

May 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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LET'S TALK!



Library Director Terry Lucas wants to be on your agenda if your group has questions, concerns or comments about our library's proposed expansion - such as what will it cost us? Why now? What will it mean for the community? For our group? Are the renovation plans wishful thinking or based on real issues and hard facts?



If you are part of a formal or informal community group - a quilting or knitting club, neighborhood association, book club, Garden Club, 4th of July fireworks committee, FIT center, PTSA, Sylvester Manor supporters, Fire Department Auxiliary, 10 and 5K race committees, Shelter Island Historical Society Board, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Sylvester Manor's CSA or countless others - please give us a few minutes at your next gathering or

meeting to talk about a new chapter for our library. We would like to hear from you before the June 17th all-Island vote on funding for the library renovation and expansion.

OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, May 20th, 10:00am

Join us for some snacks and the opportunity to view the preliminary plans and ask questions of the Library Director and Trustees before the June 17th vote! No registration required.

TECH TUESDAYS

Do you require assistance with Libby, Flipster, Kanopy, Pronunciator, our databases or your library account? Call the library to set up an appointment with Sara on one of our Tech Tuesdays! Before you come, please have any usernames and passwords with you so we can provide the best help possible. We are able to work with devices such as your phone, laptop, or tablet. Tech Tuesdays are appointment based and are from 1:00-3:00pm every Tuesday in May.

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Here at the Library, we try to think outside the box. You know us for our book collection and our programs for all ages, but did you know that we have a Library of Things? It's a special collection of useful and sometimes unusual items for you to borrow.

Having a party? Borrow our karaoke mic.

Rainy weekend? Borrow our DVD player.

Feel like baking with the grandchildren? We have all kinds of fun cake pans (a skull! A truck!) and cookie cutters to try.

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Other items include birdwatching backpacks, gardening tools (to use when you plant seeds from our Seed Library), a bocce ball set, mah jongg set and more. Come check out our Library of Things!



THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, May 15th at 5:00pm**. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.

The library will be closed on **Monday, May 29th** in recognition of **Memorial Day**.

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.slibrary.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

PASTOR BILL GRIMBOL - MAKING A HABIT OF HOPE: Friday, May 5th, 7:00pm 🏠

We live in spiritually troubling times. There is ample chaos and division. There is a lack of compromise, community, and common ground. Above all else, there is a lack of genuine hope. HOPE, in today's chaotic and often crazy world, will not come easily. It cannot be about success, and how much stuff we might own. Hope will not come cheap. It will require real commitment. It will present great challenges for change. It will need all of us to seek to be mature. Please join us as "Pastor Bill" talks about how we can come together to create a legacy of hope.

FISHERFOLK; FISHERSONGS: FISHERMEN'S WORK, LIFE & HARDSHIPS AS TOLD THROUGH HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY SONGS WITH STEPHEN SANFILIPPO: Friday, May 19th, 7:00pm 🏠

A native Long Islander, Stephen has performed songs of the maritime trades throughout Long Island and Virginia since the 1970s. In "Fisherfolk" he performs songs of Long Island eel spearkers and clambers, Chesapeake oystermen, Maine lobstermen, fishermen of the British Isles, Sicily, Maritime Canada and Long Island.



THE THIRD ACT WITH JOSH SAPAN: Friday, May 26th, 7:00pm 🏠

Josh Sapan's book, *The Third Act*, features people who are doing extraordinary things later in their career. Some are well known, including Jane Fonda, Alan Alda, Robert Redford and Norman Lear. There are also some equally powerful and moving unknown acts in the book by people you meet every day. In a discussion surrounding *The Third Act*, author Josh Sapan will be joined by remarkable people from the area including Susan Dempsey, Bill Persky & Joshua Potter.



THE SINKING OF STEAMBOAT LEXINGTON: Monday, May 8th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Join historian, author, and former Newsday reporter Bill Bleyer for this presentation about the 1840 accident that claimed the lives of all but four of the approximately 150 on board and remains the worst maritime disaster in the history of Long Island. The pilot tried to head for shore only to have the steering ropes burn through. The engineers could not stop the steam engine so the crew attempted to launch the three lifeboats but all were lost. Hear the tales of the lost and the survivors in this fascinating talk.



