

# March 2024 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS

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## WHO LOVES MARCH?

March is not everyone's favorite month. It is not quite winter, yet spring still feels far away. But I like March because we get to start making plans for summer activities! We also have daylight savings time bringing us longer days. March is a great time to plan your garden, dream about days on the beach and visit the library to pick up some books and movies for the inevitable days when the weather acts more like a lion than a lamb.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

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

Things are getting exciting as we get closer to the time the shovels will go into the ground. The architects have done their research and are making plans for interiors that will give a nod to the history of the Island. We are also figuring out where to store everything while the building is being renovated. The behind the scenes work continues with paperwork for financing, soil borings and asbestos testing. Before we know it, construction will be underway!

## BOOK SALE ROOM

In anticipation of the construction, it is time to start clearing out the book sale room. During the month of March, bring a tote bag and fill it with books, movies and puzzles. Donate what you wish. If you haven't been to the book sale room lately, you are missing a treasure trove of like-new books and other items. Take them home and enjoy!

## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK SERIES

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we have recently subscribed to the Library Speaker Consortium. The Consortium creates 2-3 online bestselling-author events per month. These are live events with interactive Q&A sessions where participants can directly ask the author questions. Books and authors cover a wide range of fiction and non-fiction genres including historical fiction, contemporary fiction, romance, poetry, business, personal growth, social justice, history, art, culture and more. There are also a number of previously broadcast author talks to view. Visit our website for more information!



## THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, March 18th at 5:00pm.**

The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.

The library will be **closed for Staff Development Day on Wednesday, March 6th.**

## ADULT CRAFTS

**HAND PAINTED MINIATURE GARDEN GNOME:** Wednesday, March 13th, 1:00pm 🏠

Spring will be here before you know it and it's the perfect time to think about decorating your outdoor space. Come design your own cute little gnome as a perfect addition to your backyard or garden!



**TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES:** Wednesdays, March 6th & March 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, March 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

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

**ABOUT THE OSCARS – A TALK WITH MOLLY HASKELL:** Friday, March 8th, 7:00pm 📺

Noted critic and author Molly Haskell discusses this year's Academy Award contenders, from could-have, to should-have, to what were they thinking? Barbenheimer, anyone?

**BROADWAY ON A BUDGET WITH BRIAN STOLL:** Friday, March 15th, 7:00pm 📺

Theater enthusiast Brian Stoll will discuss all things Broadway beginning with the history of the Broadway Playbill as well as why audience members choose to collect these theater keepsakes. Lastly, Brian will share a variety of money-saving tips on how to see Broadway shows for under \$60.00 a ticket!

**TINSELTOWN GANGSTERS: THE RISE AND DECLINE OF THE MOB IN HOLLYWOOD BY JEFFREY SUSSMAN**

Friday, March 22nd, 7:00pm 🏠

Jeffrey Sussman is the author of 17 non-fiction books. His latest book, *Tinseltown Gangsters: The Rise and Decline of the Mob in Hollywood*, is a gripping story about how the mob controlled movie studios, stars, directors, and producers. His research and revelations are sure to fascinate readers.

**HOW TO BE A BIRDER...ANYWHERE!:** Monday, March 11th, 7:00pm 📺

Learn about the hobby of bird watching, not only in your backyard but anywhere else you may go. Dianne Taggart, long time birder, will present a program on how to bird in the field, how to enjoy the birds in your own backyard and (with photos) what birds you may see.

**THE ROOSEVELT WOMEN: EXCEPTIONAL LADIES OF NEW YORK STATE:** Wednesday, March 20th, 7:00pm 📺

They were the mothers, wives, and daughters of presidents, politicians and statesmen - policy and political influencers, authors, campaigners and travelers, too. Join author and historian JoAnn Tufo for a conversation about and an exploration of the lives of these remarkable Americans.

**WEIGHT LOSS: ARE MEDICATIONS THE SOLUTION?** Thursday, March 21st, 12:00pm 📺

Dr. Amy Rosenbluth, a board-certified surgeon affiliated with the Bariatric and Metabolic Weight Loss Center at Stony Brook Medicine, will discuss medications that can help with weight loss, as well as the risks and benefits. She will also talk about options for weight loss offered at the Stony Brook Weight Loss Center, including nutritional counseling, pharmacotherapy, and surgery for those needing to lose significant amounts of weight.

