

April 2021

SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONTHLY EVENTS



WELCOME SPRING!

After a full year of the pandemic, this spring brings us hope. Our friends and neighbors are being vaccinated, the sun is shining, and the flowers are beginning to slowly show their colorful heads. The library staff feels hopeful as we begin to plan for some small, outside in-person gatherings this summer. For now, we are happy to see you in the library and on Zoom. Please continue to wear your masks, wash your hands and social distance. We are almost there!

Terry Lucas, Library Director



PSANKA EGGS

Next time you visit, please be sure to check out our display case. The Cava family of Shelter Island has created a beautiful collection of Psanka eggs. Psanka is an ancient Ukrainian egg decorating technique. "Writers" use melted beeswax to seal in layers of color. After successive dying and sealing, the wax is melted to reveal a patterned egg! The spring tradition predates Christianity and later became part of the Easter tradition. Although the eggs in this collection are made employing the ancient technique, the designs are far from traditional.


APRIL IS POETRY MONTH

Although T.S. Eliot famously called April 'the cruelest month', we find reasons to love this time of year. For one thing, it's Poetry Month. This year, our annual Poetry Month reading on Friday, April 16 at 7:00pm honors the late Bliss Morehead-Zisser, a champion of poetry and a poet herself. Another way to celebrate the month is to check out our Richard Varney Poetry Collection, which has a wide range of poetry books purchased in the name of the late Richard Varney, a longtime member and leader of the library's Poetry Group.



SEEDS

One of spring's great pleasures is getting ready for the season's gardening projects. Do you know about our Seed Library? We have a selection of heirloom vegetable, flower and herb seeds available to our patrons - free. You may take up to 4 packets of seeds per household. We hope that by growing plants from our seeds, our patrons will help to establish seeds adapted to the soil and climate of the Island and have fun doing it! Don't worry if you haven't grown seeds before, we have a number of good books on the topic and we're always happy to answer your seed-related questions. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding the Seed Library. Don't forget to join us for Sylvester Manor's composting program on Zoom, Saturday, April 3rd at 4:00pm.



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THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
will be held on **Monday, April 12th 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*.

YOUTH SERVICES WEBSITE

The Youth Services portion of the website has undergone some big changes! We have divided the page into 3 sections - Children, Teen, and Parenting. Each section has specific links, resources, and recommendations. Under the Children's tab you can see some pictures of children enjoying the library Take & Makes. For test prep, resume writing, college planning, crisis information, and more, take a look at the Teen Department section. We also have different databases for homework help (including the wonderful Brainfuse) for children and teens. The Parenting section has all kinds of resources for parents, including subjects such as homeschooling and remote learning. We've tried hard to compile information that we think might be beneficial to you all, so please check it out! And if we missed something, let us know.

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 and scroll down to our Calendar of Events. All adult programs in April 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

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

"LONG ISLAND MIGRANT LABOR CAMPS: DUST FOR BLOOD" WITH MARK A. TORRES

Friday, April 9th, 7:00pm

Long Island Migrant Labor Camps: Dust for Blood is the riveting true account of the migrant labor camps in Suffolk County from their inception during World War II through 1960. Author Mark Torres will discuss the dark history of the camps including the suffering of the inhabitants; the cause and effect of the camps; and the factors which led to their eventual decline. Mr. Torres will also cover the heroic efforts of those who were outspoken critics of the deplorable conditions of the camps and fought to improve the lives of migrant workers on the eastern end of Long Island during this time period.



THE BLISS MOREHEAD-ZISSER MEMORIAL POETRY READING

Friday, April 16th, 7:00pm

The late Bliss Morehead-Zisser was a published poet and the founder of the Shelter Island Poetry Project. For over a decade, she curated poetry readings at the Library each April in honor of Poetry Month. We continue this tradition in her honor with a reading of some of her favorite poets on the theme of "Memory and Desire". Join us to remember a special Shelter Islander.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

BLUEBERRY AND LEMON SCONES (TAKE & MAKE)

Pick up between: Tuesday, April 13th and Saturday, April 17th

Get ready to make delightful and delicious scones with one of our Chef Rob Scott special Take & Makes. This kit requires the use of an oven and we will provide all of the dry ingredients. You will need: unsalted butter, heavy cream, 1 egg, vanilla extract, fresh or frozen blueberries, fresh lemon juice, fresh lemon zest, and coarse sugar for topping (optional).



ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB: Tuesdays, April 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.

