

# January 2024 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The beginning of a new year is always exciting. There are plans to make for the upcoming year and memories of the previous year to reflect on. As we move into a year that is sure to bring many changes to the library, I want to take a moment to thank the community for its interest in and connection to the library. I have gotten great suggestions for programs, excellent book recommendations and ideas about the future design of the library from the patrons of this library. I also want to thank the endlessly patient and good humored staff and the dedicated members of our Board of Trustees. I feel lucky to spend so much of my time in this little library in such a special place.

Terry Lucas, Library Director



## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION?

The exterior design is coming along well and the mechanical engineers have been exploring our existing systems. We have been completing some paperwork to make sure our lots are properly merged as we go forward with the plans. Right now, like ducks on a lake, we may seem to be moving slowly on the surface but we are paddling like mad below to prepare for the start of construction.

## BOOK GROUPS

Do you want to read more in the new year? Reading with a group can be both fun and enlightening. The library offers several book clubs that might strike your fancy. Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins run the Mystery Book Club which explores all kinds of mysteries and thrillers. The Shelter Island Library Book Club run by Suzanne Lover, reads both fiction and non-fiction but has an emphasis on well-regarded fiction. Terry Lucas runs a book club that focuses on one author for a series of months. This year, Charles Dickens is the featured author. If you want to explore the works of Shakespeare, you can join Becky Cole each month on zoom. You will find more information about all of these groups in this newsletter. But wait, there's more...keep your eyes peeled for the inaugural meeting of the Shelter Island Library Non-Fiction Book Club in February.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS AND MORE!

Remember to flip over the newsletter and check out some of our programs for kids, tweens, and teens! We have programs for toddlers, storytimes, movie days, all kinds of fun Take & Makes as well as in-person crafts happening. Did you know we also have graphic novel book clubs for ages 8-10 and ages 11+? If that's not enough, our Winter Reading Program will run all throughout January and February. Head downstairs and chat with Sara to learn more! Additionally, this month we are starting our brand new Teen Advisory Group as a way to get our tweens and teens directly involved in the program creation process. We ask for you to register ahead of time for our programs.

## 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

### REPAIR CAFE: TOSS IT? NO WAY!

Friday, January 12th, 7:00pm 🏠

The library is excited to work with Kyle Karen, several graduate students from Stony Brook University and community members on a Repair Cafe. A Repair Cafe is a free, community event where you can bring your beloved but broken items and learn how to repair them from your skilled neighbors. Join us to learn more information about this important project and how you can be involved.

### A BRONX SHABBAS BY LEAH FRIEDMAN

Friday, January 26th, 7:00pm 🏠

A first time reading of a new theater piece by Leah Friedman, *A Bronx Shabbas* concerns the relationship between American-born Rachel (age 92) and her Polish-born cousin Ruchel (age 12). Leah will read both parts and will be glad to share thoughts about the work which she dedicates to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. All are welcome!



### MOVIE MATINEE! Wednesday, January 3rd, 1:00pm 🏠

Bring a friend and join us for an afternoon movie with popcorn and snacks!



### THE BASICS OF MEDICARE: Tuesday, January 9th, 1:00pm 🗣️

The Senior Services of North America will be presenting this seminar about the basics of Medicare. Medicare coverage is ever changing and there may be benefits unknown to many seniors. Find out about these benefits, the Medicare program that makes sense for you, how to lower your Part B premiums and new features of 2024 Medicare plans.

### TRIVIA NIGHT WITH BOB DESTEFANO: Wednesday, January 10th, 5:00pm 🏠

Trivia master Bob DeStefano returns with "Battle of the Brains." Compete with your friends and neighbors and test your knowledge of a wide variety of subjects.

### SENIOR SCAMS: Tuesday, January 16th, 1:00pm 🗣️

In the United States, approximately \$114 Billion Dollars are lost each year due to Senior Scammers. The Senior Services of North America will educate you on the different types of scams that seniors are prone to. At this seminar, we will help you understand what safeguards you should put in place to reduce your chance of becoming the next victim.

### USING YOUR HOME TO AGE IN PLACE: Monday, January 29th, 1:00pm 🗣️

Join Britt Burner, Esq., Partner at Burner Prudenti Law, P.C., and Frank Melia, Division Manager of Contour Mortgage, as they discuss trust planning, borrowing options and funding long term care needs.

### BINGO NIGHT! Wednesday, January 31st, 5:00pm 🏠

Looking for something to do on a winter weeknight? Come down to the library and join us for a fun and relaxing evening of BINGO, snacks and prizes!



### TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, January 3rd & January 17th, 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, January 8th, 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:

Tuesday, January 9th at the Shelter Island Historical Society, 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. *The Japanese Lover* is a love story between Alma, a Polish woman and Ichimei, a Japanese American in the aftermath of the Nazi Invasion of Poland in 1939. The two are pulled apart following the attack on Pearl Harbor but throughout their lifetimes, Alma and Ichimei reunite again and again. There is a love that they are forced to hide from the world.

