

May 2022 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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HAPPY SPRING!

You know spring has arrived in Shelter Island when our Town Supervisor gives his State of the Town address! This year we are pleased to host Supervisor Siller in our community room for this important event. A little later this month, you will see the big tent going up on the lot next to the library. We are excited that the tent will be up for the entire summer this year and we are planning a variety of great outdoor programs for all ages. As you venture out and about in the beautiful spring weather, drop by the library to say hello and see what we are cooking up!

Terry Lucas, Library Director

OUTSIDE-THE-BOX LIBRARY ITEMS



The library is, as we all know, so much more than books, but we have some items that you might have overlooked! Downstairs in our wonderful Youth Services Department, we have a variety of developmental and sensory backpacks to check out and take home. They're packed with all kinds of items that allow younger children to learn about basic engineering, gravity, magnets and magnification. There is even a backpack with sensory items for your really little ones. For older children we have video games for PS4, Xbox 360, and Nintendo Switch available to borrow! These games are located by the DVDs in the Children's

Department. And finally, coming soon we will have some super new, super cool items called Bitsbox kits. These are amazing coding binders that allow children to create their own apps and learn the basics of JavaScript. These binders are great for beginner coders or people that are interested in learning the language of Java. Please speak to Sara in the Youth Services Department about these fun and educational new items. We are the first library in Suffolk County to offer the Bitsbox binders and we are very excited to be able to provide at-home education about coding!!

ANITA THACHER STUDENT ART AND FILM PROGRAM

Please visit the community room this month to enjoy the movie poster art created by our Shelter Island School students. Then join us on a date to be determined in June in the school auditorium to watch a short film by Peter Waldner and the students who put out the *Inlet* school newspaper. Thanks to Peter Waldner, Cat Brigham and Devon Treharne for spearheading this program. This program is made possible by a generous bequest from the late artist and filmmaker Anita Thacher.

GREAT DECISIONS

A new season of Great Decisions will start soon! We are happy to announce that this popular and engaging discussion on world affairs will be held in person at the Library. Moderator Kirk Ressler will be back with a talented roster of guest speakers. There will be six sessions this year starting with a discussion on Climate Change on Thursday, June 2nd. Great Decisions is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association to spread global awareness and understanding of foreign policy issues. If you would like to order a briefing book from the Foreign Policy Association, you may contact them at 1-800-477-5836 or email sales@fpa.org. Any questions? Please contact Jocelyn Ozolins: jzolins@silibrary.org

NEWSLETTER KEY

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= in-person outdoors



= Zoom



= Take and Make



= Inside

BOOK SALE ROOM

We are accepting gently used book donations for the Book Sale Room and our Free Book Cart. 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.

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

ANNUAL STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS WITH SUPERVISOR GERRY SILLER: Friday, May 13th, 7:00pm 🏠

The State of the Town Address is sponsored by The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork. During the annual State of the Town Address Supervisor Gerry Siller will address a number of issues on the town's agenda including water quantity and quality, deer overpopulation/tick-borne disease and affordable housing. We will look back on this past year when the Town Board proposed legislation to transfer development rights on Town preserved properties, a new Comprehensive Plan was being written, the Town transferred West Neck Water District jurisdiction to Suffolk County Water Authority and support for a referendum on an affordable housing tax was being developed. Hear about all these topics and take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions of our Supervisor directly.

EVERYDAY PILGRIMAGE WITH REVEREND DR. STEPHEN D. ADKISON: Friday, May 20th, 7:00pm 🏠

What is a pilgrimage? While it may have many different definitions, a pilgrimage is always at least two things: a literal journey and a spiritual journey. Mythologist Joseph Campbell spoke about *The Hero's Journey* and how we are the "hero" of our own everyday pilgrimage. Along the way of our adventure, we face great joys and challenges, but eventually return back "home" as transformed and more authentic human beings. While the practice of pilgrimage traditionally involves journeys to far-off sacred sites, it's also a journey we are all on in everyday life—journeys of faith, journeys in relationship, and journeys of discovering what we love and who we really are. Ultimately, *Everyday Pilgrimage* is a journey toward wholeness and healing. Come join us, fellow pilgrim!

INTRODUCTION TO VEGETABLE GARDENING: Wednesday, May 11th, 5:30pm 🗣️

Beginning and experienced gardeners alike can glean information on every step of vegetable growing in this workshop. We'll discuss soil, seeds, planting plans, garden design, plant spacing, maintenance, and harvesting methods. Cristina Cosentino, Farm Operations Manager at Sylvester Manor, will lead this program and be available to address all of your vegetable gardening questions!



