

# September 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



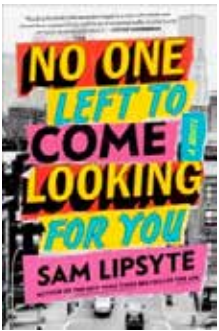
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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a summer! We welcomed so many people of all ages this summer. From the oldest to the youngest (I'm looking at you 6-week old Enola!) there were programs, materials to check out and friendly folks to chat with in the library. Our programs under the tent were popular, especially the fun Tent Week activities. The library was also a place where people worked, read, and escaped from the heat. While we always do our best to make people comfortable, the busyness of this summer brought home the need for an expanded space. While we will miss the long, fun-filled days, we are looking forward to fall and all it brings.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

## BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON: Sunday, September 10th, 12:30pm



We are so pleased this year to welcome author Sam Lipsyte as our Book and Author Luncheon guest. Sam is an author of short story collections (*Venus Drive* and *The Fun Parts*) and novels including *Hark*, *The Ask*, *The Subject Steve*, and *Home Land*. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship and teaches at Columbia University. He is also the son of our friend, Shelter Islander and author, Robert Lipsyte who will interview Sam about his latest book *No One Left to Come Looking for You* and a variety of other subjects. The Luncheon will take place at the Ram's Head Inn on **Sunday, September 10th at 12:30pm**. Tickets are \$85 and you can purchase your tickets at the library circulation desk or online at <https://sijlbookandauthor23.eventbrite.com>. Join us for a fun and fascinating afternoon!

## VACCINATION CLINIC: Tuesday, September 19th, 9:00am - 2:00pm

It's that time of year again. Pharmacists from Rite Aid will be in the library Community Room on **September 19th from 9:00am - 2:00pm**. They will be able to administer flu shots, and vaccines for shingles, pneumonia, and DTAP. Bring your health insurance information and a picture ID with you. Please call the Senior Center at 631-749-1059 to reserve a time slot.

## RENOVATION AND EXPANSION UPDATE

Our Community Feedback meetings gave the architects some great ideas to consider as they adjust the design of the building to best meet the needs of the staff and the community. Over the next few months, the design will come together as we pursue financing. Some preliminary survey and soil work will also take place. You may not see any outward changes, but there is a lot going on behind the scenes!

## LABOR DAY BOOK SALE: Saturday, September 2nd, 10:00am - 4:00 pm

Come stock up on your Fall reading in the Book Sale Room! Suggested donations - Hardcover \$1.00 and all Paperbacks \$0.25.



## 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.

# 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

**STRAIGHT THROUGH THE LABYRINTH BY PETER LIGHTE:** Friday, September 1st, 7:00pm 🏠

*Straight Through the Labyrinth* chronicles the true story of a gay Jewish scholar of China caught in the crosshairs of the very history he has studied. Suddenly ensnared in Hong Kong's handover back to China in 1997, Peter Lighte, intent on adopting a Chinese baby, navigates his way through daunting bureaucracy and prevails.



**HOW HAS WRITING POETRY ALTERED YOUR LIFE? HOSTED BY LITERATURE PROFESSOR VIRGINIA WALKER:** Friday, September 29th, 7:00pm 🏠

Gladys Henderson, Suffolk County Poet Laureate, author of *Eclipse of Heaven* and Poets Isabel Stevenson and Pauline Yeats will join Virginia Walker in answering the question with their own poetry and experiences. This is the third in a series of questions posed to poets by Walker, co-author, along with Michael Walsh, of *Neuron Mirror*.

**SHOULD I PUT MY HOME IN A TRUST?:** Monday, September 11th, 1:00pm 🗣️

When it comes to Estate Planning, is a Last Will and Testament enough? Join Britt Burner, Esq., Partner at Burner Prudenti Law, P.C. as she discusses different types of trusts, funding and the benefits of putting assets such, as a home, into a trust.

