

April 2024 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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REMEMBERING JOCELYN

For nearly 10 years, you could find Jocelyn Ozolins at the Reference Desk here at the library. Her recent death left the library staff, trustees and patrons heartbroken. She was a beloved member of our library family. We remember her kindness, her great sense of humor, her determination to solve any problem, her excellent research skills and her stunning intelligence. One of our staff members affectionately named her "Jocelopedia" for her wide ranging knowledge. Jocelyn started one of the first "seed libraries" in our area and shepherded local poets through many readings. She managed the Great Decisions program and started

our Mystery Book Club. And while we will miss her good work, we will mostly miss her smile and the special relationship she formed with each one of us.

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION?

When we first started this project we had hoped to have the construction take place in a phased manner so we could stay in the front part of the library while construction took place in the back. After conferring with the architects and the construction manager we learned that we could cut the construction time substantially and save money by vacating the building at the beginning of the project. So we are planning to move into a "trailer library" early in July. The trailers will be located at the end of the parking lot and will have space for some books, a place for the children and a small meeting room. We will do our best to make our temporary library feel like home!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Join Friends of Shelter Island Public Library Society to support the Fund for the Future at a sunset celebration in the stunning waterfront setting of The Artemas Ward Garden. Take a page out of Gatsby as you stroll among friends for cocktails, raw bar and food stations and enjoy music by Erich Carey and the Constituency. Saturday, June 22nd, 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Tickets are available at the library or by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/44xc9can>



THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, April 15th at 5:00pm.**

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

For Zoom information, contact the library.



ADULT CRAFTS

CRAFTING WITH HOLLY - SEA SALT SCRUBS: Wednesday, April 17th, 1:00pm 🏠

Treat your skin to the splendor of spring. Come and make your own sea salt scrubs with essential oils that include our favorite spring aromas. Perfect to bring in a new season for skin and spirit.



TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, April 3rd & 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, April 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.

BOOK SALE ROOM

We are no longer accepting book donations for the Book Sale Room and our Free Book Cart.

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

SOUNDTRACK: LINER NOTES FROM A PANDEMIC MIXTAPE BY ALISON CUPP RELYEA: Friday, April 5th, 7:00pm 

Local author Alison Cupp Relyea will join us to discuss her new book, *Soundtrack: Liner Notes from a Pandemic Mixtape*. In twenty essays Relyea evokes the power of music to inspire, heal, and move us even in our most difficult times.

3RD ANNUAL BLISS MOREHEAD POETRY GRANT - HOPE AND GRACE: Friday, April 26th, 7:00pm 

The late Bliss Morehead was a poet and a great advocate for poetry. For many years she curated and directed an annual poetry reading. This year, in her memory, we will be reading poetry on the theme of "Hope and Grace". We will also recognize the winner of the 3rd Annual Bliss Morehead Memorial Grant which is an award that will be granted to an unpublished poet from the East End of Long Island.

QUICKEN CLASSIC BUSINESS AND PERSONAL & QUICKBOOKS WITH DEBBIE DITTMER

Wednesday, April 10th, 6:00 - 8:00pm 

We will look at Quicken Classic Business and Personal, a desktop program which manages personal finances including checking, savings, stocks, other investment accounts, some small business transactions and real estate rentals. We will also take a look at QuickBooks, a small business accounting software. During this portion of the presentation, we will be using a free demo database available to all participants.

ESTATE PLANNING BASICS: Monday, April 15th, 1:00pm 

Join Britt Burner, Esq., Partner of Burner Prudenti Law, P.C., as she discusses the importance of having basic Estate Planning documents in place, including advance directives. We will also touch upon new changes in 2024 that could affect your estate planning.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG: IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD: Tuesday, April 16th, 7:00pm 

Louis Armstrong is considered one of the most influential figures in jazz. Celebrate Armstrong - and National Jazz Appreciation month - by joining Ricky Riccardi, Director of Collections for the Louis Armstrong Museum to learn more about this extraordinary man. An East End Libraries Event hosted by the Westhampton Free Library.

