

December 2021 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

December is a favorite month here in the library. The children will celebrate with a holiday extravaganza, including a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. This month the adults once again will be able to gather together for our annual cookie swap. We come together with East End Hospice by our beautiful pine tree, lit with white lights, to remember those who have passed away. This mixture of celebration and solemnity makes us value our friends, family, neighbors and all of you who visit us at the library even more than usual. Our library family wishes you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons.



Terry Lucas, Library Director



HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!

The Holiday Extravaganza is back! Join us in the community room on **Saturday, December 18th** to celebrate the season. Miss Mollie will have an exciting story to share and there will be cookies to decorate and a fun craft. Hot chocolate will warm you up as you wait for a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can access all types of useful information with your library card. Just go to our website and click on the link for Live-brary Databases under the Online Resources heading. Here you can find everything from *Consumer Reports* to live homework help. One of the really useful databases is *LawDepot* which has basic legal forms, searchable by type and location. You can research history, medical issues, auto repair, genealogy and so much more. Do you want to learn a new language? Log on to *Pronunciator*! A library card and curiosity is all you need.

BOOKS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Do you or someone you know have a visual impairment? Eligible residents of New York City and Long Island with visual impairments may receive braille and audio materials through the Andrew Heiskell Library, a division of the New York Public Library. For more information contact Jocelyn Ozolins: jozolins@silibrary.org.

NEWSLETTER KEY

This fall we are offering programs for adults and children in a variety of formats. So when you read your newsletter, please pay attention to the icons next to the program description. If you follow this key, you will be sure to show up to the right place, either in person or remotely, to enjoy our programs to the fullest.



= in-person outdoors



= Zoom



= Take and Make



= Inside

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.



SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **December 13th at 7:00pm**. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room. For those who have not been vaccinated, masks are required in the library building.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the Shelter Island Public Library Society will take place in the Library Community Room on **Saturday, January 15th at 10:00am**. All members of the library are welcome to attend.

We will be CLOSED on **Friday, December 24th** and **Saturday, December 25th** for **Christmas**.

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. For more information, contact jozolins@silibrary.org

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

EVELYN LATORRE, *LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE: A MEMOIR OF A CROSS-CULTURAL MARRIAGE*: 

Friday, December 3rd, 7:00pm

Evelyn LaTorre was a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru in the 1960s, where she met and fell in love with Antonio. The twenty-three-year-olds married in Cuzco and moved to California where they faced the challenges of a young family trying to make ends meet. Evelyn LaTorre will talk about her memoir and the joys and trials of a cross-cultural marriage.

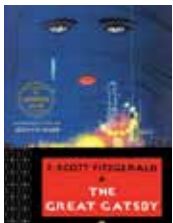


VIRTUAL SHORT FILM AND TALK: *TEEN POD WITH PETER WALDNER*: Friday, December 10th, 7:00pm 

If you missed the in-person screenings of Peter Waldner's short comedy (with an all-Island cast), this is your chance to enjoy this short, funny film. *Teen Pod* was inspired by the classic *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. In Waldner's version, a single father, noticing drastic changes in his teen daughter, suspects she might be from a seed pod from outer space. After the screening, the director will talk about the year-and-a-half odyssey to get the film made as well as funny, behind-the-scenes happenings.

PLAY READING: *BROTHERS-IN-LAW* BY JEFF BARON: Friday, December 17th, 7:00pm 

John Kaasik and Jeff Baron star in a reading of Baron's suspenseful comedy, *Brothers-In-Law*. Kathy Hills will read stage directions. On the afternoon of their mother-in-law's funeral, Fred, a truck driver, and Richard, a style consultant, each sneak into their late father-in-law's man cave, which no one in the family has ever seen. Despite being married to sisters and being at countless family events together, Fred and Richard have never really talked until today. The reading will be followed by a brief discussion. This program contains adult language. Space is limited to please register early. For this program, masks are required.



BOOK DISCUSSION AT THE RAM'S HEAD INN: *THE GREAT GATSBY*

Thursday, December 2nd, 6:00pm 

Join us at the Ram's Head Inn to discuss *The Great Gatsby* by the fireplace. This inn, which was constructed during the jazz age depicted in this novel, is the perfect place to join friends in a lively conversation. Copies of the book are available for check out at the circulation desk. All are welcome. Cocktails and snacks will be available for purchase.

EAST END HOSPICE'S ANNUAL TREE OF LIGHTS CEREMONY

Saturday, December 4th, 2:30pm 


Join us on the front lawn of the library for a socially distanced Tree of Lights Ceremony. Each year, East End Hospice holds this celebration of life at the Shelter Island Library. This occasion honors the memory of friends and family members with special tributes, spoken remembrances, and music. Ornaments are placed on a tree in memory of loved ones. Call the EEH development office at 631-288-7080 with any questions or to request an ornament.

AN ANTARCTIC ODYSSEY: WINTER-OVER AT SOUTH POLE STATION WITH JOHN W. BRIGGS

Tuesday, December 7th, 7:00pm 

John W. Briggs weathered the 'winter-over' at the South Pole with 26 other members of the U.S. Antarctic Program. In this lavishly illustrated presentation, he will share his perspective on this experience: the strange natural environment, the odd social atmosphere, and the challenging science. Our great thanks to Hamptons Observatory and John W. Briggs for making this program possible.



COOKIE SWAP: Saturday, December 11th, 2:00pm 

Ready for some seasonal yumminess? Bring in three dozen of your favorite cookies, individually packaged with three cookies per bag plus a few to share. We will enjoy some hot beverages and share our favorite recipes. We will vote for our favorite cookie and a prize will be awarded!

