

# April 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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## SOMETHING EXCITING IS HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY!



In just under 3 months voters on Shelter Island will have the opportunity to vote on the renovation and expansion of the library. We are excited to share the preliminary plans with you and answer any questions you may have. This month there will be two opportunities to hear about the project. On Thursday, April 13th at 6:00pm, join us for an Open House where some of the trustees and I will provide drinks, snacks and information. If you can't make the Open House, please join us on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00am, when our architects and construction managers will be on site for an Informational Meeting. We hope you can make one of the get togethers but if they do not fit into your schedule, the library staff and I are always happy to talk about the project here at the library. We think this renovation and expansion will be a great addition to the community!



## THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, April 17th at 5:00pm**. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.

### OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, April 13th, 6:00pm

Join us for some snacks and the opportunity to view the preliminary plans and ask questions of the library director and trustees. No registration required.

### INFORMATION SESSION: Saturday, April 15th, 10:00am

Our architect and construction manager will be on hand to talk about the details of the proposed renovation and expansion. Share a bagel and a cup of coffee and learn more about your library's next chapter. No registration required.

### WHAT'S UP WITH THE KIDS?

These days our Youth Services area is bustling with kids of all ages. "Youth Services" means we serve ages 0 all the way to 18 years old. While we love and encourage our readers, the library has become so much more for our young patrons than a place to read. On average we offer one to three programs every day throughout the week for our young patrons. Our tweens and teens utilize the library as a place to socialize, play tabletop games with each other, work on homework, and participate in programs such as our Graphic Novel Book Club, slime parties, movie nights, pop-up crafts and other awesome events. Meanwhile, our younger patrons are often challenging each other on the Nintendo Switch, creating yarn bracelets, designing and making buttons, decorating treasure boxes, making maps, and more. And our littlest ones participate in sensory hour, story time, and crafts such as finger painting, paper plate dinosaurs, cardboard space shuttle creation, and other fun projects. All of these programs give children of all ages a chance to socialize and try something new while also allowing their caregivers a chance to chat with other adults or participate in a fun craft. We believe that our library staff has created a safe, welcoming environment for our kids to have a place to express themselves and their creativity.

### 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. 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

**TILL HEIST DO US PART: MEET AND GREET WITH JEANNE CALLAHAN TRANTEL:** Friday, April 14th, 7:00pm 🏠

Jeanne's life was perfect—or so it seemed. She had it all: a loving husband who worked on Wall Street, two beautiful, healthy sons, and a dream home in an affluent Long Island community where she grew up, surrounded by friends and family. But then, with one phone call, the life she knew and loved came crashing down around her. Jeanne will join us to share her story and express that her story is not a tragedy; it is a story of hope and redemption, of faith, love, and the power of forgiveness.

**WOOD TURNINGS BY FRED BUONOCORE:** Friday, April 21st, 7:00pm 🏠

You may have noticed his work in the display case at the Library the past few weeks. Fred Buonocore was kind enough to loan his stunning wood turnings to us and share them with the Shelter Island community. Fred says about his work, "Living on this island gave me the unique opportunity to visit our Recycling Center on a somewhat regular basis. Given this, I've also discovered the "wood pile" in which I've found many "treasures". My wood turnings are a direct result of this resource. Time, patience and skill with my lathe transform these discards into my wood art."

**BLISS MOREHEAD MEMORIAL POETRY READING AND GRANT AWARD:** Friday, April 28th, 7:00pm 🏠

Bliss Morehead was relentless in pursuit of the perfect word or phrase and thought poets would "likely spend the rest of our lives trying to make it better and never be satisfied." The Bliss Morehead Poetry Grant was established in 2021 by Shelter Islander Mike Zisser in memory of his wife Bliss Morehead Zisser, who for a decade, 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 "Past and Future". Join us to remember a special Shelter Islander and celebrate the recipient of this year's Grant.

**GOOGLE SHEETS WITH DEBBIE DITMER:** Monday, April 3rd, 6:00pm 🗣️

Join us for an introduction to this free spreadsheet app that comes with your Gmail account. Debbie Ditmer will be assisting us with learning about Google Sheets. She will discuss creating, opening and saving Workbooks. The program will focus on basic workbook techniques, creating formulas and basic formatting and editing. A Gmail account is necessary to take this class.

