

November 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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FROM THE DIRECTOR: THANKFUL

The Shelter Island Library has much to be thankful for this year. We have a fantastic staff of workers who are patient, knowledgeable and good humored. The patrons we serve are enthusiastic about the materials and programs we offer. The community is supportive of our exciting new expansion and renovation project. And finally, the voters approved our 2024 budget, allowing us to do the satisfying work for a town we love. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Terry Lucas, Library Director

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION?

The final designs for the renovation and expansion are nearing completion! Once that is done, the job will be ready to go out to bid. There is still a long road to travel before the construction work begins but we can see it on the horizon. The financing process is moving along. We are working hard to provide all the necessary forms and paperwork to make the many parties involved with this process ready to move forward. We are lucky to have a great team of people guiding and advising us.



TURKEY PLUNGE

Help support the Friends of the Library by participating in the 14th annual Turkey Plunge at Crescent Beach on Saturday, November 25th at 11:00am. Get your friends and family to sponsor your plunge into the bay or just come down to see the creative costumes our plungers come up with. There will be hot cider and donuts for plungers and spectators, as well as the delicious chili for sale. You can register online at <https://www.shelterislandpubliclibrary.org/turkey-plunge-form> or pick up a registration packet at the library. The Friends of the Library are a separate 501(c)(3) organization which raises funds to support activities and materials not covered by the library budget. In the last year, the Friends have paid for children's special programs, museum passes, Ancestry.com and much more. Join in the fun by joining those who are "freezin' for a reason"!



HOOPLA!

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we are now able to offer you Hoopla! Hoopla is a digital streaming service for library card holders to access eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music and TV shows using your smartphone or tablet. There is even a "Puzzle Palace" with all kinds of puzzles to explore. Simply download the Hoopla app, set up an account with your library card and enjoy. You can check out 10 items per month. There is no need to place holds with Hoopla, all items are available at all times. Check out this great new addition to our virtual collection.



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 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.

FALL READING CHALLENGE: BINGO! October 10th - November 17th 🏠

It's time for some fall reading fun! Maybe you will **fall** in love with a new genre, author or book! To play, pick up your Bingo card at the Circulation Desk. Complete the challenges in a horizontal, vertical or diagonal line, or each of the four corner squares. If you are really up for a challenge, see if you can complete the entire board! Turn your board in for a cute seasonal surprise!

GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Do you have a special skill or a hobby that you are passionate about? Do you have an interest in a particular subject area that others may not know about? The Shelter Island community is full of creative and talented individuals who have an interest in a wide variety of areas. Here at the library we love to highlight these hidden treasures that can be found right here in our own backyard. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing your story, your special collection, craft talents, or another specialty, please let us know!

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

NORMAN ROCKWELL'S THANKSGIVING - AN ENGAGING LECTURE BY MICHAEL RODGERS

Friday, November 17th, 7:00pm 🗣️

The Thanksgiving Picture or Freedom from Want is one of Norman Rockwell's most famous and recognizable works. Painted in response to Franklin D. Roosevelt's State of the Union Address delivered on January 6, 1941, it appeared in the March 6, 1943 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. While it has become an ideal representation of the American family on Thanksgiving Day, many are unaware that it is the third of the Four Freedoms series created by the artist to illustrate the tenets of American democracy. Learn more about the evolution of Rockwell's illustrations and the complicated legacy his works evoke.

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION: Monday, November 6th, 7:00pm 🗣️

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Russian Revolution and the birth of the USSR. Join Historian Martin H. Levinson in discussing this momentous event and the impact it has had on global affairs in the 21st century.

THE LONDON SÉANCE SOCIETY - AUTHOR TALK WITH SARA PENNER: Wednesday, November 8th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Join NY Times best seller Sara Penner and moderator Erin Coughlin for this Q & A discussion about the writer's life and the release of Ms. Penner's newest book *The London Séance Society*. Sarah Penner's debut novel, *The Lost Apothecary*, is a *New York Times* best seller.

HIGH FLYERS...LI BIRDS OF PREY: Monday, November 13th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Hawks, Eagles, Falcons, Oh My!! Long Island has a wide variety of raptors; some just visit while passing through and some stay to raise families here. With many photos, fun & interesting facts Dianne Taggart, long time LI birder, tells us all about these wonderful birds.

THANKSGIVING CHARCUTERIE PLATE: Tuesday, November 21st, 1:00pm 🏠

Before you dive into your Thanksgiving meal, why not provide your guests and family with a charcuterie plate? Join us to create a beautiful and delicious plate which includes cheese, meats, nuts, crackers and more fun snacks to take home. The fee for this program is \$25 and should be paid in advance when you register at the library. Space is limited so sign up early!



TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, November 1st & November 15th, 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, November 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.

ORIGAMI WITH MARIANNE: Wednesday, November 1st, 10:30am 🏠

ORIGAMI is a bit like magic in that one may transform a single sheet of paper into a work of art. It is a meditative art form that has been practiced for over 1,000 years. In this class we'll begin by learning basic folds to make simple models. Join us to experience the "Peace of Paper" led by Shelter Islander Marianne Baird.

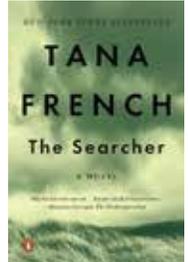
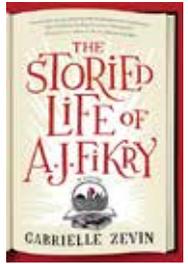
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

Tuesday, November 14th, 4:30pm 🏠

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Loyer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. His wife has died, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. And then a mysterious package appears at the bookstore. This is an unforgettable tale of transformation and second chances, an irresistible affirmation of why we read, and why we love.