THE DISCOVERY OF A MASTERPIECE: Thursday, May 12th, 6:00pm 🗣️

Mallory Mortillaro will share the story of how a simple art cataloging project evolved into a search for a mysterious piece's provenance, and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history. Ms. Mortillaro serves as the Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, NJ. While she was cataloging the artwork inside of the Foundation she uncovered a masterpiece that had been lost to the art world since the 1930's. After a year of research the piece was authenticated as an official work by Auguste Rodin. This is a fascinating story of an unexpected discovery.

CUTTING THE CORD - ALTERNATIVES TO CABLE TV: Monday, May 16th, 5:30pm 🗣️

Tired of paying those cable bills? Learn about paid subscription services such as Netflix and Hulu, different streaming devices like Apple TV, Fire Stick, Google and Chromecast, free streaming services available through the library and more. The instructor Steven Alcalde, Technology Librarian at Rogers Memorial Library, will explain the many options available.

ADULT CRAFT: AIR CLAY NATURE PRINTS: Saturday, May 21st, 1:00 pm 🏠

Join us in person to welcome spring with this simple craft which is an easy way to preserve nature. We'll use foliage to create disks that can be used as coasters or as small window decorations. The pieces will take a day or two to dry and then you can be as creative as you wish using watercolors or colored pencils to finish your masterpiece.



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KNITTING AND CROCHET WITH ASHLEY: Monday, May 9th, 5:30pm 🏠

Ashley Edmund is a fiber artist with years of experience in an array of techniques. She is excited to share her passion for knitting with her fellow Shelter Islanders. Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet for the first time or want support with a more challenging technique, she will be here to help!

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, May 4th and 18th, 5:00pm 🗣️

Discover this ancient art of well being. Easy to follow movements combine breath and intention to create a healthy body and a peaceful mind. Learn poetic sequences that improve balance, strength and flexibility. Science-based research has proven this practice to reduce stress, strengthen the immune system, increase range of motion, and improve coordination and concentration. This class is designed to welcome beginners as well as practiced students. It is a combination of Tai Chi, Qigong and meditation. Trained at the Omega Institute, and founder of East End Tai Chi, instructor Denise Gillies has been teaching for over 12 years on the East End of Long Island.

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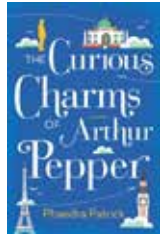
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick: Tuesday, May 10th, 5:00pm 🏠

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. In this "endearing celebration of life" widower Arthur Pepper finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet among his late wife's possessions. This discovery leads Arthur on an epic odyssey to London, Paris, and India in an effort to understand his wife's life before they met. Along the way, Arthur meets unforgettable characters and finds a way to regain hope and to heal.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Slow Horses: Monday, May 23rd, 5:30pm 🏠

The Mystery Book Club, led by Jocelyn Ozolins, reads a broad range of mysteries from the 'cozy' to page-turning thrillers, spy novels and much more. Where do you put a washed up spy? London's MI5 organization sends disgraced agents (the so-called 'Slow Horses') to Slough House to finish their failed careers. River Cartwright, one of the disgraced agents, finds an opportunity to get his career back on track when a young man is kidnapped and his captors threaten to broadcast the beheading live on the internet. Filled with an array of remarkable characters, *Slow Horses* is a satirical page turner that stylishly skewers bureaucrats, politics and the spy game.



WILLA CATHER BOOK CLUB

One of Ours: Saturday, May 28th, 2:00pm 🗣️

Director Terry Lucas continues to focus on a classic author each year. This year, the Willa Cather Book Club explores the work of an iconic American writer. *One of Ours*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, is set in the early 1900's and tells the life story of Claude Wheeler, a restless Nebraskan who chafes at the life his successful farmer father and pious mother want for him. A romantic who is bored with the drudgery of farm life, and in an unhappy marriage, Claude ultimately finds meaning on the battlefields of World War I France.



SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

KING LEAR: Saturday, May 28th, 12:30pm 🗣️

Shakespeare's tragedy tells the story of the aged King Lear who divides his kingdom among his three daughters, two of whom betray him. Lear's misjudgment leads to chaos, madness and warfare. This story of ignorance and deceit is considered one of Shakespeare's most powerful tragedies.



MAH JONGG: Mondays, May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, 10:00am 🏠

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, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 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.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 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, May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 4:30pm 🏠

Our weekly Knitting Club is meeting at the big table upstairs in the library. Whether you are a long-time member or newly interested in knitting, we look forward to seeing you there!