**ELECTRIFYING YOUR HOME:** Wednesday, September 13th, 6:00pm 🗣️

Please join us for a presentation and discussion on electrification: what it is, and how to achieve it in your home. Rewiring America volunteer Jim Bernabeo will share his experience with going solar and electrifying his home as well as how households such as yours can electrify and take advantage of the significant financial incentives.

**TENNESSEE WALT'S THE HANK WILLIAMS CENTURY:** Thursday, September 21st, 6:00pm 🏠

September 17, 2023 marks the 100th birthday of Hank Williams, the singer/songwriter who, more than any other single figure, embodies the uniquely American art form known as country music. Join us as Tennessee Walt takes us on a journey of Williams' songs, with classics such as "I Saw the Light" and "Jambalaya". Get the story behind the songs, as we take a look at Williams' short, dramatic life, puncture a few myths and put his iconic career in perspective.

**THOMAS A. EDISON:** Tuesday, September 26th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Join Edward Sierra for an engaging presentation into the amazing life and work of Thomas A. Edison. Born in 1847 in Ohio, Edison was arguably the most prolific inventor in American history. He held 1,093 U.S. patents, including for the light bulb, the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a battery for an electric car.

**INTERMEDIATE EXCEL:** Wednesday, September 27th, 6:00pm 🗣️

In this class we will review basic Excel formulas and cover some advanced formulas such as Sumif and Countif. We will also cover the basics of working with sheets in your workbook and also creating a 3-D formula that uses numbers from multiple sheets.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING:** Saturday, September 30th, 10:00am - 4:00pm 🏠

Visit the Circulation Desk to register for this program.

The Empire Safety Council will be hosting a Defensive Driving course at the library. The cost is \$35.00 per person (Cash or check only). This program is limited so registration is required. Checks can be made out to the Empire Safety Council and are required at the time of registration. This program will take place in person in the library Community Room.

**TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES:** Wednesdays, September 6th & 20th, 5:00pm 🗣️

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese health practice that provides a wide range of mind/body benefits. Denise Gillies has a teaching style that is relaxed, enthusiastic and designed to leave you feeling energized.

**KNITTING WITH ASHLEY:** Monday, September 11th, 5:30pm 🏠

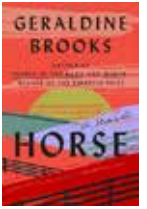
Ashley Edmund is a fiber artist with years of experience in an array of techniques. She is excited to share her passion for knitting with her fellow Shelter Islanders.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

**SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks: Tuesday, September 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. A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history. *Horse*, based on the true story of a record-breaking thoroughbred, is a story of spirit, art and science, obsession and injustice across American history.



**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB:** *Blacktop Wasteland* by S.A. Cosby: Monday, September 18th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Beauregard "Bug" Montage was once known as the best getaway driver on the East Coast. After a series of financial misfortunes, Bug, now a husband, father and honest car mechanic, finds his carefully built life beginning to fall apart.



**COOKBOOK CLUB:** *Fall Fruits and Veggies*: Wednesday, September 20th, 5:00pm 🏠

Autumn is the time to celebrate a bountiful harvest. Here on Shelter Island we have plenty of fruits and vegetables in their prime this time of year. Choose fruits or veggies (homegrown or store bought) to showcase and share some of your favorite dishes! Bring your dish and a copy of the recipe and join us for an evening of delicious food and good company.

**GREAT DECISIONS AMERICA, AS OTHERS SEE US:** Thursday, September 7th, 5:30pm 🏠 🗣️

We have our perceptions of other countries as do they of the USA. The aim of this session is to identify and examine some of the ways and reasons underpinning the perceptions of the USA on the part of others. This program will be facilitated by J. Paul Martin who founded and directed Columbia University's Center for the Study of Human Rights and Ana Cutter Patel, a U.S. Representative for Front Line Defenders, an international human rights organization founded with the aim of protecting human rights defenders at risk.



