

December 2022 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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YEAR'S END

Dr. Seuss once said, "How did it get so late so soon?" This year has flown by as we learned to live in this world with Covid and things began to seem almost normal. While we are happy to be able to offer vaccination clinics, Covid Tests and Zoom programs, we were delighted to bring back many of our in-person programs. We even learned to present hybrid programs so that those who are unable to come to the library can still enjoy our offerings remotely. The library had a busy summer under our new tent with children's activities and illustrious speakers. Our staff continues to work hard, offering advice on the best books, movies and items from our Library of Things. We are all looking forward to what 2023 will bring as we seek your support to expand and renovate the library.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

TREE OF LIGHTS

Each year, East End Hospice brings the Tree of Lights program to the library. It is a beautiful event and allows us to pause and remember those who are no longer with us. If you would like to have an ornament placed on the tree in remembrance of a loved one, please call the East End Hospice development office at 631-288-7080 prior to the date. We welcome you to join us on the front lawn on **December 3rd at 2:30pm** as we light our beautiful tree. Refreshments will be available in the library following the tree lighting.

THANK YOU

So many of our local businesses have supported the library this year. We want to thank White Oak Farms, Star's Cafe, Finley's Fiction, Island Exterior Cleaning and Shelter Island Wine & Liquor to name a few. Many other businesses supported our Tennis Tournament, contributed to the Annual Appeal and helped us in other ways. We are so grateful for our local businesses and their support of the library.



HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET AND HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

This year the Friends of the Library will be bringing a new event to the library. On **December 10th**, the library parking lot will be transformed into a holiday market with local vendors and food purveyors. Come browse the market and do a little holiday shopping. At **1:00pm**, bring the little ones inside for our annual Holiday Extravaganza with a special story from Miss Mollie, crafts, treats and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. This is one of our favorite events of the year and we hope you will join us.

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 Sale Room. 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.

NEWSLETTER KEY

This winter 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.



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SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, December 12th at 5:00pm**. (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE). The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.

The library will be closed at **1:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th and all day Monday, December 26th for Christmas**. We will also be closing at **1:00 pm on Saturday, December 31st for New Years Eve**.

The library will be closed on **Wednesday, December 14th for Staff Development**.

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

HELP US WRITE OUR NEXT CHAPTER - MEET THE PROJECT TEAM

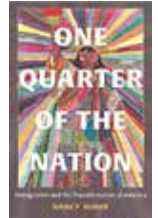
Friday, Dec 2nd, 7:00pm 🏠

Have you heard about the proposed library expansion and renovation plans? Do you want to know more? Join us in the Library Community Room on **Friday, December 2nd at 7:00pm** to meet the architects and the construction manager as they present the current plans and address your questions. The Shelter Island Public Library belongs to all Shelter Islanders. Your opinions and input matter to us, so please join us to contribute to the future of your library!

ONE QUARTER OF THE NATION: IMMIGRATION AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICA WITH LOCAL AUTHOR NANCY FONER

Friday, December 9th, 7:00pm 🏠

An astonishing number of immigrants and their children—nearly 86 million people—now live in the United States. While many books look at how America has changed contemporary immigrants, *One Quarter of the Nation* examines how they have transformed America in profound and far-reaching ways that go to the heart of the country's identity and institutions. Author Nancy Foner, who has written extensively about immigration in the US, is Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York.



EAST END HOSPICE TREE OF LIGHTS CEREMONY: Saturday, December 3rd, 2:30pm 🏠

Join us on the lawn of the library for the East End Hospice Tree of Lights Ceremony. This occasion honors the memory of friends and family members with special tributes, spoken remembrances and music. Ornaments are placed on the tree in memory of loved ones. Please call the EEH development office at 631-288-7080 with any questions or to request an ornament.



THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON

Fridays, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 10:00am 🏠

Please join us for a philosophy discussion roundtable. Our focus text will be *Philosophy* by Nigel Warburton. Our topics will range from God, art, politics, mind, appearance/reality to truth. The text should be fun reading but anyone is welcome who would like to engage in Socratic dialogue on questions that get to the fundamental human experience. All are welcome, whether you are sixteen or ninety.

HOLIDAY ROOM REFRESHERS WITH HOLLY CRONIN

Thursday, December 8th, 11:30am 🏠

Enhance your space! Come create your own blend of room fresheners for the upcoming holiday season. Go home with aromas of the forest, fresh citrus or just a fabulously refreshing spritz! Holly Cronin is well known on the Island for her fragrant creations and we are pleased to welcome her back for this program.

INTRO TO GOOGLE DOCS

Monday, December 12th, 6:00pm 🗣️

Join us to get familiar with Google Docs. This introductory course will cover formatting text; basic editing with cut, copy and paste; line spacing; tabs; indents; setting margins and much more. Debbie Dittmer will teach us the in's and out's of this program and how to best use Google Docs to accomplish your goals. Pre-requisite: Basic knowledge of the computer and G-mail account.

A TOUR OF THE NORTH FORK WITH ROSEMARY MCKINLEY

Saturday, December 17th, 1:00pm 🏠

Ever wonder what life was like on the North Fork of Long Island, New York, in 1650 before traffic, cars and convenience stores? Rosemary McKinley has been interested in history all of her life. She was a history and writing teacher and later was bitten by the writing bug. Her first book is *101 Glimpses of the North Fork and Islands*. The vintage pictures capture what life was like here on the East End one hundred years ago, including the influence of Native Americans, farming and fishing. Included are pictures of life on Shelter Island.