ENGLISH AS A NEXT LANGUAGE (ENL): Saturdays, May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 11:00am 🏠

We are happy to announce the return of our English as a Next Language program. This class is for anyone who speaks English as a second language. Join us to practice English through informal conversation. The teacher is Shelter Islander Karen Springer. This is a free class and childcare will be provided.

INGLÉS COMO PRÓXIMO IDIOMA (ENL): Los Sábados 7, 14, 21, y 28 de Mayo, a las 11:00 de la mañana

¡Estamos felices porque nuestro programa de inglés como próximo idioma está regresando! Para cualquiera que quiera aprender o mejorar su inglés. Únete a nosotros para practicar inglés con conversaciones informales. La profesora es Karen Springer de Shelter Island. Este curso es gratis y el cuidado infantil está incluido.

You may register for all programs at www.silibrary.org. Masks are required for all in-person programs.

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 required for children 2 and over.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

PATHWAYS TO POLLINATORS: All ages 

Saturday, May 7th, 11:15am

This family program is a perfect way to learn more about how you can help your local pollinators (butterflies, bees, birds, and more). You'll get to make biodegradable seedling holders out of newspaper, plant some pollinator-friendly seeds, and even take some seeds home. Thanks to the Garden Club of Shelter Island for sponsoring this wonderful program!



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY: Ages: 2-5 

Saturdays, 10:30am (except for Saturday, May 14th)

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

SENSORY HOUR: Ages: 0-5 

Tuesday May 10th and Tuesday May 31st & Wednesday May 18th and Wednesday May 25th, 10:30am

Come to the library and 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.

PLAY-DOH PLAY HOUR: Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, May 7th, 1:00pm

Join us for our first ever play-doh play program! We'll have plenty of tools and suggestions for you to create whatever wild, weird, or wonderful play-doh creation you'd like!

TOILET PAPER ROLL MUSHROOMS: Ages: 2-5 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, May 10th and Saturday, May 14th

Get ready to get rustic and creative because we're making absolutely adorable mushrooms out of paper bowls & toilet paper rolls.

BUBBLE HOUR: Ages: 2+ 

Saturday, May 21st and 28th, 11:30am

Bubble hour is back! Come join your friends for some fabulous bubble fun (weather permitting). The program is held outdoors on our patio and yes, the bubble machine will be there.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

LEGO CLUB: Ages: 6+ 

Thursday May 12th and Thursday May 26th, 2:30-3:30pm

Join us for our first Lego Club! Create your wildest creations, challenge yourself to build something new, and chat with friends and have fun.



BOUNCY EGG EXPERIMENT: Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, May 24th and Saturday, May 28th

This awesome science experiment is going to allow you to create an egg that bounces. Don't think it's possible? Well, it is and we're going to show you how! This experiment will take at least 3 days for the egg to become bouncy. You will need to provide one egg to create this amazing experiment.

COOKIE DECORATING: Ages: 6+ 

Friday, May 27th, 3:00pm

We're breaking out the homemade sugar cookies and decorating tools to design our own glorious spring-themed cookies. And, oh yes, you get to eat them.

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN DROP-IN CRAFT THURSDAYS: Ages: 12+ 

Every Thursday, 4:00pm

Journey into the unknown with a totally new craft every week! Pipe cleaners? Perhaps. Hot glue guns? Maybe. Stop by and find out what weirdness we'll be making!

FAIRY GARDEN WITH SUCCULENTS: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, May 6th, 3:00pm

We're going to learn a little about succulents (such as how to propagate them) and even design our very own fairy garden themed succulent planters. Thanks to the Garden Club of Shelter Island for sponsoring this program! Registration is mandatory as seats are extremely limited.

BREAK THE RECORD: JELLO & CHOPSTICKS: Ages: 12+ 

Wednesday, May 18th, 3:00pm

How much jello can you eat in one minute with chopsticks? Care to find out? Battle against your friends to see who can win a \$10 gift card to Maria's!

VR NIGHT: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, May 20th, 3:00pm

Step into a whole new world and try out our virtual reality games with your friends! You'll be able to try out various games (including fan favorites like Beat Saber), explore sunken ships, or interact with the art of Vincent Van Gogh.

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB: Ages: 12+ 

Wednesday, May 25th, 3:00pm

Get ready to join our next graphic novel club meeting! We'll be going over *Just Roll With It* by Veronica Agarwal from April and figure out what we will be doing next.

TWEEN LIBRARY LOCK-IN: Ages: 10+ 

Saturday, May 28th, 5:00pm to 10:00pm

Ever wanted to hang out at the library after hours? Then this is the place for you! We'll be having pizza, breaking out the VR system, setting up the green screen, and we'll even have 3D printer pens for you to try! For ages 10+. Permission slips are available at the Library and must be returned before May 24th.

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