

# January 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have an exciting year ahead of us as we head toward a June vote on our renovation and expansion project. I hope you have been able to see the proposed plans and the renderings at the library. If not, come on by or give us a call; we are always happy to talk about this exciting project. We are also looking forward to a year filled with great books, the latest movies and programs for every age. Our friendly staff is here to provide you with the information you need and the best recommendations. Here is to a happy and healthy 2023!

Terry Lucas, Library Director

## BEHIND THE COUNTER

Speaking of the staff, did you ever wonder what the staff is doing when they are not helping you check out books? This is a busy group of people who shelve the books you return and gather books that are being shared with other libraries. They also read book reviews and make lists of books and movies we should order for the library. Calls are made to those who have books on hold and displays are changed to reflect fun and interesting themes. During certain times of the year, everyone pitches in to send out our annual report and other information of note. The group is always happy to help the Lions and the Friends of the Library sell tickets for their fundraisers. Oh and don't forget that they are ready to help you with the computer and the printer. This is a crew that goes above and beyond to make the library run smoothly and provide the best service to all!

## STEM

When you think of the library, you might automatically think about books but did you know we have some amazing new STEM items too? STEM stands for "science, technology, engineering, and mathematics." At the library our goal is to have STEM based products and concepts available for everyone at a level that they can understand. Our 3D printer is almost always running and Sara is always available to explain the ins-and-outs of it. Recently we got some new filament (including glow-in-the-dark) so we're happy to print all kinds of models in a variety of colors. Interested in coding? We have amazing BitsBox volumes that can be checked out. They are a great way to understand different coding basics and new ways to utilize different lines of code. Our VR system is completely wireless and brand new (Thanks Friends of the Library!) It's available for all ages to try so if you're interested in the world of Virtual Reality, come visit us and learn all about it. We also have backpacks available for check out that are based on magnets, magnification, and gravity—an awesome way to learn these concepts at a beginner level. So when you visit the library, think of books, but also think of STEM.



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## THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, January 9th at 5:00pm**. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Saturday, January 21st at 10:00am**.

**The library will be closed on Monday, January 2nd for New Years and Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

## 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 Sale Room. We are asking that you leave no more than one box of books per month. Please, no magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition.

## NEWSLETTER KEY

This winter 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

# 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

### ALL'S FAIR AND OTHER CALIFORNIA STORIES WITH LINDA FEYDER

Friday, January 13th, 7:00pm 🏠

Linda Feyder will join us on camera to discuss her book *All's Fair and Other California Stories*. In this debut collection writer and psychotherapist Linda Feyder portrays a diverse group of protagonists seeking fulfillment and connection in sunny California. She sketches her characters - of different ages, genders, and classes - with pitch-perfect honesty as they reassess their identities or confront the exact moment when they face the fragility of life or of themselves. Kirkus Review writes: "A beautifully rendered collection from a writer to watch."

### TRIVIA WITH BOB DESTEFANO!

Friday, January 27th, 7:00pm 🏠

Trivia Master Bob DeStefano returns with another round of "Battle of the Brains." Test your knowledge in a wide variety of subjects against that of your neighbors. Bob is famous for questions that would stump a Jeopardy champ. We always have a great time! Light refreshments will be served.

## ACADIA'S TOP TEN - A NATIONAL PARK PROGRAM

Thursday, January 26th, 7:00pm 🗣️

What makes Maine's Acadia National Park... Acadia? Ranger Brooke will present a slideshow showcasing the sites and resources that are protected in this ecologically diverse National Park. This presentation provides an overview of the sites to see when you visit! This program will take place on Zoom and is a shared program from the North Shore Public Library.

## THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON

Fridays, January 6th, 20th and 27th, 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. All are welcome, whether you are sixteen or ninety.

## KNITTING AND CROCHET WITH ASHLEY

Monday, January 9th, 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! Please register online for this program.

## TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES

Wednesdays, January 11th and 25th, 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.

## ADULT CRAFT

### PAINTED GARDEN ROCKS: First day for pick up, Tuesday, January 24th 📦

Would you like to create painted rocks for your garden? Using your take and make kit, paint designs on rocks and stones and use them as outdoor garden art. We will include a suggested method and supplies for a cool creation. In addition, we will include some other designs to spark your creativity!



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# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

**SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB:** *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout

Tuesday, January 10th, 5:00pm 🏠

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. Haunted by their father's death, Jim and Bob Burgess escape to New York City as soon as possible. Jim, a sleek, successful corporate lawyer, has belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and Bob, a Legal Aid attorney who idolizes Jim, has always taken it in stride. But their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan—the Burgess sibling who stayed behind—urgently calls them home.



**BARBARA PYM BOOK CLUB:** *Excellent Women*

Saturday, January 28th, 2:00pm 🗣️

The Barbara Pym Book Club is run Terry Lucas and will read the works of Barbara Pym over the next eight months. The first book in this series is *Excellent Women*. This book centers around Mildred Lathbury, a mild-mannered spinster in 1950s England. Mildred becomes involved in the lives of her eccentric new neighbors, reflecting a world of careful manners and repressed desires.

