

# February 2021

## SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



### HOW ARE WE DOING?

Doing the business of the library changed drastically in 2020. We learned how to safely deliver library materials into your hands and how to present programs remotely. We anticipated the needs of our patrons as well as we could. As we move into 2021, we would like to hear from you. What worked well, what could be improved, what other programs or services would you like the library to provide?

We have put together a short survey to find out the answers to those questions. Please take just a few minutes to complete the survey and let us know how we are doing. We would really appreciate your feedback. The survey can be reached through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YC6GBDF>

A link will also be posted on the website and paper copies will be available at the library.

### SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY AWARDED FIVE-STARS IN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

We're proud to announce that Shelter Island Public Library has been designated a five-star library for 2020 by *Library Journal*. To put this in perspective, of the 5,608 libraries reviewed by *Library Journal*, only 85 are rated 5 stars. Libraries that receive top honors have to meet certain criteria to do with circulation (both electronic and traditional), library visits, program attendance and public internet computer usage. Our community's overwhelming support helped us get there. This award is an incentive for us to provide the best service we can every day. Thank you for your part in our success!

### SON OF THE SOUTH

The library is pleased to be collaborating with the Shelter Island Health and Wellness Alliance in presenting another special program in the *Necessary Bridges* series. Please join us for a conversation with Bob Zellner, an early civil rights leader and former East End resident, who has devoted his life to the fight for racial justice. Zellner's bestselling autobiography, *The Wrong Side of Murder Creek*, has recently been adapted into a feature film produced by Spike Lee, entitled *Son of the South*. It is scheduled for release in early February. Zellner's fellow Alabama native Diane McWhorter, former Shelter Islander and author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning civil rights history of Birmingham, *Carry Me Home*, will facilitate this inspiring discussion of the struggle for racial equality, from the 1950's until now. This remarkable man's story should not be missed! Please register in advance for the program which takes place on February 19th at 7:00pm at [silibrary.org](http://silibrary.org).



### THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, February 8th 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*.

### WE WILL BE CLOSED

on **Monday, February 15th** for Presidents' Day

### SAVE THE DATE

**Carol Galligan Memorial Friday Night Dialogue: March 5th, 7:00pm:** *Irish Stories and Songs* with Jim Hawkins  
Professional storyteller Jim Hawkins combines story and song with a variety of themes in Irish history, culture and tradition. Many are humorous pieces while others are of a serious nature. You will be charmed and enlivened by this very popular program.

### BOOK SALE ROOM

While the Book Sale room remains closed, we are accepting gently used book donations. Please leave all donations in the book bin by the Book Sale Room entrance. We are asking that you leave no more than one box of book donations per month. Please, no magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition.

# 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 February 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

**CELEBRATING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH FENG SHUI:** Friday, February 5th, 7:00pm

Join Laura Cerrano, certified Feng Shui Expert, to learn how to create harmony and positivity in your living space to support your home, family and self as we welcome in the Chinese New Year of the Metal Ox for 2021!

**MY COUNTRY TIS OF ...? WITH JULES FEIFFER AND ROBERT LIPSYTE:** Friday, February 12th, 7:00pm

Jules Feiffer, born in that hard year of 1929, reflects on that hard year of 2020 and how we got there from the American dream of his youth to the gated community of his old age. From the perspective of 65 years as an Oscar-winning, Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist and social commentator, Feiffer wonders if Dr. King's declaration that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice, was overly optimistic. How much will the changes in the world today affect the way we live and love, raise our children and choose our future leaders?

**SON OF THE SOUTH: A CONVERSATION WITH BOB ZELLNER AND DIANE MCWHORTER:** Friday, February 19th, 7:00pm

Bob Zellner, who was born and raised in Alabama, was the son and grandson of Ku Klux Klan members. His commitment to racial equality was rooted in religion, a faith he found growing up the son of a Methodist minister. Zellner, who became interested in civil rights during college, went on to become the first white field secretary of SNCC. His commitment to the Movement was continually, and often violently, tested by white supremacists. Journalist and Pulitzer Prize winning author Diane McWhorter (*Carry Me Home*) will join Mr. Zellner to talk about his work in the civil rights movement, the upcoming film based on his memoir, and his thoughts about the fight for social justice today. This program is presented in collaboration with the Shelter Island Health and Wellness Alliance as part of the *Necessary Bridges* ongoing series.