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

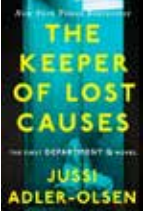
READER'S CHOICE: Tuesday, December 14th, 4:30pm 🏠

This month, share a book you have read that exemplifies the spirit of this holiday season, a season of light in the darkness. Please choose a book with a story that shows the best in human nature. Bring your favorite and find some new holiday reads!

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

***The Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olsen:** Monday, December 20th, 5:30pm 🗣️

Carl Morck was one of Copenhagen's best homicide detectives. After an incident that almost kills him, he's sent to Department Q - where Copenhagen's coldest cases reside. Morck is intrigued by the case of a missing politician who vanished five years earlier. This expertly plotted international bestseller is full of dark humor and plot twists as Morck fights the sociopathic family that holds the politician captive.



ADULT CRAFT

TERRARIUM WINTER SCENE

Pick up your kits between Tuesday, December 14th and Saturday, December 18th 🛍️

Create a charming winter tableau to decorate your home for the winter. Trees, woodland animals and plenty of snow will lead to a seasonal terrarium you will exhibit for years to come. We will provide the supplies, all you need is your snowy spirit!



SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE:

MACBETH

Saturday, December 18th, 12:30pm 🗣️

In the tragedy of *Macbeth* (also known as "the Scottish play" in theatre circles), a brave Scottish general receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that he will one day be King. Unbridled ambition, mayhem and bloodshed ensue.



MAH JONGG: Mondays, December 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 🏠

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, December 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 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, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 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, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 4:00pm 🗣️

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.

KNITTING CLUB: Thursdays, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 4:30pm 🏠

We are pleased to announce that the Knitting Club is meeting in the library. Whether you are a long-time member or newly interested in knitting, we look forward to seeing you here!

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. Masks are recommended for children 2 and over.

FAMILY PROGRAMS HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, December 18th, 1:00pm 

Santa Claus is coming to the library! Not only that, we'll have story time with Miss Mollie, design our own elf hats, and decorate cookies (and drink hot chocolate!). It's going to be a frosty, fabulous day so save the date!



MOVIE DAY – ELF! Thursday, December 23rd, 2:00pm 


Rated PG, *Elf* is the perfect holiday movie so why not watch it with your friends and family? Ideal for children, tweens, and teens. We'll be showing *Elf* downstairs and having popcorn (maybe with a few candy surprises).

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, December 4th, 10:30am 

Come join Sara at the library for story time! Spaces are limited so be sure to register early.

SENSORY HOUR

Wednesday, December 8th and Wednesday, December 22nd, 10:30 to 11:30am 

Come to the library to enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! To keep things safe & sanitary, we have separate bins for each child so be sure to register ahead of time to reserve your spot.

PAPER WINTER HAT: Pick up your kit between Tuesday, December 14th and Saturday December 18th 

Get ready to create your own adorable paper winter hat! This cozy craft features your own design patterns and cotton balls!

WATERCOLOR WOODS SCENE
Thursday, December 30th, 1:00pm 

Using tape to create trees, you'll get to decorate the background to your own winter woods using watercolors!

CHILDREN PROGRAMS CHILDREN'S PAINT WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 9th, 3:30pm 

Get ready to paint! We'll be using flat canvases and acrylic paints to create your own art! Once your art is dry you can hang it in your room to brighten up your space during the winter months.



CHILDREN'S WOODEN SNOWMAN ORNAMENTS
Saturday, December 11th, 11:00am 

Using wooden beads and twine we'll be painting and creating our very own snowmen that can be hung on a tree, in a windowsill, or anywhere your heart desires!



TREE CUTTING PAINTINGS: Pick up your kit between Tuesday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 28th 

On tree slices you can design your own art to celebrate the winter season! Draw your inspiration from anywhere (Nordic style snowflakes, the trees outside your window, or maybe your own imagination!) and paint a gorgeous scene.

MELTED SNOWMAN CRAFT
Tuesday, December 28th, 1:00pm 

Bring to life this adorable melted snowman as a fun winter decoration. Complete with buttons and a black top hat, this snowman is made of soft felt and is an easy winter craft.

WINTER CASTLE CREATION
Wednesday, December 29th, 1:00pm 

Design and create your very own winter castle using paper towel rolls, pointed snow-cone cups, and lots of glitter.

TEEN PROGRAMS FILM FESTIVAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 1st, 3:30pm 

Join our first meeting for the Anita Thatcher Student Film Festival. If you haven't signed up yet please email Sara at: sgarcia@silibrary.org if you would like to be part of the film festival.

TABLETOP GAME DAY
Thursday, December 2nd, 3:00pm 

Join us for a tabletop game day! We're going to be playing all the board games and having snacks too!


SMASH BROS. BATTLE
Friday, December 10th, 3:30pm to 5:30pm 

Come battle against your friends in another snack-filled Smash Bros. Battle! Masks are required and spots are limited so be sure to register.

HOT CHOCOLATE TASTE TEST
Thursday, December 16th, 3:30pm 

Put your tastebuds to the test and try some amazingly delicious hot chocolates to determine which one is the winner.



MARIO KART TOURNAMENT
Friday, December 17th, 3:30pm to 5:30pm 

Get ready for a fun-filled Mario Kart gaming session with plenty of snacks. Masks are required and spots are limited so register now.

TINY PANCAKE DAY
Wednesday, December 22nd, 3:00pm 

Get ready to make pancakes. Oh yes. Tiny pancakes.

DESIGN YOUR OWN WINTER MAGNET: Pick up your kit between Tuesday, December 28th and Tuesday, January 3rd 

Design a beautiful magnet. All you need is creativity!