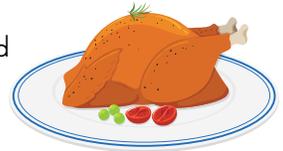


MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *The Searcher* by Tana French: November 27th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Retired Chicago Detective Cal Hooper moves to a remote village in rural Ireland. He wants to build a new life in a spot where nothing much happens. Cal soon discovers that even in the most idyllic small town, secrets lie hidden and trouble can come calling at his door.

COOKBOOK CLUB: *The Leftovers*: Wednesday, November 29th, 5:00pm 🏠

With Thanksgiving upon us, we are gearing up to get into the full swing of the holiday season which for many of us includes cooking! We spend hours planning, prepping and cooking delicious meals for family and friends but what happens with all that food once everyone goes home full and happy? Share the dish you love to make using your favorite leftovers. Bring your dish, an empty stomach, a copy of your recipe and join us for an enjoyable evening with great company.



ADULT CRAFTS

DIY FALL CENTERPIECE: Thursday, November 16th, 1:00pm 🏠

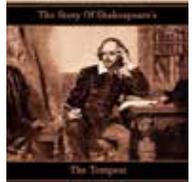
Add a touch of fall to your Thanksgiving table! Create a cute, autumn themed centerpiece for use throughout the season. Supplies are limited so be sure to register early.



SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

THE TEMPEST: Saturday, November 25th, 12:30pm 🗣️

Prospero uses magic to torment the survivors of a shipwreck. Prospero's slave, Caliban, plots to rid himself of his master, but is thwarted by Prospero's spirit-servant Ariel.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MAH JONGG: Mondays, November 6th, 13th, 20th & 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, November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, 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, November 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th, 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.

BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY: Fridays, November 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th, 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.

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.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

DIY MUGS: All ages 🏠

(Please see Sara for more information about mug designs and using the heat press)

Tuesday, November 14th, 5:30pm, November 15th, 3:00pm and November 16th, 5:00pm

The heat press is coming to the library! We'll be able to design mugs with your own art and photos or design your own. They make the perfect gift for any upcoming holidays or a nice fall treat.

LAVENDER COOKIES: All ages 🍪

(will require the use of an oven)

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, November 14th and Saturday, November 18th

These delicious cookies are the perfect treat for any season. We will provide all of the dry ingredients including dried lavender. You will need to supply your own: eggs, butter, water, and the use of an oven. Kits are limited so please register early.

MUG PIES: All ages 🏠

Monday, November 20th, 2:30pm and Tuesday, November 21st, 3:00pm and 5:00pm

We're making easy microwavable mug pies, complete with the recipe so you can remake them for friends and family.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

TODDLER TIME: Ages: 0-5 🏠

Tuesdays at 10:00am

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

MONDAY STORY TIME: Ages: 0-5 🏠

Mondays at 10:00am

Join Mary at the library for a super special story time on Monday mornings in November.

AIR DRY CLAY ORNAMENTS: Ages: 2+ 🍪

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, November 7th and Monday, November 13th

This easy craft is perfect for little ones. We recommend using a cookie cutter to make the ornaments even cuter but they are not required.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CRAFTERNOON: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Every Monday in November

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

OREO TURKEYS: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Wednesday, November 8th, 3:00pm

Love Oreos? Who doesn't! This year we're making Oreos look seasonal by decorating them and making them look turkey-tastic. Come make them with us!

SLIME TIME: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Thursday, November 16th, 3:00pm

It's time for slime! We'll have all kinds of things to add into your slime; foam beads, glitter, shaving cream and more to make the perfect kind of slime.

PAPER SLOTH PUMPKIN: Ages: 6+ 🍪

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

These super cute sloths have been waiting for you to pick them up. They're easy to make and the perfect craft for post-holiday afternoons.

JUNIOR GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: Ages: 8-10 🏠

Tuesday, November 28th, 3:00pm

We're starting a new graphic novel book club! We'll discuss potential books for December and January and talk about what books we want to read.

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

OVER THE GARDEN WALL WATCH PARTY: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Thursday, November 9th, 4:00pm

Enter the Unknown with us and enjoy watching Over the Garden Wall. It has some spooky scenes and involves a few weird and wacky songs, characters, and adventures. We'll have snacks and paint our very own Greg approved rocks (It's a rock fact!). The movie is 2 hours long.

WHOLESOME HOUR: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Fridays from 4:00-5:00pm except Friday, November 3rd and Friday, November 24th

Need an hour to decompress? Come listen while we read an hour of a 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.

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, November 15th, 5:00pm

Welcome back to our graphic novel book club! We'll be talking about our October read and discussing potential books for January and February.

LIBRARY LOCK-IN: Ages: 10+ (Permission Slips Required) 🏠

Saturday, November 18th, 5:00-10:00pm

Ever wanted to hang out at the library after hours? Then this is the place for you! We'll be having pizza and ice cream, playing video games, taking goofy pictures with the green screen, and other fun activities!

CANDLE MAKING: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, November 29th, 3:00pm

We're going to work together to create candles with the perfect decorations and scents. The candle is yours to keep once the program is done.

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