**MUSICIAN/COMPOSER PAT IRWIN AND DAVID BROWNE IN CONVERSATION:** Friday, February 26th, 7:00pm

Pat Irwin has had an eclectic career as a performer and composer. You've probably heard his music - whether on a TV or film soundtrack or for cartoons such as "SpongeBob Squarepants." Irwin was a major presence on the New York rock scene of the late 70's and early 80's. A founding member of 8-Eyed Spy and The Raybeats, he also performed with the B-52's. His current band, SUSS has released a new record called *Promise*. Irwin teaches film and music composition at Brooklyn College and New York University. David Browne is a senior writer at *Rolling Stone* and a longtime music journalist. His work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Time*, *Spin*, and many other outlets. He was the music critic at the *New York Daily News* and then, at *Entertainment Weekly*. Browne is the author of several books. Join us for what is sure to be a fascinating and wide-ranging discussion of the music world - then and now.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**HOMEMADE MOCHI:** Pick up Between: Tuesday, February 16th and Saturday, February 20th

Learn how to make your own mochi ice cream, a traditional Japanese treat, using the ingredients given. You will need: a microwave, ice cream (any flavor you want), granulated sugar, water, and a measuring cup. Please note that supplies are limited.

**NAME THAT TUNE:** Wednesday, February 17th, 6:00pm. Limited to 20 people

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**MONTHLY KAHOOT QUIZ:** Do you have what it takes to become the top player with our first Kahoot quiz? Quizzes can be played online or on the mobile app. This month's quiz is on romance movies. Oolala! The link to the quiz will be available on the website and our social media from February 1st to the 27th.

**VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE POLLOCK/KRASNER HOUSE:** Thursday, February 18th, 4:00pm

Joyce Raimondo will guide visitors through Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner's home and studio. Discover the creative ways Pollock and Krasner expressed their feelings with paint. Discuss the art displayed in their home, and explore the barn studio filled with paint splatters - evidence of their masterpieces.

**THE BLUES AND BEYOND:** Saturday, February 20th, 2:00pm

*The Blues and Beyond* tells the story of African Americans in the United States from slavery to present day by exploring and documenting, with music, videos, narration and illustrations, the evolution of African American music alongside U.S. history. From field hollers and camp meetings to old spirituals to the Blues to the popular genres of today, music is the means by which African Americans have told their stories. This program is interactive and is presented by East End Libraries.

**ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB:** Tuesdays, February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, 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.

**HERBALISM 101: WARMING ANTIVIRAL BATH:** Pick up Between: Tuesday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 27th

Come pick up materials to put together your very own antiviral bath salts! This month's bags will have ground herbs, reusable sachets, detailed herbal profiles of the herbs provided, and important introductory information about herbalism. Adding your own salt is recommended, but not essential. Supplies are limited, so please register online soon.

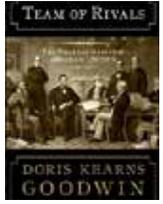
# FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

**Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln** by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Discussion Part 2)  
Tuesday, February 9th, 4:30pm

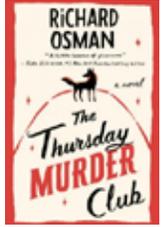
This bestseller illuminates Lincoln's political genius. Lincoln's ability to put himself in the place of others helped him win respect from his former competitors who marshaled their talents to preserve the Union and win the war. *Because this is a long book, we discussed it in January and will complete the discussion in February.*



### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman: Monday, February 22nd, 5:00pm

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case.



### TROLLOPE BOOK CLUB

**Doctor Thorne**: Saturday, February 27th, 2:00pm

In the village of Greshamsbury in Barseshire, Dr Thomas Thorne lives with his niece Mary. Without a fortune and elite status she is unable to marry the love of her life, Frank. Having grown up on the nearby Greshambury Estate, Frank stands to inherit the property and his father's debts, and is therefore pressured to marry into wealth.



