



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This Fall, the Shelter Island Public Library's Board of Trustees approved changes to the Library's by-laws, opening the Board of Trustees to election by members of the Shelter Island Public Library Society. The objective of this important change, which also increases the size of the Board from 11 to 13 trustees, is to give Library patrons a voice in the Library's governance. Four Trustees will be elected at the Library's annual meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Because of the ongoing lower level renovation project, this annual meeting will take place at St. Mary's Church on St. Mary's Road at 4:00pm.

The Library operates with a small staff and on a tight budget; likewise, Trustees serve on a *working board*, which requires skills and/or experience compatible to fulfilling the Library's mission and its governance. A full list of current Trustees (with bios) is available on the library's

website. Those interested in serving on the Library's Board of Trustees are also encouraged to visit the Library's website for details including:

- *What are the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees?*
- *Who is eligible to serve as a Trustee?*
- *What are the terms of office?*
- *How will Trustees be elected under this new system?*
- *What are the qualifications for a Board seat?*
- *What is the time commitment of a Library Trustee?*
- *How do I submit a name for nomination?*
- *How is the slate determined?*

Related questions can be addressed to Paul Mobius, Chair of the Nominating Committee, (pmobius@aol.com, 749-0809) or Jo-Ann Robotti, Board President (jrobotti@hamptons.com, 749-1340.)

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Shelter Island Public Library receives a 4-Star Rating from Library Journal

The Shelter Island Public Library has received the distinguished honor of a 4-STAR rating by Library Journal. This year, the Library Journal Index rated 7,513 public libraries nationwide, measuring per capita usage in four areas: program attendance, circulation, public Internet terminal uses and overall visits. Our library proudly excelled in each of these areas! Congratulations!!



TAKE THE PLUNGE INTO THE PECONIC BAY FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL SHELTER ISLAND TURKEY PLUNGE!

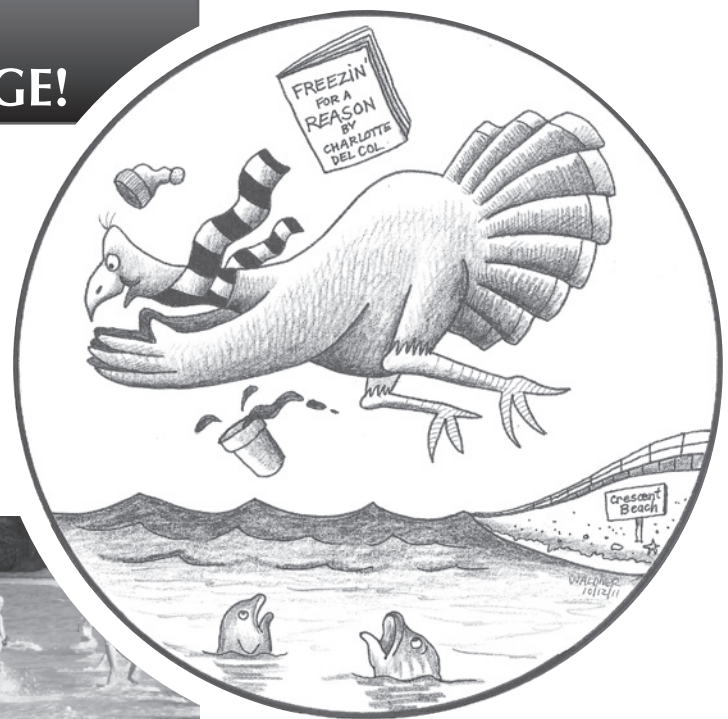
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 @ CRESCENT BEACH
(ACROSS FROM SUNSET BEACH HOTEL)

10:30 AM
CHECK-IN AND
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11:00 AM
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AWARDS - REFRESHMENTS - FUN

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shelter Island Public Library
Proceeds benefit the library's 125th Anniversary Fund to Renovate the Library's Lower Level



CHILDRENS & TEENS PROGRAMS

KIDS KORNER

STORY AND A CRAFT

Saturdays @ 10:30am

Start your weekend off with some fun stories and a simple craft.