**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB:** *After All I've Done* by Mina Hardy

Monday, January 30th, 5:00pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Diana Sparrow is missing a few months of her memories after an accident left her injured five months ago. She's started having recurring nightmares about the night of the accident that feel so real she wonders what really happened. As her concerns become too real she has to face the unthinkable. This psychological thriller will keep you on the edge of your seat.

**SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE: HENRY VI - PART III**

Saturday, January 28th, 12:30pm 🗣️

After York asserts claim to the throne, Henry changes the succession and makes York his heir thereby disinheriting his own son. Queen Margaret goes after and then kills York, and York's son Edward seizes the throne. Henry is imprisoned several times and eventually killed by King Edward's brother, Richard in this third part of the play.

Henry IV,  
Part II



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, January 9th, 23rd and 30th, 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, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 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:** Thursdays, January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 11:00am 🏠🗣️

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. This program will be offered as a hybrid program, both in person and on Zoom.

**KNITTING CLUB:** Thursdays, January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 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!

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

### WINTER READING PROGRAM: All Ages

Ends January 31st 🏠

Looking for something to get you through the long winter months? Try our new Winter Reading Program. It will surely get you into the season of reading! We have designed book BINGO sheets with various book concepts. Just pick a book that completes the square's requirement and read! There will be prizes for those who get BINGO, and there will be a special prize for those who fill the whole BINGO sheet.

### WINTER READING PARTY: All Ages

Saturday, January 28th, 1:00pm 🏠

We're celebrating the end of our winter reading program with a party! We'll have snacks and drinks available and you can talk about some of the favorite books that you've read this winter.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

### SENSORY HOUR: Ages: 0-5

Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:30am 🏠

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.

### STORY TIME: Ages: 2-5

Saturday, January 7th, 14th and 28th, 10:30am 🏠

Come join Sara at the library for story time! We'll read plenty of books including new ones and old favorites.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD MOVIE DAY - CARS!: Ages: 2-5

Saturday, January 14th, 1:00pm 🏠

We're riding into 2023 with Cars! This movie is sure to have you at the edge of your seat as we follow the life of Lightning McQueen. Snacks will be served for this G rated movie which is about two hours long.

### PAPER PLATE SNOWMAN: Ages: 2-5

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, January 24th and Saturday, January 28th 📦

This adorable snowman is a fun craft for those days when it's too cold to go outside. It's super easy and perfect for little fingers.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### DECORATE YOUR OWN TREASURE BOX: Ages: 6+

Wednesday, January 6th, 3:00pm 🏠

We're decorating tiny treasure boxes with all kinds of glittery, colorful goodness. Come create the perfect box to store your trinkets.

### PAPER WINTER WONDERLAND: Ages: 6+

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, January 10th and Saturday, January 14th 📦

This cute paper craft is the perfect way to keep yourself entertained on a cold day. You get to be as creative as you'd like to design your own winter wonderland. We'll provide the supplies and you provide the imagination.

### BIRDSEED ORNAMENTS: Ages: 6+

Thursday, January 12th, 3:00pm 🏠

Winter is here and it's the perfect time to make these super easy birdseed ornaments. This program involves peanut butter. Dress for a mess!

### MARSHMALLOW SNOWMEN: Ages: 6+

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, January 17th and Saturday, January 21st 📦

Is your hot chocolate missing something? Well I know just what will help! These adorable (and delicious) marshmallow snowmen are perfect for a chilly day or for warming up after playing outside.

### BUTTON MAKING: Ages: 6+

Friday, January 27th, 3:00pm 🏠

Let's make buttons! We'll have blank templates for you to design your own and get as creative as you'd like!

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

### CAMP NANOWRIMO: Ages: 10+

Wednesdays, January 4th, 11th, and 18th, 4:00pm 🏠

We're continuing Camp NaNo so come on down! Notebooks and pens (and snacks) are provided so bring your storytelling skills, plot bunnies, and unexpected twists and come write with us.

### SAND MANDALAS: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, January 4th, 3:00pm 🏠

Start the new year with some meditative creativity. Inspired by the traditional Tibetan sand mandala, we will work together to make and then destroy a large image from colored sand.

### OREO TRUFFLES: Ages: 10+

Thursday, January 19th, 3:00pm 🏠

We're making chocolate dipped oreo truffles. Messy? Maybe. Delicious? Absolutely.



### 3D PRINTER PENS: Ages: 10+

Friday, January 20th, 4:00pm 🏠

The 3D Printer Pens are back! Come try them out and make your own 3D creation with this super cool technology.

### PAINT POURING: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, January 25th, 3:00pm 🏠

Shake off the winter doldrums with an afternoon of wild paint experiments! We will pour, drip, drop, and drizzle paint onto canvas to create psychedelic works of art.

### TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, January 25th, 4:00pm 🏠

Come join us for the December meeting of our graphic novel book club. We'll be discussing January's book, *Invisible*, and picking our next book for February. We'll have snacks, drinks, and plenty of book talk.

### SKATING PARTY AT THE GREENPORT AMERICAN LEGION GEORGE D. COSTELLO SR. MEMORIAL

Ages: 10+

Saturday, January 21st, 1:00-3:00pm 🌳

Join us for a fun afternoon of skating to music and sipping on warm hot chocolate! We will meet at the North Ferry to enjoy a private library skating event with friends. Roller skate rental included or you can bring your own. Skat-astic! Permission slip required. Please see Sara for more details.

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