player who knows the ins and outs of the game and is ready to pass on his knowledge. 

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**BREAK THE RECORD: ALPHABET SOUP:** Ages: 10+ 

Friday, August 12th, 3:00pm

This gross-out program will put your seeking-skills to the test. The goal? Find every letter in the alphabet and put them in order from A-Z. The fastest person gets a gift card to Maria's!

**BOARD GAME NIGHT:** Ages: 10+ 

Friday, August 19th, 5:00pm

Get ready to have a relaxing game night in the air conditioning. We'll have plenty of board games to choose from so come down and play with your friends!

**TWEEN MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 10+ 

Tuesday, August 23rd, 1:00pm

We all know that *Minions: Rise of Gru* just came out but let's take a step back in time and see the beginning of our beloved yellow friends with: *Minions*. This movie is rated PG and is about an hour and a half long.

**INTERNATIONAL SNACK PARTY:** Ages: 10+ 

Friday, August 26th, 2:00pm

We're going to try some different snacks from all over the world, including DIY Japanese candy kits. Come try something new and see if these snacks are amazing!

**SUMMERTIME DUNGEONS & DRAGONS:** Ages: 10+ 

Wednesdays in August from 10-12am (except August 3rd)

Have you been wanting to play D&D but don't have someone to run a campaign? Or maybe you've never played but really want to learn? Get ready for an adventurous game of imagination and excitement with DM Cristian!

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