




## OCTOBER

If there is anything I have learned during this unprecedented time, it is that flexibility is the key to living through a pandemic. So as we welcome autumn and the cooler weather, changing leaves and pumpkins everywhere, we continue to plan online programs for all ages and curbside "take and makes" for our younger patrons. At the same time, we are compiling ideas for the day when we can throw open the doors and welcome people back into the library for extended periods and in-person programs. As always, your health and safety and that of the library team are paramount. Whether virtually or in person, we are glad to see so many of you visiting the library!

*Terry Lucas, Library Director*

## ANCESTRY.COM

 The library subscribes to Ancestry.com so our patrons may use this excellent resource for their genealogy research. Usually, Ancestry.com may only be used in the library building. Since March of this year, we have been able to offer access from home. We were recently informed that Ancestry will continue to be available from home through the end of December. To access Ancestry, please login from the library's webpage and input your library card and password.

## AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that you can benefit the Shelter Island Public Library when you shop on Amazon? AmazonSmile is a simple and free way to turn your online purchases into a way to help others. When you shop at smile.amazon.com or activate AmazonSmile on your shopping app, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and convenient shopping experience - but Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to the eligible organization you choose to support.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile you'll need to select a charitable organization before you begin shopping. Simply type in **Shelter Island Public Library** to choose us as your donation recipient. Amazon will remember your selection and every future eligible purchase made will result in a donation. It's really that easy. Help support our programs, materials and services through your everyday Amazon purchases!

## HOMEWORK HELP

Schools are open, homework is here, and the library is here to help! We've got Brainfuse on our side: a totally free (with your library card) live, online tutoring system that's available every day from 10:00am - 11:00pm. You can find it under our online services tab through our website. Perfect for homework, paper writing, test prep, and a lot more!

## BOOK SALE ROOM

While the Book Sale room remains closed, we will begin accepting gently used book donations beginning **October 1st**. Please leave all donations in the book bins by the Book Sale Room entrance. We are asking that you leave no more than one box of book donations per month.



## THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, October 19th at 7:00pm.**

The meeting will take place via Zoom. Notice of how to join to listen to the meeting will be posted on the front door of the library, the library website and listed in the Shelter Island Reporter and the Shelter Island Gazette.



# 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. All adult programs in October will take place online. Please register for all programs at least 30 minutes before the program to receive the link to attend. Please send any programming questions to [jozolins@silibrary.org](mailto:jozolins@silibrary.org)

## FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

### DEBORAH BURNS: *SATURDAY'S CHILD: A DAUGHTER'S MEMOIR*

Friday, October 16th, 7:00pm

An only child, Deborah Burns grew up in 1950s America in the shadow of her beautiful, rule-breaking mother, Dorothy - a red-haired beauty who skirted norms with style and flair. Dorothy eschewed motherhood and domesticity, turning Deborah over to her spinster aunts to raise. Deborah revered her charismatic mother, but Dorothy was a woman full of secrets with a troubled past. *Saturday's Child* tells the story of Deborah's eccentric upbringing and her quest, in midlife, to uncover the truth about her mother. Ms. Burns will also lead a workshop for women ages 50+ (see October 10th listing).

### SUSAN SCHROTT: *CREATING LOVE FROM DESPAIR - THE TREE OF LIFE FOR PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE*

Friday, October 23rd, 7:00pm

In response to the anguish and shock she felt after the Pittsburgh Synagogue shooting in 2018, Textile Artist and Psychotherapist Susan Schrott decided there was something she could do. With the help of many members of the Shelter Island community, including students, she created a Tree of Life quilt filled with messages of love and compassion for the congregants, families and members of the Tree of Life Synagogue. Ms. Schrott will share her experience of this project which brought out the best in the Shelter Island Community, and which she calls, "the most meaningful piece of art I have ever created."



Photo courtesy of Eleanor P. Labrozzi

### TRIVIA HAPPY HOUR WITH BOB DESTEFANO: Saturday, October 3rd, 5:00pm

Quizmaster Extraordinaire Bob DeStefano returns with Trivia Happy Hour. Join us on Zoom to test your knowledge against that of your fellow Islanders. Winners get bragging rights! All are welcome.

### ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB: Tuesdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 4:00 to 5:30pm

The Art/Rich Poetry roundtable meets every Tuesday to discuss poetry in depth. We read poets of all styles and points of view from classical times to the present, and welcome readers of poetry who enjoy meeting with fellow lovers of poetry for lively discussion. No onerous rules: bring a poem and your enthusiasm.

### TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and November 4th and 18th, 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese health practice that provides a wide range of mind/body benefits. The easy-to-follow fluid movements will improve balance, flexibility, concentration and create a peaceful mind. Often referred to as a moving meditation, this practice will increase vitality and strengthen immune function. If you find yourself in a world that is presenting more and more stress and distractions, give yourself an opportunity to be still and learn these skills of well-being. The teacher is Denise Gillies, a certified instructor who has been practicing and teaching on the East End for the past ten years. Her teaching style is relaxed, enthusiastic and intended for students to leave feeling energized and joyful.

### SKIRTING THE RULES: REINVENTION FOR WOMEN 50+: Saturday, October 10th, 11:00am

"No one ever transformed without skirting the rules" according to Deborah Burns who will lead this workshop in self-discovery and transformation to unleash your potential. Attendees will take an assessment before the event and bring their results with them. You will gain tangible tools to understand yourselves more deeply and take action as you enter the third act of your lives. Join us for an immersive game, collective discussion and more. For more information, go to [skirtingtherules.com](http://skirtingtherules.com). Deborah Burns will also be speaking at the library on Friday, October 16th (see listing above).

### SCANDAL ON PLUM ISLAND WITH AUTHOR MIRIAM LINDBERG: Monday, October 19th, 5:30pm



Author Miriam Lindberg will speak about Plum Island and a historically significant trial held there in secret in 1914 as chronicled in her book, *Scandal on Plum Island: A Commander Becomes the Accused*. "A fascinating and unique tale that reads like a legal thriller," says author Nelson DeMille. Lindberg, a leader of the Preserve Plum Island Coalition, will also talk about the effort to open Plum Island to public visitation after the federal government closes its current operations there.

### PUBLISHED...NOW WHAT? WITH AUTHOR MARCIA ROSEN: Wednesday, October 28th, 2:00pm

Marcia Rosen knows how to get your writing recognized. She has published several books including two mystery series, how-tos and a memoir workbook. In this workshop, Ms. Rosen will share her expertise to help you promote your book the way you want to. She'll focus on many types of marketing and public relations including 'pitch' letters, book launches, press releases and much more. Get your work out there!

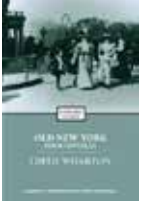
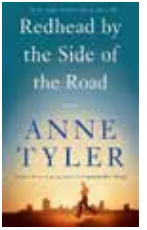
# FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

***Redhead by the Side of the Road* by Anne Tyler: Tuesday, October 6th, 5:00pm**

Micah Mortimer is cautious to a fault, content leading a steady, circumscribed life. But one day his routines are blown apart when his woman friend tells him she's facing eviction, and a teenager shows up claiming to be his son. These surprises, and the ways they throw Micah's meticulously organized life off-kilter, risk changing him forever. A funny, compassionate story about seeing the world through new eyes, *Redhead by the Side of the Road* is filled with Anne Tyler's signature wit and gimlet-eyed observation.



### EDITH WHARTON BOOK CLUB

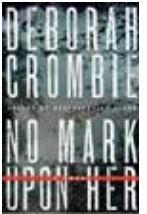
***Old New York*, Saturday, October 24th, 2:00pm**

First published in 1924, the four short novels in this collection are set in the New York of the 1840s, '50s, '60s, and '70s, each one revealing the tribal codes and customs that ruled society, portrayed with Edith Wharton's signature keen style. Included in this quartet are *False Dawn*, *The Old Maid*, *The Spark*, and *New Year's Day*.

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

***No Mark Upon Her* by Deborah Crombie: Monday, October 26th, 5:00pm**

When a K9 search and rescue team finds a body tangled up with debris in the Thames, Scotland Yard Superintendent Duncan Kincaid finds himself heading an investigation that could end his career. The victim, Rebecca Meredith, was an Olympic rowing hopeful determined to make a comeback. She was also a detective with the Met - a situation that raises a host of political and ethical issues that complicate the case.



**INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 2:00pm**

Would you like to improve your French conversation skills? In this program, you will listen to a podcast ([innerfrench.com](http://innerfrench.com)) at home before the meeting. We'll have a group discussion on the weekly topic. Subjects covered will be wide-ranging with a new topic each week. Alix Shearer (native French speaker and Shelter Islander) will facilitate. There is no fee for this program but registration is required and space is limited.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL): Thursdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 7:00pm**

Learn English virtually using Zoom with former English as a Second Language and Spanish teacher, Teri Piccozzi. Everyone is welcome and the class is free.

Aprende ingles virtualmente usando Zoom con la ex profesora de Ingles Como un Idioma Secunda y de Espanol. Teri Piccozzi. Todos son bienvenidos y la clase es gratis. Para registrarse en este programa visite [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org).

**ADULT CRAFT - BOOK PAGE FALL BANNERS: Saturday, October 17th**

Create a fall banner using book pages, crepe leaves, twine and some antique clothespins. Perfect for decorating your mantelpiece this fall. To reserve your free kit, and to set up an appointment to pick it up, please email [tlucas@silibrary.org](mailto:tlucas@silibrary.org). Please note, quantities are limited.



**SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE: LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST**

**Saturday, October 31st, 12:30pm**

Filled with sophisticated puns, wordplay and literary allusions, *Love's Labour's Lost*, is one of Shakespeare's early comedies. Ferdinand, King of Navarre, and his three noble companions take an oath not to give in to the company of women and to devote themselves to three years of study and fasting. The Princess of France and her ladies arrive, wishing to speak to the King, but must camp outside the court. In visiting the Princess and her ladies at their camp, the King falls in love with the Princess, as do the lords with the ladies.



## GREAT DECISIONS

**TOPIC 8: AI AND DATA: Thursday, October 15th, 6:00pm**

Policymakers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global growth is slowing, and not surprisingly, many policymakers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The EU, Brazil, and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the U.S. follow suit? To view the video on YouTube prior to the meeting, visit [bit.ly/8ALandData](https://bit.ly/8ALandData)

You may register for all programs at [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org).

# FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – PROGRAM PACKAGES

Please register for all programs on our website [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org). Take & Make quantities are limited.

## 2020 GREAT GIVE BACK: DIY DOG TOYS & PEANUT BUTTER DROP OFF

Starting: October 1st. Final Drop-Off Date: October 17th



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Join us for this year's Great Give Back! Check our Facebook or Instagram page or swing by the library for instructions on how to take your old t-shirts and turn them into dog toys. If you don't have any old t-shirts call Sara at the library and she will get you supplies. When you have completed your toys drop them off at the bin at the library and we'll bring them to an animal shelter in need! Get ready to make some puppies and dogs very happy and find a good way to recycle those old t-shirts. If making toys isn't your thing, feel free to drop off some peanut butter (Xylitol free & unopened please) for us to bring to the local shelters as well.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### POPSICLE STICK SCARECROWS (TAKE & MAKE)

Saturday, October 10th

Create your very own popsicle stick scarecrow! Complete with everything you and your little one need to design your very own mini scarecrow.



### PAPER PLATE WITCH (TAKE & MAKE)

Saturday, October 17th

Create and decorate your very own witch with this spooky take & make. Perfect for Halloween! Also remember to check out some of our Halloween Picture Books, perfect for the season.

## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

### MY PET GHOST (TAKE & MAKE)

Friday, October 9th

Get ready to create your very own pet ghost with this spooky take & make. Complete with instructions on how to make your ghost and even a small jar to house your new pet. It's a fun creative craft.

### DECORATE YOUR OWN HALLOWEEN TOTE (TAKE & MAKE)

Friday, October 16th

Ready for Halloween? Get into the spirit and decorate your very own Halloween Tote Bag that you can use again & again!



### CREATURES OF THE NIGHT WITH THE QUOGUE WILDLIFE REFUGE (VIRTUAL PROGRAM)

Saturday, October 24th, 1:00pm

Hop on Zoom and join the crew at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge as they show you some of their *creatures of the night* in this educational program involving real animals!

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### SPOOKY LUMINARIES (TAKE & MAKE)

Friday, October 9th

Create and decorate your own luminary with this take & make. Perfect for your room or outside on a spooky fall night.

### QR SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, October 17th, 10:00 - 5:00pm

Bundle up and search around Sylvester Manor with your phone and a QR reader to find the next code, solve the riddles, and see if you can find the prizes!