BLACK BREWERS AND DISTILLERS: Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00pm 🗣️

A History of African Americans in Brewing and Distilling explores and delves into the impact that African-Americans in distilling and brewing have made in this country. The talk will explore the stories of enslaved women brewers and enslaved men who distilled for their owners without recognition, Black women moonshiners across the country during Prohibition, the incredibly creative mixologists of the 1800s who created drinks we still partake in today, and also spotlight current day mixologists, brewers, and distillers that are changing the face of spirits today.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR: Thursday, May 11th, 5:30pm 🗣️

When television began in the late 1940s, advertising was already a vital part of the picture. Throughout the 1950s, advertisers were fully in charge, controlling the content of a large part of prime time, and selling their products through live demonstrations, celebrity testimonials, inventive animation, and ads that integrated directly into the program. With the shift away from full sponsorship, a new era of creativity emerged, as advertisers embraced new techniques and approaches. This talk will look at how advertising changed during television's first two decades and the important role it played in convincing viewers that the key to happiness lay in quite literally buying their way into the American dream.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE: EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL: Saturday, May 13th from 10:00am - 4:00pm 🏠

The Empire Safety Council will be hosting a Defensive Driving course at the library. The cost is \$35.00 per person. This program is limited so registration is required. Checks can be made out to the Empire Safety Council and are required at the time of registration. This program will take place in person in the library Community Room. ***Please visit the Circulation Desk to register for this program.***

THOSE WISE GUYS OF LI ... OWLS! Tuesday, May 16th, 6:00pm 🗣️

Fascinating, mysterious and beautiful! Owls are all of these things and we see many here on Long Island. Using lots of photos as well as fun and interesting facts, Dianne Taggart, long time LI birder, will tell us all about these magnificent and wonderful birds.

BATTLE OF THE BRAINS: WITH BOB DESTEFANO: Thursday, May 25th, 6:00pm 🏠

Trivia Master Bob DeStefano returns with another round of "Battle of the Brains". Test your knowledge in a wide variety of subjects against that of your neighbors. We always have a great time!

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, May 3rd & 17th, 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, May 8th, 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.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz: Tuesday, May 9th, 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. *Trust* is a story within a story. Even through the roar of the 1920s, everyone in New York has heard of Benjamin and Helen Rask. He is a legendary Wall Street tycoon; she is the brilliant daughter of eccentric aristocrats. Together, they have risen to the very top of a world of seemingly endless wealth. But the secrets around their affluence and grandeur incites gossip. Rumors about Benjamin's financial maneuvers and Helen's reclusiveness start to spread-all as a decade of excess and speculation draws to an end.



BARBARA PYM BOOK CLUB: *A Few Green Leaves* by Barbara Pym: Saturday, May 20th, 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. In *A Few Green Leaves*, the heroine is Emma Howick, anthropologist who is writing up notes on a former project but conceives the idea of making a study of her neighbors' lives. We see the quiet revolution in English village life through Emma's eyes. While the village may seem to be forgotten by time, modern life is slowly creeping in. Romance, death, and the quiet everyday rural pastimes make this a gentle story.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *A Face To Die For* by Iris Johansen: Monday, May 22nd, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Archaeologist Riley Smith has been obsessed with Helen of Troy since she was a small girl, trailing her professor father all over the world in search of the tomb of the world's most beautiful woman. When tomb raiders murder her father, Riley becomes more determined than ever to reach Helen of Troy's burial site first and avenge his death.



COOKBOOK CLUB: *Summer BBQ and Salads!*, Wednesday, May 24th, 5:00pm 🏠

The Cookbook Club is back! May is National Bar-B-Que Month as well as National Salad Month. We will be celebrating with all the tasty treats you expect to find at a spring/summer BBQ.

'A BERRY GOOD TIME' WITH SYLVESTER MANOR FARM MANAGER ARIELLE GARDNER:

Saturday, May 6th, 10:30am 🏠

Learn about strawberries, and other berries grown by Sylvester Manor that you too could grow at home. We'll talk about the life cycle of berry plants, pruning, harvesting and maintenance. We'll plant bare root strawberries for everyone to take home and transplant to their gardens.