**THE SUN WILL DARKEN:** Thursday, March 21st, 7:00pm 📺

It is most likely that the oldest recorded solar eclipse (based on Chinese Chronicles) was 22 October, 2137 BC. The newest solar eclipse will be Monday, April 8th. Eight-time Emmy-nominated meteorologist Joe Rao will shine a light on the science of eclipses, and what to watch for in April.

**ZION NATIONAL PARK: CHAT WITH A RANGER:** Monday, March 25th, 7:00pm 📺

Chat with a Ranger is an introduction to one of our national treasures. Zion National Park preserves an area of southwest Utah with massive pink and orange sandstone cliffs sculpted by ancient oceans, rivers and weather, narrow slot canyons, and a unique array of plants, birds, reptiles and animals that live across four life zones.

## NEW!!! VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK SERIES

Each month we will be providing a series of virtual Author Talks. Books and authors selected will cover a wide range of fiction and non-fiction genres. Visit the Shelter Island Public Library website to register for these exciting presentations.

**NINA TOTENBERG – DINNERS WITH RUTH:** Wednesday, March 6th, 4:00pm 📺

You are invited to an intimate conversation with Nina Totenberg as she talks about her nearly fifty-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her book *Dinners With Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships*.

**CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI – MURTAGH:** Thursday, March 14th, 4:00pm 📺

Join us as we chat with master storyteller and internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with *Murtagh*, a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy.

**MADELINE MILLER – THE SONG OF ACHILLES AND CIRCE:** Thursday, March 21st, 7:00pm 📺

You're invited to a fascinating exploratory conversation with Madeline Miller, bestselling author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*, as she chats with us about her body of work and her process of retelling Greek classics into fresh, modern epics in fiction.



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

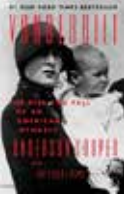
## BOOK CLUBS

**NEW! SILENT BOOK CLUB:** Sunday, March 3rd, 5:00pm at the Rams Head Inn 🏠

Silent Book Club is a global community of readers who gather in public at bars, cafes, bookstores, libraries, and online to read together in quiet camaraderie. At Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading. All readers are welcome—ebooks, audiobooks (with headphones), textbooks, comic books... It's BYOBook. Join us for our first Silent Book Club at the Rams Head Inn, take a seat by the fire and grab a drink or a snack, if you choose to do so. Get comfortable with the book of your choice and settle in for an hour of silent reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not!

**SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** *Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty* by Anderson Cooper and Katharine Howe: Tuesday, March 12th 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. New York Times bestselling author and journalist Anderson Cooper teams up with New York Times bestselling historian and novelist Katherine Howe to chronicle the rise and fall of a legendary American dynasty—his mother's family, the Vanderbilts. Written with a unique insider's viewpoint, this is a quintessentially American history as remarkable as the family it so vividly captures.



**COOKBOOK CLUB:** *Queens of Cuisine*: Wednesday, March 13th, 5:00pm 🏠

In honor of Women's History Month we will celebrate iconic female chefs and cooks! Share a go-to recipe or try something new from your favorite Queen of Cuisine! 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:** *Those Who Wish Me Dead* by Michael Koryta  
Monday, March 25th, 5:30pm 📺

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. A teenager, Jace, witnesses a brutal murder and is plunged into a new life. The plan is to get Jace off the grid, but with two killers chasing after him, the result is a series of troubling events.



**THE CHARLES DICKENS BOOK CLUB:** *Nicholas Nickleby* by Charles Dickens  
Saturday, March 30th, 2:00pm 📺

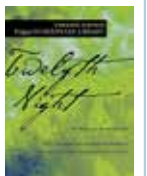
The Charles Dickens Book Club, led by Terry Lucas, takes you on an adventure through the novels written by Charles Dickens. *Nicholas Nickleby* follows the life of a young man as he faces adversity and struggles to seek his fortune while encountering a colorful array of characters on his journey.



## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

**THE TWELFTH NIGHT:** Saturday, March 30th, 12:30pm 📺

*Twelfth Night* follows the tangled love lives of Duke Orsino, the grieving Olivia, and Viola, who disguises herself as a man named Cesario. Mistaken identities, misplaced affections, and humorous mishaps ensue.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, March 4th, 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, March 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.

**INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION:** Thursdays, March 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, March 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.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**MARCH MADNESS (LITERARY EDITION):** All ages  
Starts March 1st and ends March 30th 🏠

Vote on who you think will win in our literary March Madness showdown! We'll have voting slips on the desk, and each week we'll post the results of the previous week's winner and see who will become the supreme champion.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**TODDLER TIME:** Ages: 0-4  
Every Tuesday, 10:00am 🏠

Come to the library and enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! Our BenAnna Special Edition Toddler Time is on March 5th at 10:30am.

**SATURDAY STORY TIME:** Ages: 0-5  
Saturdays, 10:30am except for March 23rd 🏠

Join Sara at the library for Saturday morning Story Time! We'll be reading different books (both new and old favorites) every week.

**MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 5+  
Saturday, March 9th, 1:00pm 🏠

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. This movie stars a pretty electric Pokémon in full detective mode. The movie is rated PG. Please see Sara for more information.

**POM POM PAINTING:** Ages: 5+  
Friday, March 29th, 2:00pm 🏠

Come make an amazing tree using a pompom and paint! This is a really easy craft that's perfect for little hands.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**CRAFTERNOON:** Ages: 6+  
Monday, March 4th & March 18th, 2:30pm 🏠

We're making crafts! During these days we'll have a different drop-in craft as a perfect way to get rid of some post-school energy.

**ESCAPE ROOM:** Ages: 8+  
Monday, March 11th & March 25th, 2:30pm 🏠

Come 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!

**BLINDFOLD TASTE TEST:** Ages: 6+  
Tuesday, March 12th, 2:30pm 🏠

See if you can guess the delectable treats offered—all while being blindfolded. This snackful event is bound to keep you surprised and entertained. Can you guess correctly?

**BAD ART NIGHT:** Ages: 6+  
Thursday, March 14th, 3:00pm 🏠

Get ready to be bad at art. The goal? Create the worst art piece you can possibly think of. The prize? The ultimate bad art trophy (and snacks).



**SHEEP CRAFT:** Ages: 6+  
Friday, March 15th, 2:00pm 🏠

These sheep are baaawesome and totally cute and fuzzy. They're fun and easy to make, come join us!

**JUNIOR GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB:** Ages: 8-10  
Tuesday, March 19th, 3:00pm 🏠

Join our Graphic Novel Book Club! We'll discuss potential books for May and discuss the books we read during February.

**CLAY DAY:** Ages: 6+  
Wednesday, March 27th, 3:00pm 🏠

We're breaking out the Model Magic and are ready to create! This clay does air dry over time and is a fan favorite.

**FACE PAINTING:** Ages: 6+  
Thursday, March 28th, 3:00pm 🏠

Let's paint! We're going to use face paint to create fun and wacky designs for ourselves and our friends. We'll give awesome tips and tricks to make fun designs.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**WHOLESDOME HOUR:** Grades: 6th+  
Fridays from 4:00-5:00pm (except March 15th and 29th) 🏠

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.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: THE BEGINNING:** Grades: 6th+  
Saturday, March 2nd, 16th & 30th from 1:00-3:00pm 🏠

Interested in playing Dungeons & Dragons but don't know where to begin? Come join us as we create characters and jump into a world of adventure and intrigue.

**DIY EARRINGS:** Ages: 10+  
Thursday, March 7th, 3:00pm 🏠

Ever wanted to make your own pair of earrings? Maybe you know someone who loves new earrings? Come join us!



**MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 10+ (this movie is rated PG13)  
Thursday, March 21st, 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 violence. This movie features a certain Game involving a cornucopia, and a fight to be the last victor standing.

**LIBRARY LOCK-IN:** Ages: 10+ (Permission Slips Required)  
Saturday, March 23rd 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!

**TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB:** Grades: 6th+  
Wednesday, March 27th, 5:00pm 🏠

Welcome to the graphic novel book club tween edition! We'll be selecting our books for April & May and discussing what we've been reading in the meantime.

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