HERBALISM 101 - REVITALIZING FACIAL STEAM: Pickup between: Tuesday, April 20th and Saturday, April 24th

As the world around us begins to reawaken, we can help our skin do the same! This month's bag will contain ingredients for a facial steam; all you need to do is add hot water and create a mini sauna for your face. Bags will also include introductory information about herbalism and herbal profiles. Supplies are limited, so please register online soon.

SPICE CLUB: GARAM MASALA: Pickup between: Tuesday, April 20th through Saturday, April 24th

Use garam masala to spice up the humble sweet potato. This super-simple side dish will make your house smell wonderful and it only takes 20 minutes! We'll supply garam masala and cumin. You'll only need to have sweet potatoes, pepper and olive oil. Yum!

ADULT CRAFT:

COMPOSTING 101: Saturday, April 3rd, 4:00pm

Composting is an easy, cost-efficient method of reusing yard and food waste. Make "black gold" to improve your lawn and landscapes while saving money. Join Delaney Sondag, Compost Manager of Sylvester Manor Educational Farm, to find out about Sylvester Manor's composting program and the compost-making process in general.

iPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY: Monday, April 19th, 5:30pm. Limited to 20 people

Do you find that you take more pictures with your iPhone than with your camera? Learn how to take great pictures, edit them, organize them, and share them, all on your handheld Apple device. Steven Alcalde, Technology Librarian at Rogers Memorial Library, will share tips and tricks to make the most of your iPhone photos.

"DOPPLEHANGERS" FROM THE MUSEUM OF BAD ART (MOBA): Thursday, April 29th, 6:30pm

Yes, there really is a Museum of Bad Art (MOBA). Their motto is "Art too bad to be ignored." This program will highlight paintings from the collection that, accidentally or by design, resemble famous people. The program is hosted by the John Jermain Library in Sag Harbor and is presented in collaboration with the East End Libraries.

PAINTED TERRA COTTA POT WITH SUCCULENTS:

Pickup between: Tuesday, April 13th and Saturday, April 17th

Paint a cute little terra cotta pot to use for your mini-succulent. We'll provide everything you need: plant, one pot, soil, paint and a paintbrush. An easy DIY that will brighten up your home for spring! Supplies are limited so register soon.



FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

***The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett: Tuesday, April 6th, 4:30pm**

After growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, the Vignes twins' paths diverge. It's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is a riveting, emotional family story.



BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BOOK) CLUB: Wednesday, April 14th, 5:30pm

Let's talk about what we're reading, what we want to read, what we've loved, what we've hated, how Covid-19 has affected our reading and anything else at all with Librarians Poppy Johnson of Floyd Memorial Library, Jocelyn Ozolins of Shelter Island Library and your fellow bibliophiles from Greenport and Shelter Island. Please register at either silibrary.org or joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

***Lady in the Lake* by Laura Lippman: Monday, April 26th, 5:00pm**

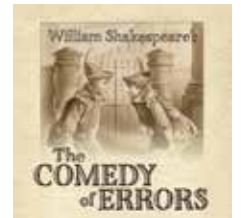
In 1960's Baltimore, Maddie Schwartz is a pampered housewife who bolts from her marriage with the intention of living a passionate, meaningful life. Working as a journalist, and helping the police, she becomes interested in the case of Cleo Sherwood, a black woman whose body is found in the fountain of a city park lake. According to *Kirkus Reviews*, Lippman's standalone work explores "The racism, classism, and sexism of 50 years ago wrapped up in a stylish, sexy, suspenseful period drama about a newsroom and the city it covers."



SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

***THE COMEDY OF ERRORS*: Saturday, April 24th, 12:30pm**

Set in the city of Ephesus, *The Comedy of Errors* concerns the farcical misadventures of two sets of identical twins. Slapstick, mistaken identity and wordplay abound in this early Shakespeare play which is one of his shortest.



INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 4:00pm

Would you like to improve your French conversation skills? In this program, you will listen to a podcast (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, April 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 inglés virtualmente usando Zoom con la ex profesora de Inglés Como un Idioma Segunda y de Espanol, Teri Piccozzi. Todos son bienvenidos y la clase es gratis. Para registrarse en este programa visite www.silibrary.org

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 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.