**GETTYSBURG: THE AFTERMATH OF BATTLE AND LINCOLN'S IMMORTAL WORDS:** Wednesday, April 12th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Four months after the Battle of Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg to help dedicate a cemetery for the fallen United States soldiers. His "few appropriate remarks," only ten sentences in length and delivered in less than three minutes, have since become some of the most famous words ever spoken in American History. Join Gettysburg NMP Park Ranger John Hoptak for an examination of the aftermath of the three-day battle of Gettysburg, the creation of the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and the meaning and continuing relevance of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address."

**LEISURAMA OF MONTAUK: ONLY IN AMERICA: A PODCAST AND DISCUSSION WITH OUR HAMPTONS**

**PODCAST COHOSTS ESPERANZA LEON AND IRWIN LEVY:** Tuesday, April 18th, 1:00pm 🗣️

Leisurama was a line of inexpensive prefabricated houses sold through Macy's department stores in the mid-1960s, and featured at the 1959 American National Exhibition in Moscow. Some of the houses were built in Culloden Point in Montauk, where some still remain. We'll listen to the podcast, and hear from the co-hosts for a lively discussion about this uniquely American phenomenon that proves there is truly no place like home.

**NY STATE OF HEALTH MARKETPLACE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE INFORMATION:** Thursday, April 27th, 11:00-3:00pm 🏠

NY State of Health is the official health plan marketplace for New Yorkers to shop for, compare, and enroll in health insurance coverage. Some plans are free and most New Yorkers are eligible for financial support to lower their costs. A NY State of Health Insurance Enrollment Assister will be available at the library to talk to you about choosing a plan that is right for you. *No registration required.*

**DECLUTTER AND TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE WITH PATTY MORRISSEY:** Saturday, April 29th, 11:30am 🏠

Patty Morrissey, Creator of the Clear and Cultivate Method, offers training and coaching to help individuals and organizations get unstuck and inspired to keep innovating. Make room for what matters most. If your mind is as cluttered as your calendar or your closet, this program is for you.

**THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON**

**Fridays, April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, 10:00am 🏠**

Please join us for a philosophy discussion roundtable. 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, April 12th & 19th, 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, April 10th, 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.

**ORIGAMI CLASS WITH MARIANNE BAIRD**

**Tuesdays, April 4th & April 18th, 10:30am 🏠**

Origami is a bit like magic in that one may transform a single sheet of paper into a work of art. It is a meditative art form that has been practiced for over 1,000 years. Join us to experience the "Peace of Paper" led by Shelter Islander Marianne Baird.

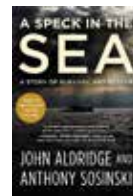
# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB: *A Speck in the Sea: A Story of Survival and Rescue*

by John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski: Tuesday, April 11th, 4:30pm 🏠

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. This harrowing adventure-at-sea memoir recounting the heroic search-and-rescue mission for lost Montauk fisherman John Aldridge is this year's selection for "Long Island Reads," sponsored by Suffolk and Nassau Public Library systems. A tale of survival, perseverance, and community, Aldridge's wrenching first-person account intertwines with the narrative of the massive, constantly evolving rescue operation designed to save him.



### COOKBOOK CLUB: *The Picnic Gala*: Wednesday, April 19th, 5:00pm 🏠

The Cookbook Club is back! We are so excited to be bringing this popular program back to the library and will kick off our return with "The Picnic Gala". Prepare and bring your favorite picnic dish or snack and join us in the community room for some sparkling cider and some delicious treats!



### BARBARA PYM BOOK CLUB: *Quartet in Autumn*: Saturday, April 22nd, 2:00pm 🎧

The Barbara Pym Book Club is run by Terry Lucas and will read the works of Barbara Pym over the next several months. Edwin, Norman, Letty and Marcia work in the same office and all suffer from loneliness. We explore their small worlds and the barriers they raise to protect them from the cruelties of the world. Yet, all have hope and find a way to succeed through optimism.



### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *The Long Call* by Ann Cleeves: Monday, April 24th, 5:30pm 🎧

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. *The Long Call* is the latest gripping series by Ann Cleeves. The series follows North Devon Detective Matthew Venn who receives a call that a body has been found near the beach in the community he grew up in. The case calls Matthew back to the people and places of his past, as deadly secrets hidden at their hearts are revealed, and his new life is forced to collide with the world he thought he'd left behind.



### SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE: *JULIUS CAESAR*: Saturday, April 22nd, 12:30pm 🎧

In the play, Brutus joins a conspiracy to assassinate Julius Caesar, to prevent him from becoming a tyrant.