## ADULT CRAFTS

**AUTUMN THEMED AIR DRY CLAY COASTERS:** (Take and Make Craft for Adults)

Pick Up Tuesday, September 12th - Saturday, September 16th 📅

It's the perfect time of year for some fun and easy crafts. Your kits will provide you with the tools and instructions to create your own uniquely designed fall themed coasters!



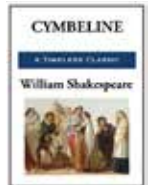
**LAVENDISHLY LUSCIOUS LOTIONS WITH HOLLY:** Wednesday, September 20th, 1:00pm 🏠

Come one, come all and prepare your own lotion. Bring home some skin candy...many scents to choose from.

## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

**CYMBELINE:** Saturday, September 30th, 12:30pm 🗣️

*Cymbeline* is a story of deceit, pursuit, and seduction. King Cymbeline of Britain banishes his daughter Innogen's husband. Innogen, accused of being unfaithful, runs away, and becomes a page for the Roman army in this play that deals with themes of innocence and jealousy.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, September 11th, 18th & 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, September 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 4:00pm 🏠 🗣️

The Art/Rich Poetry Roundtable welcomes readers of poetry who enjoy meeting with fellow lovers of poetry for a lively discussion. Bring a poem and your enthusiasm. This program will take place both in person and on zoom.

**INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION:** Thursdays, September 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, 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. This program will be offered as a hybrid program, both in person and on Zoom.

**THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY:** Fridays, September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th, 10:00am 🏠

Please join us for a philosophy discussion roundtable. Our topics will range from God, art, politics, mind, appearance/reality to truth. 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.

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.

We will be at the **TRUCK & TRADES FAIR** on **Saturday, September 16th** from **10:00-2:00pm** with the SLED (the Suffolk Cooperative Library System's mobile library) and will feature the green screen, lawn games, and more. The Truck & Trades Fair will be located at the school. Please go to Town Hall for more information.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**MONDAY STORY TIME:** Ages: 0-5 🏠

**Mondays at 10:00am**

Join Mary at the library for a super special story time on Mondays in September.

**TODDLER TIME (formerly Sensory Hour):** Ages: 0-5 🏠

**Every Tuesday at 10:00am except September 19th**

Come to the library and enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends!

**DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS:** Ages: 0-5 🏠

**Saturday, September 23rd, 1:00pm**

Join the fun making these dinosaur prints at the library! We will be using paint to put down the prints so be prepared to get you and your new prehistoric friend (which you get to keep) a little messy!



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**CRAFTERNOON:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Every Monday at 2:30pm**

We're making crafts! Every Monday at 2:30pm we'll have a different drop-in craft, perfect for an afterschool break.

**JURASSIC PARK TERRARIUMS:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Wednesday, September 20th, 3:00pm**

Welcome to Jurassic Park in terrarium form! We're making these awesome terrariums with the Garden Club of Shelter Island!

**BOARD GAME DAY:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Tuesday, September 26th, 2:30pm**

Come try some of our fun board games! Play an old favorite or discover a new game.



**SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Thursday, September 28th, 3:00pm**

We're having a Super Smash Bros. Battle! We recommend already having knowledge of the game before joining. We will have snacks and friendly competition.



## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**VR AFTERNOON:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Friday, September 8th, 4:00pm**

Ever experienced virtual reality? Want to try it for the first time or come back to play some favorite games? We'll have a few different games you can try, so come join us!



**MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Thursday, September 14th, 4:00pm**

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. Please see Sara for more information.

**BUBBLE TEA:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Thursday, September 21st, 3:00pm**

Come join us for delicious bubble tea! Never tried it before? Now's your chance to experience the popular tapioca pearl filled sweet tea. Yum!



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**WHOLESOME HOUR:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Fridays from 4-5pm**

Need an hour to decompress? Come listen while Sara reads a relaxing book in our zen space. This is a quiet hour to listen, work on homework, color, or just use the space to relax. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

**RAMEN PARTY:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Wednesday, September 27th, 3:00pm**

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!