POP OPEN A GOOD BOOK

Winter Reading Club

Track your winter reading at the library and see our popcorn bag grow as you collect stickers and prizes. Stop by the library in January for more details.



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TEEN ISLE – GRADES 6 – 12

ADVANCED BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

**Friday, March 16th, 2012
6pm @ Sachem Public Library**

Grades 9-12

Trivia questions will be taken from each title and battled at the March competition. Practices will be a couple of times a month starting in November. Books will be provided to all competitors.



THIS YEAR'S TITLES ARE:

Fat Cat by Robin Brande

The Sky is Everywhere by Jandy Nelson

Marcelo and the Real World by Francisco Stork

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“ I like the Library because it's a cool spot just to hang.
– Drew, grade 10 ”

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FOOD FOR FINES

For the month of December, the Library will again be running the "Food for Fines" campaign. For each non-perishable food item donated, \$1 in overdue fines will be removed from your account. The food will be donated to a local food pantry, and is a wonderful way to help our neighbors in need.



DAY BY DAY

CLUBS @ THE LIBRARY

MANY OF THE CLUBS THAT REGULARLY MEET AT THE LIBRARY WILL BE TAKING A HIATUS WHILE THE LOWER LEVEL IS BEING RENOVATED. THE FOLLOWING CLUBS WILL CONTINUE TO MEET IN THE MAIN LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY:

Mah Jongg will now meet on Tuesdays, from 4 – 7 pm

Knitting will continue to meet on Thursdays at 5:30 pm

IN THE DISPLAY CASE:

December: The winter wonderland of trains is back for its fourth season for the young and old to enjoy thanks to Andrew Payne.

January: Stop by to view some Shelter Island scenes and history in picture postcards from Elena DeStefano.

February: Amazon Indian Clay Figurines will be on display from the collection of Kirsten Lewis.

Please stop by the Library to suggest a theme or let us know if you have a collection to share for our display.

HISTORICAL DISCOVERY!



While getting ready for our lower level renovation, we discovered boxes of the book, *Historical Papers on Shelter Island and its Presbyterian Church with Genealogical Tables*, originally copyrighted in 1899 and reprinted. Copies are available for sale at the Library for \$10 each.

CORPORATE REFERENCE LIBRARY

Need to know if a company has gone out of business or merely changed its name? Need to understand how environmental liabilities may affect corporate risk and a company's financial health? For a limited time, you can now visit the library's website to access the ERIS Corporate Reference Database, a resource for a diverse array of research applications including corporate name changes, corporate acquisitions, corporate acronyms, corporate ownership and corporate equity.



ISLAND VOTERS APPROVE THE LIBRARY'S 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

On Saturday, October 29, Islander's came out to support the library's 2012 operating budget with 122 yes votes to 62 no votes. The approved \$481,441 levy will fund the bulk of the library's operating expenses for the coming year.

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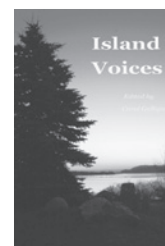
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GIVE THE GIFT OF ISLAND VOICES:

Copies of - *Island Voices: Shelter Island 1655-2010* are still available at the Library. Great idea for the holidays and stocking stuffers!

Shelter Island Public Library Leadership Circle 2010 & 2011

You can join the Leadership Circle with a donation of \$500 or more, new members are being added daily. Please check our website, www.shelterislandpubliclibrary.org, for the most up to date list and for donor information.

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Mon/Wed 10am - 5pm

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Sat 10am - 4pm

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Saturday - December 24, 2011 Christmas Eve

Saturday - December 31, 2011 New Year's Eve
(Closing early at 1:00 pm)

Monday - January 16, 2012

Martin Luther King Day

Monday - February 20, 2012 President's Day

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