

December 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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voters approved a referendum which will allow us to renovate and expand the library to meet the needs of the community. Wishing you happy holidays and many thanks for your support.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!



It is time once again for the Holiday Extravaganza! Join us in the community room on Saturday, December 9th at 1:00pm to celebrate the season. Miss Mollie will have a fun story to share, there will be cookies to decorate and a fun craft. Hot chocolate will warm you up as you wait for a visit from Santa Claus!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION?



We have been working with the architects to finalize the inside design. We want to make sure that there are flexible spaces for all of the things that take place in the library. The outside design is in process as the architects determine elevations and retaining walls and other practical matters. The behind-the-scenes work is going on but keep your eyes out for new front doors which will be installed prior to major construction work.

EAST END HOSPICE'S ANNUAL TREE OF LIGHTS MEMORIAL SERVICE

This year the East End Hospice's annual Shelter Island Tree of Lights Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 2:30pm. The beautiful tree in the front of the library will glow with white lights to honor the memory of friends and family members. There will be special tributes, spoken remembrances and music. Ornaments are hung on a tree in memory of loved ones. For questions call the EEH development office at 631-288-7080.



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.

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

THE WHYYYNER KIDS BY JENIFER MAXSON

Friday, December 8th, 7:00pm 🏠

Long ago summer kids, now long-time Shelter Island residents Jenifer Maxson, writer, director and performer and Peter Waldner, award-winning cartoonist, fine artist and film-maker, have joined forces to create a children's book for the child in all of us. They use humorous verse and uproarious illustrations to remind us, young and old, that with enough love and laughter, both parenthood and childhood are, indeed, survivable. It's their hope that, in the tradition of Suess and Silverstein, they have offered a tale that will be fun for parents to read to kids and kids to read to their parents. Join us for a reading of the book and stories of adventures in self-publishing.



OYSTER REEFS, EELGRASS MEADOWS, AND LIVING SHORELINES: RESTORING HABITATS AND HOPE: Friday, December 29th, 7:00pm 🏠

For over 20 years, Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program has worked with Shelter Island to enhance the harvestable stocks of oysters, hard clams, and scallops through its Town Reseeding Program. This year, that work expanded to include eelgrass plantings and the creation of an oyster reef by adding Shelter Island to the network of Back to the Bays Stewardship Sites. Meet Islander Kate Rossi-Snook of CCE Marine and learn about shellfish aquaculture for restoration, the importance of oyster reefs and eelgrass meadows, and the broader ecological and cultural value of living shorelines.



ONE-ON-ONE MEDICARE REVIEW SESSION WITH SENIOR SERVICES OF NORTH AMERICA

Tuesday, December 5th, 11:00am 🏠

Looking to have an informative one on one session for your health coverage? Learn ways to reduce your prescription drug cost, enhance your medical coverage and obtain extra benefits that may be available in your area. Have your questions answered and look into other healthcare options. Registration is required for this program. Please call the library to schedule your appointment.

INNOVATIVE TREATMENT FOR LUMBAR SPINAL STENOSIS: DR. ASHTON STANTON STONY BROOK EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL: Monday, December 11th, 1:00pm 🏠

Dr. Stanton is a physiatrist that specializes in non-surgical interventional spine & sports medicine. He will be speaking about innovative treatments for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis and how to manage your pain.

FROZEN FEATHERS?...WINTER BIRDS OF LI!: Monday, December 11th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Did you know that Long Island has almost as many birds in winter as we do in summer? Using photos and interesting/fun facts, Dianne Taggart (long time LI birder) will tell us all about the LI birds of winter.

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS: A PRESENTATION BY KEVIN WESTLY: Tuesday, December 19th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Kevin Westly will discuss the unique Christmas traditions, songs and music of the Celtic countries of Ireland (Éire), Scotland (Alba), Wales (Cymru), Cornwall (Kernow), Brittany (Breton), the Isle of Man (Manx), Galicia and more.

INTRO TO QUICKBOOKS: Wednesday, December 27th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm 🗣️

Join us for an overview of QuickBooks Online, a popular accounting software you can use to manage your small business. No need to have the software for this class as we will be using a free sample file called Testdrive.

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, December 6th & December 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, December 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.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

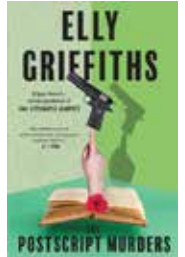
SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB: *BYO Book!* Tuesday, December 12th, 4:30pm 🏠

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Lover, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. Bring a book you would like to present to the group; it might be one that makes us chuckle, feel good, is seasonal and/or illustrates the best of human nature. Most of all, it should be a book that you feel like sharing with a friendly group. Your review can be as simple as the central theme(s) of the book and why and how it captured your attention. This is a great opportunity to get some reading ideas for 2024! Please register for this Book Club Meeting so that we can plan appropriately.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *The Postscript Murders* by Elly Griffiths: Monday, December 18th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. The death of a 90 year old woman with a heart condition should not be suspicious. When Peggy Smith is found dead, Detective Sergeant Harbinder Kaur certainly sees nothing out of the ordinary and no one believes foul play had a role in her death...that is no one but her Ukrainian carer, Nataalka. As Nataalka begins to recount Peggy's passing and a number of unusual circumstances that occurred while cleaning out her flat, Detective Kaur begins to think that there may be no such thing as an unsuspecting death after all.