You may register for all programs at www.silibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – PROGRAM PACKAGES

Please register for all programs on our website www.silibrary.org. Take & Make quantities are limited.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

EASTER BOOK READING WITH MISS MOLLIE

Saturday, April 3rd (Virtual)

Miss Mollie is back and she's picked out her favorite Easter book to read just for you! The video will be posted to our Facebook and YouTube page on the 3rd of April just before Easter. It will stay up on our Facebook and YouTube pages all month long!



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

MOON DOUGH: Ages: 2-5

Pick up between: Tuesday, April 13th and Saturday, April 17th

Create your own moon dough (otherwise known as cloud playdough or no-bake playdough). A great motor-skill activity for youngsters. You will need: Liquid conditioner and (optionally) food coloring.

PAPER PLATE CHICK SEWING

Ages: 2-5. Pick up between: Tuesday, April 20th and Saturday, April 24th

A perfect motor-skill activity (increasing hand-eye coordination) for your young kids. They'll weave yarn through the holes in a paper plate to create a round yellow oval. Then glue on the beak, eyes, and wings and you'll have your own spring-time chick! No needles used and designed for little fingers!

VIRTUAL FOOD FESTIVAL WITH CHEF ROB SCOTT

Saturday, April 10th, 3:00pm

Tune in on Facebook Live to cook along with Chef Rob Scott! This month's food festival is spring themed. There will be an appetizer, an entree and a dessert made during the program. The recipes will be posted ahead of time so you can purchase your ingredients. The video will be kept up on our Facebook and YouTube pages for the month so you can tune in whenever you feel like cooking. It's a great way to get the family together and cook something new and exciting! No registration required.

BLUEBERRY AND LEMON SCONES (TAKE & MAKE)

Pick up between: Tuesday, April 13th and Saturday, April 17th

Get ready to make delightful and delicious scones with one of our Chef Rob Scott special Take & Makes. This kit requires the use of an oven and we will provide all of the dry ingredients. You will need: unsalted butter, heavy cream, 1 egg, vanilla extract, fresh or frozen blueberries, fresh lemon juice, fresh lemon zest, and coarse sugar for topping (optional).

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

COTTON-BALL BUNNY: Ages: 6+. **Pick up between: Tuesday, April 6th and Saturday, April 10th**

Using cardstock and cotton-balls, you can create your very own soft bunny. A perfect way to hop into spring!

CARDSTOCK EGG MAGNETS: Ages: 6+. **Pick up between: Tuesday, April 13th and Saturday, April 17th**

Design your own cardstock egg, decorate it however you like, and then attach it a magnet. Perfect for keeping on your fridge or other metal surface.

DESIGN & DECORATE YOUR OWN CROWN: Ages: 6+. **Pick up between: Tuesday, April 20th and Saturday, April 24th**

Using the materials provided, you get to design your very own crown with which to rule over your kingdom! Your crown can be any shape you want. There are no limitations!

CHERRY BLOSSOM WINDSOCK: Ages: 6+. **Pick up between: Tuesday, April 27th and Saturday, May 1st**

Cherry Blossoms are the ultimate Spring vibe and now you can bring home a little bit of their magical essence. Perfect for hanging outside on a slightly breezy day or near an open window where the wind can pass through it.

MONTHLY KAHOOT QUIZZES: April 1st to April 30th

Tune in to try out our Kahoot quizzes! Check out this month's children's quiz under the new Children's Department page on the website.

TEEN PROGRAMS

PAPER BEAD BRACELET: Ages: 12+. **Pick up between: Tuesday, April 6th and Saturday, April 10th**

Using magazines (provided) you can create your own paper beads. Then string them together to create a special bracelet. A super fun upcycling craft.



FAIRY BIRDHOUSE: Ages: 12+. **Pick up between: Tuesday, April 27th and Saturday, May 1st**

Using the materials provided you can decorate a birdhouse to make it look as though it belongs in a fairy garden. A super creative way to involve the outdoors in your craft.

QR SCAVENGER HUNT: Ages: 12+. **Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Join us for another QR Scavenger Hunt. Rain or shine, see if you can complete the treasure hunt and find the prizes at the end! This Scavenger Hunt will be centered around the library property.

VIRTUAL DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH JUSTIN: **Friday, April 30th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm**

Looking to embark on an epic adventure with your friends? Maybe you've tried D&D before and love it or you've never tried it but always wanted to, well this is the time! Justin is an expert Dungeon Master and we hope this will be the first of an amazing campaign.

MONTHLY KAHOOT QUIZZES: April 1st to April 30th

Tune in to try out our Kahoot quizzes! Check out this month's teen quiz under the new Teen Department page on the website.