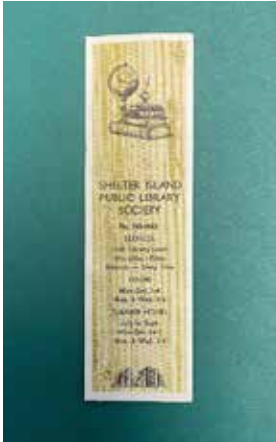


# March 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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## LIBRARY HISTORY

By the early 1960s the Island's population had grown to more than a thousand residents and our library had outgrown the small building near the school. The Tuthill family donated the lot where the present building stands today, almost across the street from the original library home in the "Old Store." With the help of the Lion's Club, the community came out to support the construction of a new larger library with space for children and adults. On August 14, 1965, the new library, designed by Milton C. Sherman, was dedicated. The President of the Trustees on that date was Andrew Fiske, great-nephew of the first President, Cornelia Horsford.



## THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

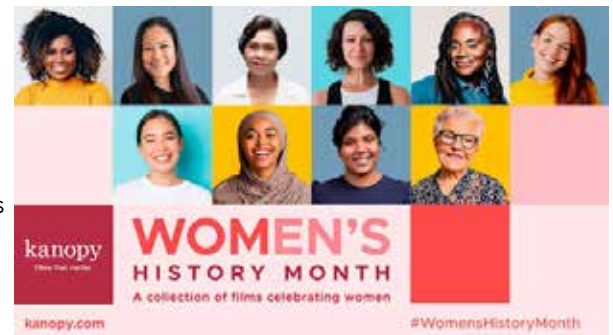
will be held on **Monday, March 20th at 5:00pm**. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

If you look at our monthly newsletter you will see that a variety of programs are offered for both adults and children. We have book clubs and lectures, mah jongg and knitting, STEM programs for children, crafts and so much more. Some of these programs come from suggestions from the staff and our patrons, but most of them come from the creative minds of Jessica Montgomery and Sara Garcia. They come up with great ideas, find interesting people to talk to us and deal with all the logistics. Since we have limited space, sometimes program planning can take some juggling and Jessica and Sara always make it work. We love being a place that people can gather in person or by Zoom to learn something new or just be entertained. Let us know what you think about our programs and if there is something you would like to see added to our line-up.

## KANOPY

Kanopy is a video-streaming service that presents thoughtful and thought-provoking films. There are over 30,000 films to choose from, streaming anytime and anywhere - from desktop to TV to tablet. Independent films are showcased, as are classics and other long-time favorites. These films bridge cultural boundaries, spark discussion and expand world views. All of these films are available to you with your library card. To learn how to take advantage of all Kanopy has to offer, talk to the library staff or follow the instructions in the video on our website.



## 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 books per month. Please, no magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition.

## NEWSLETTER KEY

This spring 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

# PROGRAMS 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. 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.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

**MURDER MYSTERY PARTY: MARDI GRAS:** Friday, March 10th, 7:00pm 🏠

You are invited to join us for our *Mardi Gras, Masks, Murder!* Mystery Party here at the library. Attend a masquerade party hosted by Marshall Inglewood, the Governor of Louisiana. Expect an elegant evening with hor d'oeuvres, mocktails, dancing, a mysterious theft and an unsavory scandal! As you will need to be given your character sheet several days in advance, please register by Tuesday, March 7th. Space is limited so register today!

## THE DEVIL HAS MY CONSENT WITH HISTORIAN AND EDUCATOR KATHY WILSON

**Wednesday, March 1st, 5:30pm** 🗣️

In 1692 more than 200 people were accused of witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts; 20 were executed. What happened to create such hysteria? Were the accusers possessed? Discover the real story behind the Salem Witch Trials. A professional historian and educator, Kathy Wilson believes learning about the past can be fun as well as interesting. Join us for this joint program with other East End libraries.

