

# February 2024 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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## ATTENTION LIBRARY LOVERS!

Did you know that February is Library Lovers Month? Come on in and tell us what you love about libraries (especially our library!) and a sweet treat will be coming your way. I have loved libraries since I was a little girl - determined to read every book in the children's section of our tiny branch library in Sacramento. I am so lucky to spend my days in Shelter Island's library with an amazing group of people who put their energy into serving this community. I hope you will spend some time with us during this chilly month, finding the perfect book, playing with your child, attending a program or otherwise loving your library.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

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

The new year is going to be a time of planning and doing our homework with respect to financing. There will be tests for asbestos and soil borings in advance of construction plans. We will be able to start making some decisions about tiles and carpeting very soon. It is still all behind the scenes, but we are moving thoughtfully toward the beginning of actual construction!

## STUART UPCHURCH BUICE GARDEN COLLECTION

It's that chilly time of year when days spent in a garden seem far away. But warmer days will be here soon and it is a good time to start planning your garden. Our Stuart Upchurch Buice Garden collection is a wonderful resource for all things garden-related - from the practical (dealing with pests) to the aspirational (garden design). Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice, there is sure to be something for you. When you are done perusing the collection, stop by and ask Jocelyn about what will be available in the Seed Library this year.

## PRONUNCIATOR! - FREE AND FUN LANGUAGE LEARNING **pronunciator:**

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to learn a new language? Pronunciator, an online program that is free with your library card, has you covered. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced student, you will get personalized daily lessons with quizzes, drills, movies, live chats, and more. Pronunciator even has a travel podcast to prepare you for your next vacation! Get Pronunciator on your desktop or mobile device. Have any questions? Feel free to ask us to help you get started.

## BENANNA BAND!

We are so excited for our new program sponsored by the Friends of the Library featuring the BenAnna Band. The BenAnna Band is a duo of musical performers that will be at the library once a month for some very special Toddler Time programs. Ben and Anna feature an "unplugged" version of their favorite songs and create the perfect atmosphere for moving and grooving for half an hour. We are excited and thrilled to have them return to Shelter Island and are extremely grateful to have them come by once a month. They will be at the library on **Tuesday, February 6th from 10:30 to 11:00am.**



## ADULT CRAFTS

**SNOWY MASON JAR CANDLE HOLDER:** Wednesday, February 14th, 1:00pm 🏠

Join us for this easy but beautiful craft to light up the chilly winter nights. We will create these beautiful snowy candle holders to brighten up your home this winter. **Space is limited and registration is required.**



**UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY: JOURNAL MAKING FOR JOY WORKSHOP:** Saturday, February 17th, 11:00am-2:00pm 🏠

Embark on a whimsical journey into the world of journal-making where creativity knows no bounds! We will use watercolors, markers, colored pencils, and more to unleash your inner artist. Share your creations with fellow adventurers! Engage in lighthearted discussions and celebrate each other's unique perspectives. Every participant will depart with their handcrafted journal, a masterpiece of self-expression!

**Space is limited and registration is required. Please take into consideration the time frame for this program when signing up.**

## 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

### MEET THE AUTHOR CARL SAFINA – ALFIE & ME: WHAT OWLS KNOW, WHAT HUMANS BELIEVE

Friday, February 2nd, 7:00pm 

When ecologist Carl Safina, and his wife Patricia, took in a wounded baby screech owl, he expected that she'd be a temporary guest. He could never have predicted that when the owl was finally able to live free, she would choose to maintain connection and establish her territory with their home at its center. *Alfie & Me* is a compelling narrative into which Safina has woven natural history, cultural histories, and his keen insights into behavior; wild and human.

### THE BAGEL BOSS - A FLAVORFUL EXPEDITION INTO THE WORLD OF "ECCENTRIC BAGELS"

WITH DARRYN WEINSTEIN: Friday, February 16th, 7:00pm 

Whether you're a seasoned bagel enthusiast or a curious novice, this program promises a dough-namic blend of education and entertainment. A lifelong love of bagels, and an island that had a need, led to the birth of the Eccentric Bagel. Chief Bagel Officer Darryn Weinstein, owner of Shelter Island's Eccentric Bagel, will take us on a journey into the delicious realm of bagels!

