

# February 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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## LIBRARY HISTORY



Shelter Island's first library was created in 1885 through the efforts of Professor Eben Norton Horsford, a Harvard professor and friend of many literary lights of his day. Professor Horsford was owner of Sylvester Manor through marriage to a descendant of the Island's founding family. He donated 280 volumes for the first library, which was initially housed in a closet in the Old Store. The building was located not far from the present library. It

functioned as a post office, telegraph station, and local meeting place. The store burned down in 1891. A new library containing more books donated by Professor Horsford was built on a nearby lot donated by his daughter Lilian. His daughter Cornelia became the library's first president.

## WE DO THAT!

Your library is more than books and DVDs. We offer a variety of services to all members of the community. Did you know that you can apply for a Passport at the library? Last year we processed over 100 new passport applications. If you need to renew your passport, we can provide you with the forms and take your photo for a small fee. Library Director Terry Lucas is also a notary and will be happy to offer notary services for most documents. Our staff is always ready to help you to access databases or download audio or eBooks from Live-brary. If you need help with scanning, copying or faxing a document, just ask. We are happy if we can make your life a little easier and save you a trip off-island!

## BRAINFUSE



The library offers so many wonderful things but did you know we also offer live, online homework help? With Brainfuse, you can get help with essays, math homework, and SAT/ACT prep. But Brainfuse isn't just limited to those in school. There are also services such as US Citizenship test prep, resume assistance, and even additional help with

Microsoft Office. All you need is your library card. Brainfuse is completely free and is available from anywhere you have internet access. Services are offered in both Spanish and English.

## 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.



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= 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.

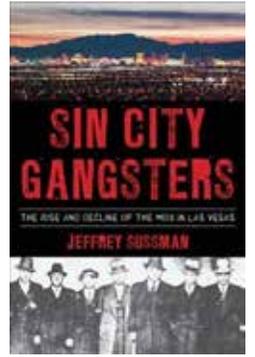
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## FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

### SIN CITY GANGSTERS WITH JEFFREY SUSSMAN

Friday, February 17th, 7:00 pm  

*Sin City Gangsters: The Rise and Decline of the Mob in Las Vegas* is a fast-paced account of how the mob created and controlled Las Vegas. It contains accounts of how the most powerful mobsters in the country built, bought, and controlled not only gambling casinos in Vegas, but also many important politicians, who did the mob's bidding. *Sin City Gangsters* is the only book that charts Vegas from the first modest mob-owned casinos to the present billion-dollar-resorts; its cast of characters is an assembly of exceedingly ambitious risk takers who let nothing stand in their way of turning their dreams into stunning realities.



## ORGANIZING WITH THREE PINES

Saturday, February 4th, 12:00pm 

Need help organizing your home? Sara Verwymeren from *Organizing with Three Pines* will be here to help us get everything in order! Whether it's your whole home or just a small problem area, this service will give you the tools, guidance and support you need to get organized for good!

## THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON

Fridays, February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, 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.

## ROLL-ON THE GOODNESS WITH HOLLY CRONIN

Saturday, February 18th, 11:00am 

Holly will be back with her collection of essential oils to help us create rejuvenating roll-on's for the winter season. Join us at the library to sample some essential oils and make your very own special roll-on!

## TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES

Wednesdays, February 1st and 15th, 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.

## KNITTING AND CROCHET WITH ASHLEY

Monday, February 13th, 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.

## ADULT CRAFT

DIY MIRROR ART: Saturday, February 18th, 2:30pm 

Is winter inspiring you to be creative? Join us to create this DIY mirror art which is such a fun and easy craft to make. Choose your quote and create a beautiful winter mirror to display at home. Craft with friends at the library!



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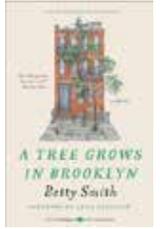
# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

**SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

Tuesday, February 14th, 5:00pm 🏠

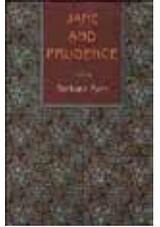
The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. The beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, is a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache, crowded with life and people. The story of young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bittersweet formative years in the slums of Williamsburg has enchanted and inspired millions of readers for more than sixty years. By turns overwhelming, sublime, heartbreaking, and uplifting, the daily experiences of the unforgettable Nolans are raw with honesty and tenderly threaded with family connectedness.



**BARBARA PYM BOOK CLUB:** *Jane and Prudence*

Saturday, February 25th, 2:00pm 🗣️

Jane and Prudence have been friends since their days at Oxford but have come to live very different lives. Jane lives in the country, is married to a vicar and has an almost adult daughter. Prudence lives in London and savors her independence and her office job. Jane decides that Prudence should be married and embarks on a matchmaking venture, revealing much about both of their lives in this story of manners.