### SPICE CLUB: Cornmeal Pudding with Star Anise.

**Pick up Between: Tuesday, February 16th and Saturday, February 20th; Zoom meeting Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:00pm**

Try a little comfort food! A suggested recipe and history of star anise will be included with your take and make kit. Participants may make cornmeal pudding (harina dulce) or try something else using the spice. You will need to supply a few basic ingredients of your own. The recipe is from *The Immigrant Cookbook*. Please join us on Zoom to discuss your results.

**ADULT CRAFT: POLYMER CLAY COASTERS:** Pick up Between: Tuesday, February 16th and Saturday, February 20th

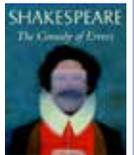
No more glass rings on your nice furniture! Make a set of polymer clay coasters that you can decorate with your own designs. We'll supply the paint, brush and clay. You will need a few common household items. Please note that supplies are limited.



## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

**THE COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Saturday, February 20th, 12:30pm

*The Comedy of Errors* is one of William Shakespeare's early plays. It is his shortest and one of his most farcical comedies, with a major part of the humour coming from slapstick and mistaken identity, in addition to puns and word play.



**TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES:** Wednesdays, February 3rd, 10th and 24th, 5:00pm

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese health practice that provides a wide range of mind/body benefits. The easy-to-follow fluid movements will increase vitality and strengthen immune function. Teacher Denise Gillies has been practicing and teaching on the East End for ten years. Her teaching style is relaxed, enthusiastic and intended for students to leave feeling energized and joyful.

**INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION:** Thursdays, February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 2:00pm

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. There is no fee for this program but registration is required

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL):** Thursdays, February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 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 inglés virtualmente usando Zoom con la ex profesora de Inglés Como un Idioma Segunda y de Español, Teri Piccozzi. Todos son bienvenidos y la clase es gratis. Para registrarse en este programa visite [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org)

**TRIVIA WITH BOB DeSTEFANO:** Saturday, February 13th, 5:00pm

Quizmaster extraordinaire Bob DeStefano is back with a new set of thought-provoking and challenging questions. You'll learn a lot as you compete with your neighbors for bragging rights. Join us for a fun-filled (and enlightening) evening.

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.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**VALENTINE'S DAY READING WITH MISS MOLLIE:** Saturday, February 13th

Hop online and watch Miss Mollie read her favorite Valentine's Day book! The video will be posted on Facebook and on our YouTube page.

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

### CACTUS HEART CARD

**Ages: 2-5. Pick Up Between: Tuesday, February 9th and Saturday, February 13th**

Design your own cactus heart card, perfect for Valentine's Day or just to say I love you.

### DIY PAWS WITH CLAWS

**Ages: 2-5. Pick Up Between: Tuesday, February 16th and Saturday, February 20th**

Feeling wild? Design your own paws to let out your inner animal and show off your claws. Great for imagination and understanding different textures.



## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

**FELT GROUNDHOG:** Pick Up Between: Tuesday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 6th

Grab your kit and create your very own groundhog, complete with a burrow that it can pop in and out of! Do you think this groundhog will see its shadow?



**CHINESE DRAGON:** Pick Up Between: Tuesday, February 9th and Saturday, February 13th

Bring this Chinese dragon to life just in time for Chinese New Year on the 12th. Use the kit and instructions provided to breathe life into your very own dragon and do your own dragon dance!

**DIY MINI NOTEBOOK:** Pick Up Between: Tuesday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 27th

Create your very own notebook that you can use for creating a comic book, writing down your poetry, or even writing your adventure stories! Complete with everything you need.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### TULLE WRAPPED HEARTS

**Pick Up Between: Tuesday, February 9th and Saturday, February 13th**

Using the template provided, design your own tulle patterns within the cardboard hearts, just in time for Valentine's Day.

### AMONG US KEYCHAINS

**Pick Up Between: Tuesday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 27th**

Design your own *Among Us* character keychain using air-dry clay and paint to hang on your backpack.