ADULT CRAFT

PRESSED FLOWER LANTERNS TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT:

Pick Up: Tuesday, May 23rd - Saturday, May 27th 📅

Make your own pressed flower lanterns that are beautiful, and really easy to put together! With a bit of Mod Podge and dried flowers you have a gorgeous candle holder that's super simple to make.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MAH JONGG: May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd, 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 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, 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, May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, 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.

THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON: Fridays, May 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 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.


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.

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! There will be coffee for the grown-ups. Be sure to register ahead of time to reserve your spot.

STORY TIME: Ages: 2-5

Every Saturday, 10:30am except Saturday, May 13th 


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

PLAY DOH PLAY: Ages: 2-5

Saturday, May 6th, 11:30am 


Have fun with play doh and create wild and wacky creations!

RAINY DAY DUCKS: Ages: 2-5

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, May 9th  and Saturday, May 13th

These adorable little ducks are the perfect craft for those springtime showers. Guaranteed to make you have a quackin' good time!

CARROTS IN THE GARDEN: Ages: 2-5

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, May 16th  and Saturday, May 20th

This cute paper craft is a great way to learn about gardening!




BIRDHOUSE PAINTING: Ages: 2-5

Saturday, May 20th, 11:30am 

Come paint birdhouses with us! These houses are yours to keep and are sure to bring joy to your backyard birds.


BUBBLE HOUR: Ages: 2-5

Saturday, May 27th, 11:30am 

Bubble Hour is back! Weather permitting, we will be outside under the tent with our bubble machine, bubble wands, and excitement!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

PIPE CLEANER FLOWERS: Ages: 6+

Tuesday, May 2nd, 3:00pm 

We're making adorable pipe cleaner flowers. It's an easy craft that's a great way to celebrate springtime.

PERLER BEADS: Ages: 6+

Wednesday, May 3rd, 3:30pm 


Perler beads are perfect for all kinds of crazy creations. You can use our templates or come up with your own plan. After the design is ready, we'll use parchment paper and an iron to melt the beads together.

CARDBOARD LLAMA: Ages: 6+

Thursday, May 4th, 3:00pm 

Let's make llamas! These cardboard cuties are absolutely adorable. You can make them groovy and decorate them however you'd like!

BUTTON MAKING: Ages: 6+

Thursday, May 11th, 3:00pm 


We're making buttons! You can come up with any design you'd like and then make your very own wearable button.

EASY SUNCATCHERS: Ages: 6+

Wednesday, May 17th, 3:30pm 

These awesome suncatchers are so easy to make and look absolutely amazing when they're done. Come check it out!

HOT AIR BALLOON: Ages: 6+

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, May 23rd  and Saturday, May 27th

Sail the skies with your very own paper hot air balloon!

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

ORIGAMI FLOWERS: Ages: 10+

Friday, May 5th, 3:00pm 


We'll provide instructions and paper for you to create your very own origami flowers. Perfect for your room or to give as a gift.

PHONE DECALS: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, May 10th, 3:30pm 

Does your phone feel blah? Do you need to spice it up? Looking for that extra perfect decoration for your case? Come make decals on the Cricut with us!

FAIRY GARDEN PLANTING: Ages: 10+

Friday, May 12th, 3:00pm 

We're making fairy gardens with the Shelter Island Garden Club! Eda will help us plant succulents in small planters for decorating and then you'll get to bring your new plant home.

MOVIE NIGHT: Ages: 10+

Thursday, May 18th, 4:00pm 


It's movie night! We'll be munching on popcorn and enjoying a flick with friends. Please see Sara for more information.

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, May 24th, 4:00pm 

Welcome back to our very own Graphic Novel Book Club. Each person will choose a graphic novel to read and we will get together to discuss them before our summer hiatus!

DECORATE YOUR OWN DONUT SQUISHY: Ages: 10+

Thursday, May 25th, 3:00pm 

Come decorate your own donut squishy. While they're not for eating, they are oh-so-tasty looking and make a great stress reliever.

APPLE DONUTS: Ages: 10+

Friday, May 26th, 3:00pm 

Apple donuts?! While these might not have any deep-fried deliciousness they will have all kinds of toppings and are a great afternoon snack. Learn how to make them at home for when you need a sweet treat.

CANDLE MAKING: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, May 31st, 3:30pm 

We're going to work together to create candles with the perfect decorations and scents. At the end of the program, the candle is yours to keep.