**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB:** *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley

Monday, February 27th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. This mystery revolves around an exclusive Paris apartment building, and Jess, our heroine, searching for her brother, who is missing from his apartment. The other tenants all have secrets to hide, and twist follows twist until you don't know who to trust – or suspect.



**SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE: RICHARD III**

Saturday, February 25th, 12:30pm 🗣️

Jealous and crippled, Richard of Gloucester wants to be King of England and uses manipulation and deceit to achieve his goal. He murders his brothers, nephews, and any opposition to become King Richard III. In the end, Henry of Richmond raises an army, kills Richard in battle, and becomes King Henry VII.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, February 6th, 13th and 27th, 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, February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 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, February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, 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, February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, 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.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

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

Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:30am  
except Tuesday, February 14th 🏠

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

Every Saturday except February 18th, 10:30am 🏠

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

**BLOCK PAINTING:** Ages: 2-5

Saturday, February 11th, 11:30am 🏠

This craft is perfect for the beginning artist. We'll be using fingerpaints so it's perfectly safe for even your littlest ones. They'll get to paint their own block and keep them as a cute memento.

**PLAY-DOH PLAY:** Ages: 2-5

Saturday, February 18th, 1:00pm 🏠

Come join us for some imaginative play using play-doh! We have all kinds of tools that can be used and many different colors too.



**PAPER ROLL TREES:** Ages: 2-5

Saturday, February 25th, 11:30am 🏠

These trees are oh-so-cute and easy to make. We'll have everything prepped so you can focus on having fun and decorating your adorable tree.

**PAPER PLATE SNAILS:** Ages: 2-5

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, February 28th  
and Saturday, March 4th 🏠

This kit is perfect for a rainy day or a day when you need quiet creativity. It's easy for little fingers and comes out so cute.



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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**WEAVED CIRCLE COASTERS:** Ages: 6+

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, February 7th  
and Saturday, February 11th 🏠

Learn basic weaving techniques and create awesome coasters (or wall decorations) using gorgeous yarn. While this kit does require some more advanced motor skills, it's very easy to get the hang of.

**MARIO KART TOURNAMENT:** Ages: 6+

Wednesday, February 8th, 3:00pm 🏠

Get ready for our next Mario Kart gaming session. There will be plenty of fun and snacks!

**GALAXY SENSORY BOTTLE:** Ages: 6+

Thursday, February 9th, 3:00pm 🏠

Create your own sparkly, mesmerizing galaxy in a bottle. These are a great way to help you to relax and calm your mind or just admire how cool they are.

**YARN BRACELETS:** Ages: 6+

Thursday, February 16th, 3:00pm 🏠

These bracelets are so easy to make. They use pipe cleaners and yarn to create gorgeous designs and share with your friends.

**ADVENTURE SIGN POST TERRARIUM:** Ages: 6+

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, February 21st  
and Saturday, February 25th 🏠

Design your own mini terrarium complete with a sign that points to your favorite real or fictional locations. This kit is a little advanced and is good to work on over time.

**SAND BY NUMBERS:** Ages: 6+

Wednesday, February 22nd, 3:00pm 🏠

Create unique artwork using a paint-by-numbers system and sand. Delightfully different and oh-so-fun.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**CAMP NANOWRIMO:** Ages: 10+

Wednesdays, February 1st and 8th, 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.

**DIY MARSHMALLOW SQUISHES:** Ages: 10+

Thursday, February 2nd, 4:00pm 🏠

Ever wanted to make your own soft squishy? Now you can! We're going to make the cutest marshmallows you've ever seen. This can be done with basic sewing skills or with hot glue.

**2K23 TOURNAMENT:** Ages: 10+

Friday, February 3rd, 3:00pm 🏠

Rival your friends in basketball. Enjoy snacks and have fun!

**SPARKLE TUMBLERS:** Ages: 10+

Friday, February 10th, 4:00pm 🏠

Let's make awesome reusable cups! These tumblers come with straws and can have confetti, a message, or even a picture added to them to make them completely unique to you.

**TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB:** Ages: 10+

Wednesday, February 15th, 4:00pm 🏠

Come join us for our February meeting of our graphic novel book club. We'll be discussing January's book *Frizzy* by Claribel A. Ortega, and picking our next book for March. We'll have snacks, drinks, and plenty of book talk.

**RAMEN PARTY:** Ages: 10+

Friday, February 17th, 4:00pm 🏠

Do you love ramen? Of course you do! We're going to put together our own ramen bowls (vegetarian options available) and try out all kinds of different flavors. Yum!

**TWEEN: T-SHIRT PRESS:** Ages: 10+

Friday, February 24th, 3:00pm 🏠

Design your own T-Shirt! Multiple sizes will be available and the designs are limitless.