Caesar's right-hand man Antony stirs up hostility against the conspirators and Rome becomes embroiled in a dramatic civil war.

## ADULT CRAFT

### ADULT CRAFT: *ROLL INTO SPRING WITH HOLLY CRONIN*: Saturday, April 15th, 11:30am 🏠

Holly will be back with her collection of essential oils to help us create rejuvenating Roll-On's for the Spring season. Join us at the library to sample some essential oils and make your very own special roll on!

### SEED SOWING AND A CLAY POT DECOUPAGE: Saturday, April 22nd, 11:00am 🏠

Join us as we celebrate the official start to spring planting! Come learn about our seed library collection and 'borrow' seeds for your garden. Vegetable, herb and flower seeds will all be available. While browsing for seeds, join us for a fun craft - Seed Packet Decoupage Clay Pots! We will provide a pot and an assortment of seed packets to choose from for decorating. When you get home you can begin planting!



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### MAH JONGG: April 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th, 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, April 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, 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 on Zoom.

### INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, 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, April 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th, 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.

## ADULT INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Wednesday, April 26th, 6:00pm

Keep Scouting alive on Shelter Island! Anyone who wants to help with Girl Scouts in any way, please join Katie Potter, Shelter Island Girl Scout Coordinator, for an informational meeting in the library Community Room. You must be 18 or older. There will be cookies!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**SENSORY HOUR:** Ages: 0-5 

Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 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.

**STORY TIME:** Ages: 2-5 

Every Saturday, 10:30am except Saturday, April 8th & April 15th  
Come join Sara at the library for story time! We'll read plenty of books including new ones and old favorites.

**ELEPHANT CRAFT:** Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, April 1st, 11:30am

We're trumpeting with excitement over this adorable elephantastic craft! It's super simple and a great way to spend some time letting your imagination go wild.

**FISH CRAFT:** Ages: 2-5 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, April 4th & Saturday, April 8th

This super adorable craft is sure to brighten up your day-nothing fishy with this easy craft!

**FINGER PAINTING:** Ages: 2-5 

Friday, April 7th, 1:00pm

Let's have a fun day painting! This program is a little messy so dress for a mess.

**MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 2-5 

Thursday, April 13th, 1:00pm

Get ready to watch a movie with us! We'll enjoy popcorn and have fun with our friends. Please see Sara for more information.

**PAPER PLATE MONSTERS:** Ages: 2-5 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, April 18th & Saturday, April 22nd

We're making monsters! This kit will give you plenty of options to create the wackiest, weirdest, or most wonderful monster you've ever seen.

**CATERPILLAR POM POMS:** Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, April 29th, 11:30am

Celebrate spring with us and make these adorable pom pom caterpillars!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**CROWN DECORATING:** Ages: 6+ 

Friday, April 14th, 1:00pm

We're making crowns! Come decorate your very own crown and let your creativity shine!

**FACE PAINTING TUTORIAL:** Ages: 6+ 

Wednesday, April 19th, 3:30pm

Let's paint! We're going to use face paint to create fun and wacky designs for ourselves and our friends. We'll give awesome tips and tricks to make fun designs.

**PAPER PUPPETS:** Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, April 25th & Saturday, April 29th

Come make some super cool paper puppets using origami techniques and creativity. They will be unique and totally awesome!



**MOVIE DAY!:** Ages: 6+ 

Thursday, April 27th, 4:00pm

We're watching a fantastic movie! There will be popcorn and fun with friends. Please speak with Sara for more information.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**SURREAL COLLAGES:** Ages: 10+ 

Wednesday, April 5th, 3:30pm

Get ready to get weird. We're making some delightfully strange pieces of art and want you to join us! Come on down.

**TINY PANCAKES:** Ages: 10+ 

Thursday, April 6th, 3:00pm

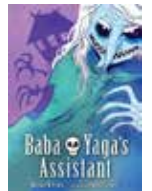
Back by popular demand we're making tiny pancakes! There will be sprinkles, syrup, and food coloring to decorate these tasty treats. Yum!



**TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB:** Ages: 10+ 

Wednesday, April 19th, 4:30pm

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



**SLIME PARTY:** Ages: 10+ 

Thursday, April 20th, 3:00pm

We're making slime! We'll have plenty of things to add to our tried and true, trusty slime recipe.

**BUBBLE TEA:** Ages: 10+ 

Wednesday, April 26th at 3:30pm

Come join us for delicious bubble tea! Never tried it before? Now's your chance to experience the popular tapioca pearl filled sweet tea. Yum!

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