COOKBOOK CLUB: *Cookie Swap and a Treat to Eat*: Wednesday, December 20th, 5:00pm 🏠

December is cookie swap time! Bring three dozen cookies to swap and bring home. Bring a savory appetizer to share and enjoy here. As usual, we will talk about our recipes, share some delicious treats and enjoy the company of fellow foodies!



ADULT CRAFTS

DIY MASON JAR SNOW GLOBE: Wednesday, December 20th, 1:00pm 🏠

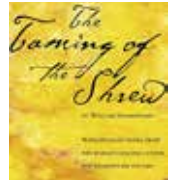
Create your own snowy scene with this easy to do Mason Jar Snow Globe!



SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

TAMING OF THE SHREW: Saturday, December 30th, 12:30pm 🗣️

The play describes the courtship between the shrewish Kate and the clever Petruchio who is determined to tame Kate's famous temper and win her dowry.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MAH JONGG: Mondays, December 4th, 11th & 18th, 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, December 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, December 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.

BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY: Fridays, December 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.

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

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!: All ages

Saturday, December 9th, 1:00pm 🏠

Come join us for our annual Holiday Extravaganza! There will be hot chocolate, a special reading with Miss Mollie, crafts and a visit from Santa Claus!



HOLIDAY MAKER'S MARKET: All ages

Saturday, December 9th, 11:00am-3:00pm 🌳

Looking for that perfect gift? Why not shop at our Holiday Maker's Market sponsored by the Friends of the Shelter Island Library! This market features vendors and booths from local businesses with amazingly crafted items.

WINTER READING PROGRAM: All ages

Starts December 1st and continues through February 28th 🏠

Pick up your book bingo sheet to join our Winter Reading Program! There will be a new book bingo sheet every month. For every bingo you get a prize and if you complete the whole sheet you get an even bigger surprise!

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

FELT ANIMALS-MIX & MATCH: Ages: 0-5

Saturday, December 2nd, 11:15am 🏠

This cute project is a fun way to create your own wacky, wonderful felt creature. We'll have felt shapes of all different sizes to create your own animal.

CLOUD DOUGH: Ages: 0-5

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, December 5th and Saturday, December 9th 📦

This recipe is great for little hands. While technically it is edible it is not sweet and we don't recommend eating it!

TODDLER TIME: Ages: 0-5

Every Tuesday at 10:00am and a special Toddler Time with BenAnna Band on Tuesday, December 12th at 10:30am 🏠

Come to the library and enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! On December 12th Anna from the BenAnna Band will be joining us for some fun music and good times.

MONDAY STORY TIME: Ages: 0-5

Mondays, 10:00am except Monday, December 25th 🏠

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

SATURDAY STORY TIME: Ages: 0-5

Saturdays in December at 10:30am except for December 9th and 16th 🏠

Join Sara at the library for Saturday morning Story Time.

FINGER PAINTING: Ages: 2-5

Saturday, December 23rd, 11:15am 🏠

Let's get messy! Finger painting is fun for everyone! We'll be using washable finger paint but we recommend you keep your fancy clothes at home for this program.

SPARKLY ICICLE CRAFT: Ages: 2-5

Saturday, December 30th, 11:15am 🏠

We're making awesome sparkly icicles out of tin foil, glitter, and glue! This craft is super cool and definitely a little unusual. Come check it out!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

JUNIOR WHOLESOME HOUR:

Ages: 8+

Mondays from 2:30-3:30pm 🏠 except Monday, December 25th

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.

FAKE CAKE: Ages: 6+

Tuesday, December 5th, 3:00pm 🏠

We're making fake cake, come decorate your own! While they look beautiful, please remember these cakes are *not* edible.

MARSHMALLOW DREIDELS: Ages: 6+

Wednesday, December 6th, 3:00pm 🏠

These dreidels are delicious and adorable at the same time. Come make some with us!

WINTER BOOK NOOK: Ages: 6+

Thursday, December 7th, 3:00pm 🏠

Come make your very own adorable winter book nook/diorama!



NARWHAL CRAFT:

Ages: 6+

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, December 12th and Saturday, December 16th 📦

Have fun putting together this adorable craft of our favorite "unicorn of the sea."

JUNIOR GRAPHIC NOVEL

BOOK CLUB: Ages: 8-10

Tuesday, December 19th, 3:00pm 🏠

We're starting a new graphic novel book club! We'll discuss potential books for February and March and discuss our November read.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

DECORATING: Ages: 6+

Thursday, December 21, 3:00pm 🏠

Get ready to decorate your very own gingerbread house. This delicious program is a great way to celebrate the winter season.

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

WHOLESOME HOUR: Ages: 10+

Fridays 4:00-5:00pm 🏠

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.

HOT CHOCOLATE TASTING

Ages: 10+

Thursday, December 14th, 4:00pm 🏠

Come sample some amazing hot chocolate flavors!

LIBRARY LOCK-IN:

Ages: 10+ (Permission Slips Required)

Saturday, December 16th, 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, eating ice cream, playing video games, taking goofy pictures with the green screen, and other fun activities!

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL

BOOK CLUB: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, December 20th, 5:00pm 🏠

Welcome to the graphic novel book club tween edition! We'll be picking our books for February and March as well as talking about our November read which was *The Sleepover* by Michael Regina.



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