**COOKBOOK CLUB:** *Set It and Forget It!*: Wednesday, January 24th, 5:00pm 🏠

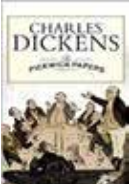
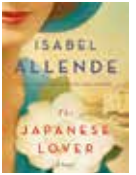
The holidays are over and the weather is getting colder so let's keep things simple and cozy this month as we share some of our favorite one pot dishes; mains, sides and desserts. We will have a big ole Crock-Pot Fest to start off the New Year! Don't forget to bring your appetite and a copy of your recipe.

**THE CLASSICS BOOK CLUB:** *The Pickwick Papers*: Saturday, January 27th, 2:00pm 🗣️

The Classics Book Club, led by Terry Lucas, takes you on a journey through the novels written by Charles Dickens. *The Pickwick Papers* tells the adventures of a down and out character who, despite the corruption and cruelty of society, becomes a hero.

**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB:** *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson: Monday, January 29th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Local fisherman, Kabuo Miyamoto, is on trial for murdering another fisherman, Carl Heine, Jr. In the course of the ensuing trial, it becomes clear that what is at stake is more than a man's guilt.



## ADULT CRAFTS

**DIY BEESWAX CANDLES:** Wednesday, January 24th, 1:00pm 🏠

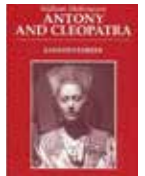
Using beeswax sheets we will hand-roll our own candles. These no pour, easy to make candles are perfect for your home or as a thoughtful gift!



## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

**ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Saturday, January 27th, 12:30pm 🗣️

At the height of power, Mark Antony neglects his empire for his mistress, Cleopatra. Torn between love and duty, his passion leads them to tragedy.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, January 8th, 22nd & 29th, 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 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, 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.

**INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION:** Thursdays, January 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, 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, January 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 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.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**WINTER READING PROGRAM:** All ages 🏠

Starts December 1st and goes until 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

**TODDLER TIME:** Ages: 0-5 🏠

Tuesdays at 10:00am

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

**SATURDAY STORY TIME:** Ages: 0-5 🏠

Saturdays in January at 10:30am except for January 13th

Join Sara at the library for Saturday morning Story Time.

**MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 5+ 🏠

Saturday, January 6th, 1:00pm

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. This movie is a Paw-somey cool sequel to another film featuring our favorite friends such as Chase, Marshall, and Skye. Please see Sara for more information.

**YETI STUFFED ANIMAL:** Ages: 5+ 📦

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, January 9th and Saturday, January 13th

Get ready to make the coolest (and fluffiest) Yeti you've ever seen! These stuffed animals are in short supply so please remember to sign up early!

**MAGIC WAND MAKING:** Ages: 5+ 🏠

Saturday, January 27th, 11:15am

Come make and decorate your very own magic wand. Perfect for imaginary play, casting wishes, and general magic.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**JUNIOR WHOLESOME HOUR:** Ages: 8+ 🏠

Mondays from 2:30-3:30pm

Come listen while Mary reads aloud for an hour in our zen space. This is a quiet time to listen, work on homework, color, or just use the space to relax. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

**PAPER PLATE MAZE:** Ages: 8+ 🏠

Wednesday, January 10th, 3:00pm

Come join us for this super cool STEM event while we design our own marble mazes out of different materials. The challenge is to make sure your maze doesn't fall apart while a marble goes through it and to make sure the marble is able to make it to the end.

**SLIME TIME:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

Thursday, January 11th, 3:00pm

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

**PAPER ART: DESERT SCENE:** Ages: 6+ 📦

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, January 16th and Saturday, January 20th

This fun paper craft creates a very unique desert scene complete with a howling coyote and cacti.

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

Tuesday, January 23rd, 3:00pm

We're starting a new graphic novel book club! We'll discuss potential books for March and April and talk about the books we read during December.

**CANDLE MAKING:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

Thursday, January 25th, 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.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**TINY PANCAKE PARTY:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

Thursday, January 4th, 3:00pm

We're making tiny pancakes! Sara will supervise while you measure, design, and cook your very own pancakes on the griddle.



**WHOLESOME HOUR:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

Fridays from 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.

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

Saturday, January 13th from 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!

**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP** Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, January 17th, 5:00pm

We're starting a Teen Advisory Group. We will meet once a month in order to share ideas for the library, plan programs, be the guinea pigs for craft ideas, spend time with old and new friends, and earn community service hours.

**MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 10+ (this movie is rated PG13) 🏠

Thursday, January 18th, 4:00pm

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. This particular movie is rated PG-13 for frightening scenes and some dinosaur related violence. Please see Sara for more information.

**MATCHA SNOWBALL COOKIES:** Ages: 10+ (oven required) 📦

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, January 23rd and Saturday, January 27th

These delicious matcha cookies are the perfect way to celebrate a new year and a new season of trying new things! These cookies require unsalted butter and the use of an oven, the rest of the ingredients will be provided.

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

Wednesday, January 24th, 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 December read which was Salt Magic by Hope Larson.

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📦 = Take and Make 🏠 = Inside