### "I HATE NUMBERS!" ACCOUNTING FOR NON-ACCOUNTANTS WITH AUTHOR DAWN FOTOPULOS

Friday, February 23rd, 7:00pm 

Conquer your phobia over numbers in this fun and enlightening clinic. You'll not only learn how to pulse check the business, but bookkeepers and accountants will never again intimidate you. Dawn M. Fotopulos has been a senior executive, college professor, and advisor to principals of private and publicly held companies. She is a national speaker at Intuit's Connect Conference in Silicon Valley and the award winning author of *Accounting for the Numberphobic; A Survival Guide for Small Business Owners*.

### TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL AGING IN PLACE: Wednesday, February 7th, 12:00pm

Aging in place is the practice of staying in your own home as you grow older. It's not always easy to adapt your living space to meet your changing needs. Fortunately, there are plenty of tips for successful aging in place that can help you stay safe, healthy, and happy in your own home. By staying proactive and taking steps to ensure your safety and well-being, you can enjoy a happy and healthy life in your own home well into your golden years.

### A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH: BLACK JOY: Wednesday, February 7th, 7:00pm

Joy isn't a selfish act. Joy allows us to become selfless in a way that transforms the world. Small, intentional acts of kindness and love have the power to shift generations to come. Join us in a Zoom presentation with Brenda Simmons, founder of the Southampton African American Museum and Dr. Georgette Grier-Key, Executive Director & Curator of the Eastville Community Historical Society for a discussion celebrating Black history.

### WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH: Thursday, February 15th, 12:00pm

Coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death for both women and men in the U.S. While the incidence in men has been long appreciated, the impact on women has been underestimated for many years. Dr. Edlira Tam, an advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist and the Associate Director of LVAD and Shock Programs at the Stony Brook Heart Institute, will discuss the contributing risk factors and common misconceptions about heart disease in women, as well as treatment options and suggestions for healthy lifestyle changes.

### BILLY JOEL'S NEW YORK: Wednesday, February 21st, 7:00pm

Take a virtual tour with pop culture historian Clive Young of Billy Joel's New York from Long Island to New York City. Discover the touchstones of his early, formative years; find out what eateries were the inspirations for the Parkway Diner and the Italian Restaurant; see the locations where some of his most famous album covers and music videos were shot.

### AGENTS, TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Monday, February 26th, 1:00pm

Do you have questions on the responsibilities of agents, trustees or executors when it comes to your estate plan? Join Partner Britt Burner, Esq. of Burner Prudenti Law, P.C. as she discusses these important roles in Estate Planning and the duties involved for those appointed.

### TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, February 7th & February 28th, 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, February 12th, 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.

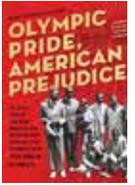
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# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

**SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** *Olympic Pride, American Prejudice: The Untold Story of 18 African Americans who Defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to Compete in the 1936 Olympics* by Deborah Draper and Travis Thrasher: Tuesday, February 13th at the Shelter Island Historical Society, 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. Set against the turbulent backdrop of a segregated United States, the book tells the stories of the sixteen black men and two black women who were torn between boycotting the Olympic Games in Nazi Germany or participating. Drawing on more than 5 years of research, the authors bring to life a timely story of perseverance and the will to overcome insurmountable odds.



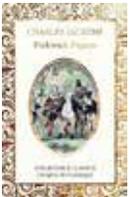
**NEW! "TRUE STORIES" NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB:** *Congratulations, The Best Is Over!* by R. Eric Thomas Saturday, February 10th, 11:00am 🏠

Led by Jocelyn Ozolins, we launch "True Stories", a nonfiction book club. In the coming months we'll explore a variety of nonfiction topics - history, memoir, essays, science and more. They say you can't go home again. Bestselling author R. Eric Thomas defies that advice and returns to his hometown Baltimore where chaos ensues. In these poignant, thoughtful (and often hilarious) essays, Thomas explores identity, reinvention and the foibles of everyday life. Please register online or call Jocelyn Ozolins to sign up.



**THE CLASSICS BOOK CLUB:** *The Pickwick Papers* by Charles Dickens: Saturday, February 17th, 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.