ADULT CRAFT: MASON JAR SNOWMAN: Saturday, December 17th, 10:00am 🏠

You will love this holiday mason jar craft which doubles as a cute ornament, holiday decoration or a glowing luminary. We will use a glue gun, sponge brush and decoupage to create this cute little winter snowman!



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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Tuesday, December 13th, 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. Tova Sullivan began to work as a cleaner during the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium after the death of her husband. She keeps busy to help cope with life after the disappearance of her son over thirty years ago. While working, Tova becomes friends with a cranky giant Pacific octopus, Marcellus, who decides to help Tova unravel the mystery of her son.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *Sea of Troubles* by Donna Leon

Monday, December 19th, 5:30pm 📺

The Mystery Book Club, run by Terry Lucas and Jessica Montgomery, reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Commissario Brunetti finds himself on the island Pellestrina investigating the murder of two fishermen. The close knit community is bound by a code of loyalty and suspicion of outsiders which hinders his work. Brunetti's colleague Signorina Ellettra volunteers to help as she has relatives on the island but Brunetti is concerned with her safety and troubled by his feelings for her.



TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, December 7th and 21st, 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. This class is designed to welcome beginners as well as practiced students. It is a combination of Tai Chi, Qigong and meditation. Instructor Denise Gillies has been teaching for over 12 years on the East End of Long Island.

KNITTING AND CROCHET WITH ASHLEY: Monday, December 12th, 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! Please register online for this program.

SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

HENRY VI - PART II: Saturday, December 31st, 12:30pm 📺

This second part of this trilogy centered on the War of the Roses offers a view of the complex relationship between the King and his Protector, Duke Humphrey. It explores the nature of history, the relationship between law and equity and the role of conscience.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MAH JONGG: Mondays, December 5th, 12th and 19th, 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, December 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. This program will be offered in person and on Zoom.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 11:00am 🏠 📺

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. This program will be offered as a hybrid program, both in person and on Zoom.

KNITTING CLUB: Thursdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 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!

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.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

WINTER READING PROGRAM

Begins December 1st 🏠

Looking for something to get you through the long winter months? Try our new Winter Reading Program. It will surely get you into the season of reading! We have designed book BINGO sheets with various book concepts. Just pick a book that completes the square's requirement and read! There will be prizes for those who get BINGO, and there will be a special prize for those who fill the whole BINGO sheet.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, December 10th, 1:00pm 🏠

Our Holiday Extravaganza is back! This wonderful event will feature a delightfully special story time with Miss Mollie, hot chocolate, crafts, and even a special visit from Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus! This year our Extravaganza is paired up with a Holiday Maker's Market featuring local vendors from all over Shelter Island. There will be food, vendors, and handmade gifts available for purchase. The Holiday Maker's Market will run from 10:00am to 2:00pm, while the Extravaganza will be at 1:00pm.



TURTLE CANDY WITH PECANS AND CARAMEL

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, December 20th and Saturday, December 31st 🧺

These delicious snacks are so easy to make but they do require a microwave (the caramel and chocolate both need to be melted, so it could be done on the stove as well) and a refrigerator. We'll provide all of the ingredients. This is a fun family activity, perfect for a cold winter day.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

SENSORY HOUR: Ages: 0-5 🏠

Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30am except for December 14th and 27th

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.

STORY TIME: Ages: 2-5 🏠

Saturday, December 3rd, 17th, and 31st, 10:30am

Come join Sara at the library for story time! We'll read plenty of books including new ones and old favorites.

HOT COCOA MUG ORNAMENT: Ages: 2-5

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, December 6th and Saturday, December 10th 🧺

A wonderful decoration for those cold winter days. This cute ornament will remind you of nestling by the fire with a mug of hot chocolate-yum! There will be a special treat inside this kit too.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SLIME TIME: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Friday, December 2nd, 3:00pm

Since our Slime Buffett was so popular last month, we're bringing it back! Come on down and create your own slime and add all kinds of crazy things to it to create the ultimate glittery, stretchy, silly slime.

BROWNIE DECORATING: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Thursday, December 8th, 4:00pm

Come to the library and decorate this delicious wintery treat! Turn your brownie into an evergreen tree using a pretzel stick as the trunk.

MINI WREATH DESIGN: Ages: 6+ 🏠

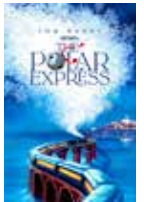
Friday, December 9th, 3:00pm

Looking for a fun decoration for your door or as a gift to show someone you love them? These mini wreaths are perfect for just that! You can decorate them any which way you choose. We'll provide plenty of supplies so just bring your creativity.

MOVIE NIGHT: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Friday, December 16th, 4:00pm

By popular demand, we will watch *The Polar Express* to celebrate the winter season. There will be popcorn, snacks, and cozy vibes.



TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

HOT CHOCOLATE PARTY: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Thursday, December 15th, 4:00pm

We're going to have a hot chocolate party (think tea party but no tea). There will be a few different kinds of cocoa to choose from and some snacks to go with this perfect treat for a chilly day.

CAMP NANOWRIMO: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday December 7th and December, 28th, 4:00pm

We're continuing Camp NaNo so come on down! Notebooks and pens (and snacks) are provided so bring your storytelling skills, plot bunnies, and unexpected twists and come write with us.

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, December 21st, 4:00pm

Come join us for the November meeting of our graphic novel book club. We'll be discussing November's book, *5 Worlds - The Sand Warrior*, and picking our book for January. Snacks, drinks, and plenty of book talk will make the perfect book club.



TINY PANCAKES: Ages: 10+ 🏠

Friday, December 30th, 4:00pm

Let's make tiny pancakes! We're breaking out the griddle and making bite-sized bits of deliciousness. Syrup and butter will be provided for the ultimate pancake experience.

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