## ISLAND GIRLS: WOMEN OF LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

**Thursday, March 16th, 7:00pm** 🗣️

This virtual program highlights a sampling of some extraordinary women of Long Island. Over the past three centuries, women have made history here. Included are reformers, journalists, designers, performers, and more. Join us for this joint program with other East End libraries in honor of Women's History Month.

## ESTATE PLANNING 101

**Monday, March 27th, 1:00pm** 🗣️

Join attorney Britt Burner, Esq. as she discusses the importance of having basic Estate Planning documents in place, including advance directives and durable power of attorneys. She will also discuss the difference between wills and trusts.

## ADULT CRAFT

### AIR DRY CLAY BOWLS (TAKE AND MAKE)

**Pick up: Tuesday, March 21st to Saturday, March 25th** 📦

Making your own clay bowls is easier than you may think. We will provide the air dry clay, a rubber stamp, an inkpad, a sealant and a brush as well as instructions on how to create your bowl. Create something beautiful at home!

**ADULT CRAFT: TISSUE PAPER PAINTING:** Saturday, March 18th, 1:00pm 🏠

Create a canvas of color with this popular tissue paper painting activity! Choose your colors and arrange them in a beautiful design. When you paint you will create a painting that looks like a watercolor. Join us for this fun, relaxing craft.



**THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON:** Fridays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 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.

**TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES:** Wednesdays, March 1st and 15th, 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, March 13th, 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.

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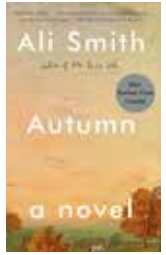
# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB: *Autumn* by Ali Smith

Tuesday, March 14th, 5:00pm 🏠

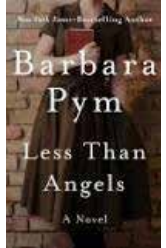
The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. *Autumn* is a post-Brexit novel of love, truth, and time in which Elisabeth Demand reflects on her almost lifelong romantic-spiritual love affair with 101-year-old Daniel Gluck. As the novel gets under way, the narrator describes an England in 2016 that is experiencing the worst of times. The meaning of time, aging and the nature of stories is explored in this first novel in a highly anticipated quartet.



### BARBARA PYM BOOK CLUB: *Less Than Angels* by Barbara Pym

Saturday, March 25th, 2:00pm

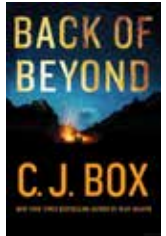
The Barbara Pym Book Club is run by Perry Lucas and will read the works of Barbara Pym over the next several months. Catherine Oliphant, a writer for women's magazines and anthropologist Tom Mallow live together in comfortable domesticity. Tom shocks Catherine by ending the relationship and announcing his attachment to a 19 year old student. Catherine quickly turns her attention to a reclusive academic, another anthropologist. This social satire turns a sharp eye on the world of academia and mating habits of humans.



### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *Back of Beyond* by C.J. Box

Monday, March 27th, 5:30pm 🎧

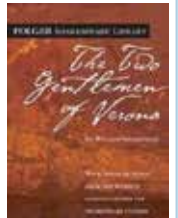
The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Brilliant cop Cody Hoyt is an alcoholic struggling with sobriety when his mentor and AA sponsor Hank Winters is found burned to death in a remote mountain cabin. Despite the clues that make it look like suicide, Cody knows Hank would never kill himself. When items found at the scene link the murderer to an outfitter leading tourists on a wilderness horseback trip into the remote corners of Yellowstone National Park, Cody is desperate to get on their trail and stop the killer before the group heads into the wild.



## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE: TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA

Saturday, March 25th, 12:30pm 🎧

In this Shakespeare Comedy, the two "gentlemen", Proteus and Valentine, are taking leave of one another as the play opens. Valentine travels to Milan, where he falls in love with Silvia, daughter of the Duke. Proteus, meanwhile, hunts after love and remains in Verona, pledged to faithfulness to his beloved Julia. The play deals with the themes of friendship and infidelity, the conflict between friendship and love, and the foolish behavior of people in love.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 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, March 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. This program will be offered in person and on Zoom.

**INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION:** Thursdays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 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.

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION

Saturdays, March 4th, 18th and 25th, 3:30pm 🏠

Join us to practice English through informal conversation. Instructor Jonathan Cho will lead this program in the library community room on a weekly basis.

You may register for all programs at [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org).

# PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Please register for all programs on our website [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org). Take & Make quantities are limited. Spaces are limited for all in-person programs.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**SENSORY HOUR:** Ages: 0-5 🏠

Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:30am  
except Tuesday, March 14th

Come to the library, 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 🏠

Every Saturday, 10:30am

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

**PAPER PLATE DINOSAURS:** Ages: 2-5 🏠

Saturday, March 4th, 11:30am

Dinosaurs are the best! Bring this prehistoric dinosaur to life with this easy craft. Guaranteed to be a roaring good time.

**CARDBOARD SPACE SHUTTLE CRAFT:** Ages: 2-5

Saturday, March 11th, 11:30am 🏠

Design your own super cool space shuttle craft. It's the perfect creation for your next galactic adventure!

**PAPER FIRETRUCKS:** Ages: 2-5 📦

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, March 14th  
and Saturday, March 18th

This is a fun and easy paper craft that's perfect for little fingers. Who doesn't love a firetruck?!

**MOVIE DAY: ICE AGE:** Ages: 2-5 🏠

Saturday, March 25th, 1:00pm

"Doesn't anyone care about Sid the Sloth?" We do! Come watch Ice Age with us. There won't be dandelions to munch on but we will have popcorn.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**PIPE CLEANER DINOSAURS:** Ages: 6+ 📦

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, March 7th  
and Saturday, March 11th

Give your best prehistoric roar with this fun craft! Pipe cleaners are the perfect way to bring your dino to life.

**LUCKY CHARMS RICE KRISPIE TREAT:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

Friday, March 17th, 3:00pm

This is an easy and delicious treat. But make sure to keep an eye out for leprechauns because they're always after your Lucky Charms!

**NO SEW FELT BUTTERFLIES:** Ages: 6+ 🏠

Saturday, March 18th at 11:30

These butterflies are absolutely adorable and an excellent way to usher in spring. You can glue them to a pin, attach them to a branch or just place them around the house!

**POKEMON TERRARIUMS:** Ages: 6+ 📦

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, March 21st  
and Saturday, March 25th

Gotta catch 'em all! This awesome Take & Make will feature all the things you need to make your very own Pokemon terrarium. Please note: Pokemon figures are randomly chosen and availability for this kit is limited.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**MARCH MADNESS KICKOFF: NACHO BAR**

Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, March 1st, 3:00pm

Kick off our March Madness Fictional Character Showdown by enjoying some awesome nachos with us. We'll break down who's who with various fictional villains, sidekicks, and heroes.



**TWEEN MOVIE NIGHT  
FANTASTIC MR. FOX!**

Ages: 10+ 🏠

Friday, March 3rd, 4:00pm

Grab your friends and come watch Fantastic Mr. Fox! There won't be any freshly caught chickens but there will be popcorn.

**MUG PRESS:** Ages: 10+

Wednesday, March 8th, 3:00pm

Design and decorate your very own mug using the awesome mug press from the library system. Chat with Sara or Mary if you'd like to come up with a more detailed design before the mug press arrives.

**BATH BOMBS:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, March 15th, 3:00pm

Need to treat yourself? What better way to relax and unwind than with your very own bath bomb? We'll use different scents and colors to create a unique and luxurious spa experience.

**TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB**

Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, March 22nd, 4:00pm

Come join us for the February meeting of our graphic novel book club. We'll be discussing February's book *Baba Yaga's Assistant* by Marika McCoola, and picking our next book for April. We'll have snacks, drinks, and plenty of book talk.



**ESCAPE ROOM:** Ages: 10+ 🏠

Wednesday, March 29th, 3:00pm

Try your skills at this fantastic escape room and see if you're able to complete the puzzle to make your way to freedom. The escape room is timed to give everyone a fair chance.

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