THE LONELINESS EPIDEMIC AND MENTAL HEALTH - SPONSORED BY STONY BROOK

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL: Thursday, April 18th, 12:00pm 

Social disconnection is more common than we realize and is associated with greater risks of cardiovascular disease, dementia, depression, anxiety and a host of other diseases. Dr. Amanda Mackillop, DNP, PMHNP-BC at SBSH, will discuss how loneliness impacts us. She will talk about the steps we can take both within our personal lives, and within our community, to achieve emotional well-being.

WHAT IS COMPOST AND COMPOST TEA?: Wednesday, April 24th, 7:00pm 

Composting can benefit your soil by adding many important nutrients, it helps the soil hold water more efficiently and increases the production of fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers in the garden. How and when to use compost and compost tea will be discussed.

INSIDE THE CIA - NO CLOAK, NO DAGGER BY LES PALDY: Saturday, April 27th, 1:00pm 

It's not like the movies. The CIA has been shrouded in secrecy and controversy since its inception, with a mission to provide accurate and timely intelligence to the president and other policymakers to help them make informed decisions. Stony Brook University Professor Les Paldy, author of the new book *No Cloak, No Dagger: A Professor's Secret Life Inside the CIA*, will speak about what it is like to be a CIA operations officer.

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.



PAULA J. JOHNSON - THE FOODS, PEOPLE, AND INNOVATIONS THAT FEED US: Tuesday, April 2nd, 2:00pm 

Virtually step into the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History with Curator Paula Johnson as she discusses the book *Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us*.

COLUM MCCANN & DIANE FOLEY - AMERICAN MOTHER: Tuesday, April 9th, 2:00pm 

Join us for a one-of-a-kind conversation with National Book Award-winner Colum McCann as he is joined by Diane Foley, the inspiration behind the heartrending book *American Mother*.

XOCHITL GONZALEZ - ANITA DE MONTE LAUGHS LAST: Wednesday, April 17th, 8:00pm 

We cannot wait for you to join us as we chat with award-winning and bestselling author Xochitl Gonzalez about her newest novel *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*.

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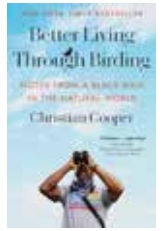
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB: *Better Living Through Birding* by Christian Cooper

Tuesday, April 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. Once again, Shelter Island Public Library joins other libraries in Nassau and Suffolk in reading this year's selection for the Long Island Reads program: *One Island, One Book*. Equal parts memoir, travelogue, and primer on the art of birding, the author shows how a life spent looking up at the birds prepared him, in the most uncanny of ways, to be a gay, Black man in America today. *Better Living Through Birding* exults in the pleasures of a life lived in pursuit of the natural world and invites you to discover them yourself.



NEW! SILENT BOOK CLUB: Thursday, April 11th, 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 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!

COOKBOOK CLUB: *Retro Revival: Dining Through The Decades*: Wednesday, April 17th, 5:00pm 🏠

Step back in time and savor the flavors of yesteryears by diving into a different era, exploring and cooking recipes from various decades. Discover forgotten favorites and timeless classics. Sign up at the Circulation Desk and join us on a nostalgic cooking adventure! As always, bring a copy of your recipe and an empty tummy!

THE MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware: Monday, April 29th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers.

When Leonora is invited to the English countryside for a weekend away, she reluctantly agrees to make the trip. A weekend in a remote cottage - a perfect opportunity for Nora to reconnect with her best friend and put the past behind her. As the first night falls, secrets and lies unravel and a haunting realization creeps in: they are not alone in the woods.



SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD BY TOM STOPPARD

Saturday, April 27th, 12:30pm 🗣️

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern find themselves caught in a world they don't fully understand, questioning their purpose and struggling to make sense of the events unfolding around them, ultimately leading to their tragic demise.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MAH JONGG: Mondays, April 1st, 8th, 15th, 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, April 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, April 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) facilitates. This program will be offered as a hybrid program, both in person and on Zoom.

BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY: Fridays, April 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 10:00am 🏠

Please join us for a philosophy 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

READ FOR PIZZA!: All ages 🏠

This month we are taking on a new reading challenge! We will have logging sheets available on the desk to track your reading progress. If we can collectively read **100 books** then we will earn a pizza party! If we read **200 books** we will get cupcakes too. The pizza party will be held on **Tuesday, April 30th at 2:30pm**.

MUG PRESS: All ages

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2:00pm 🏠

We're making mugs! Any digital pictures can be printed and put on a mug. Send your pictures to Sara. Mugs typically take 20 minutes to cool down enough to be able to take home.

SCAVENGER HUNT WITH MASHOMACK!: All ages

Starting April 1st 🏠

All month long there will be a scavenger hunt happening at the library and at Mashomack! Find all of the items on our list and earn prizes at both locations. Please see Sara for more information.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

TODDLER TIME: Ages: 0-4

Every Tuesday, except April 23rd, 10:00am 🏠

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

PAINTED FLOWERPOTS: Ages: 4+

Saturday, April 6th, 11:00am 🏠

We're painting flowerpots just in time for spring! These decorative pots are going to be perfect for early planting. We'll have seeds from our Seed Library to get you started on your gardening journey.

SATURDAY STORY TIME: Ages: 0-5

Saturdays at 10:30am except April 20th 🏠

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+

Wednesday, April 24th, 1:00pm 🏠

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. This movie features animated ducks on an adventure. Please see Sara for more information.

BUBBLE PAINTING: Ages: 5+

Thursday, April 25th, 2:00pm 🏠

We're painting with straws, paint, and soap. This creative way of creating art is bound to be fun and messy. Come join us!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CRAFTERNOON: Ages: 6+

Mondays at 2:30pm except Monday, April 22nd 🏠

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

SLIME TIME: Ages: 6+

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2:30pm 🏠

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.

PERLER BEADS: Ages: 6+

Thursday, April 4th, 2:30 🏠

Join us to make awesome designs with Perler Beads and then using an iron to fuse the beads together. This is a very chill program that can require more precise fingers. Come join us for some quiet creativity!

PIPE CLEANER BONSAIS: Ages: 6+

Tuesday, April 9th, 2:30pm 🏠

We're creating delightful little bonsais out of pipe cleaners! They're adorable but require a little bit of twisting and fine motor skills.

BRACELET MAKING: Ages: 6+

Thursday, April 11th, 2:30pm 🏠

Let's make bracelets! These bracelets can be for you or for someone special and can match any creative look you want.

JUNIOR GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: Ages: 8-10

Tuesday, April 16th, 3:00pm 🏠

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

SCAVENGER HUNT: Ages: 6+

Wednesday, April 17th at 2:30pm 🏠

Can you answer all of our questions and complete the scavenger hunt? Winners will get a prize from our treasure box!

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, April 3rd, 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.

WHOLESUME HOUR: Grades: 6th+

Fridays from 4:00-5:00pm (except April 12th and 26th) 🏠

Need an hour to decompress? Come listen while Sara reads 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.

TINY PANCAKES: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, April 10th, 3:00pm 🏠

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

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: THE BEGINNING: Grades: 6th+

Saturday, April 13th and 27th 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.

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: Grades: 6th+

Wednesday, April 17th, 5:00pm 🏠

Welcome to the graphic novel book club tween edition! We'll be discussing our book from March and planning our books for May and June.

MOVIE DAY: Ages: 10+

Thursday, April 18th, 4:00pm 🏠

It's movie day! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. This movie is rated PG and features two very cool spy siblings.

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

Saturday, April 20th 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!

FAUX NEON SIGNS: Ages: 10+

Friday, April 26th, 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.