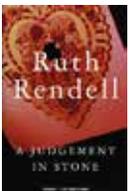


**COOKBOOK CLUB:** *Favorite Foods of American Presidents*: Wednesday, February 21st, 5:00pm 🏠

Join us as we explore the favorite foods of all the United States Presidents. Each president had a unique taste, some preferring classic cuisine while others preferred good old fashioned homestyle comfort food. We will have some printouts behind the Circulation Desk to give you some ideas. Sign up at the Circulation Desk and don't forget to bring a copy of your recipe and an empty tummy!

**THE MYSTERY BOOK CLUB:** *A Judgement in Stone* by Ruth Rendell: Monday, February 26th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Four members of the Coverdale family are murdered in the space of 15 minutes by their housekeeper, Eunice Parchman. When Detective Chief Superintendent William Vetch arrests Miss Parchman two weeks later, he discovers a second tragedy, and the key to the Valentine's Day massacre.



## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

**HAMLET:** Saturday, February 24th, 12:30pm. A tale of ghosts, madness, murder and revenge. 🗣️



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, February 5th, 12th & 26th, 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 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, 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, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th, 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, February 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd, 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!

**SCAVENGER HUNT SATURDAY:** All ages 🏠

**Saturday, February 3rd from 11:00-4:00pm**

Stop by the library and see if you can complete our in-building scavenger hunt! There will be plenty of prizes and a lot of fun hidden things to find.

**MUG PRESS:** All ages 🏠

**Friday, February 23rd, 2:00pm**

We're making mugs! We have our very own mug press and will be using it to make the perfect mug for you.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**TODDLER TIME:** Ages: 0-5 🏠

**Every Tuesday, 10:00am except February 13th and 20th**

Come to the library, enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! Our BenAnna Special Edition Toddler Time is on February 6th at 10:30am.

**SATURDAY STORY TIME:** Ages: 0-5 🏠

**Saturdays in February, 10:30am except for February 24th**

Join Sara at the library for Saturday morning Story Time.

**MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 5+ 🏠

**Saturday, February 10th, 1:00pm**

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. This movie features plenty of awesome elements and has some pretty hot and cool characters. The movie is rated PG. Please see Sara for more information.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**PERLER BEADS:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Thursday, February 1st, 3:00pm**

We're making awesome designs with Perler Beads and then using an iron to fuse the beads together. The design is yours to keep. This is a very chill program that requires more precise fingers. Come join us for some quiet creativity!

**ESCAPE ROOM:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Monday, February 5th, 3:00pm**

Join us for our next escape room! This program will take place in the Book Sale Room. See if you can complete the challenges and win the prize!

**JUNIOR WHOLESOME HOUR:** Ages: 8+ 🏠

**Mondays from 2:30-3:30pm (except February 12th & 19th)**

Come listen while Mary reads aloud for an hour 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.

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

**Tuesday, February 13th, 3:00pm**

We're starting a new graphic novel book club! We'll discuss potential books for May and discuss the books we read during January.

**WATERCOLOR PAINTING:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Friday, February 16th, 3:00pm**

We're painting with watercolors! It's a great way to explore the basics of what you can do with watercolors and how they work. Come make something cool with us!

**BUTTON MAKING:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Tuesday, February 20th, 2:00pm**

Let's make buttons! We're breaking out our super cool button machine where you can draw your own design and have your very own button made right in front of you.

**SLIME TIME:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

**Wednesday, February 21st, 2:00pm**

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 kind of slime.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**WHOLESOME HOUR:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Fridays from 4:00-5:00pm (except February 16th and 23rd)**

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.

**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Wednesday, February 7th, 5:00pm**

Join us for our next Teen Advisory Group meeting! We 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.

**OIL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Thursday, February 8th, 4:00pm**

Ever used oil paints before? Neither have we! We're going to explore as a group and try out new things to learn our way around the magic of oil painting.



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

**Thursday, February 15th, 4:00pm**

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. This particular movie is rated PG13 for frightening scenes and some video game related violence. Please see Sara for more information.

**FAUX NEON SIGNS:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Thursday, February 22nd, 2:00pm**

We're designing awesome faux neon signs using El Wire! This program has limited materials so please be sure to register in advance.

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

**Saturday, February 24th 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, eating ice cream, playing video games, and other fun activities!

**TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

**Thursday, February 29th, 4:00pm**

Do you have what it takes to defeat your friends in a Pop Culture Trivia competition? Come join us for snacks and trivia and take up the challenge.

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