

# June 2023 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



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## JUNE 17TH VOTE ON THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION!



The vote on the library renovation and expansion will take place in the Community Room at the library on **Saturday, June 17th from 10:00am to 4:00pm**. In order to vote, you must be a registered voter on Shelter Island. Voter Registration will be held at the library on **Thursday June 8th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm**.

If you are registered to vote on the Island but will be away on the day of the referendum, you can get an absentee ballot. The absentee ballot application is available at the library, at the Shelter Island School and on our website [www.silibrary.org](http://www.silibrary.org)



The absentee ballot application should be submitted no later than June 9th to Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk, Shelter Island Free School District, PO Box 2105, Shelter Island, New York 11964. The District Clerk will mail the ballot to your home. If you are mailing your ballot back, it must be received by **1:00pm on June 17th** in order to be counted. Hand-delivered ballots must be received by the day before the vote. See you on the 17th!



## THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00 pm**. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room.

We will be closed on **Monday, June 19th** in honor of Juneteenth

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Saturday, June 3rd, 2:00pm

Celebrate summer with an ice cream social under the tent! Find out a little more about the Renovation and Expansion project before you go to vote on June 17th! Bring your family for ice cream, some lawn games and a visit with your neighbors.

## REPAIR CAFE

The library is excited to work with Kyle Karen, several graduate students from Stony Brook University and community members on a Repair Cafe. A Repair Cafe is a free, community event where you can bring your beloved but broken items and learn how to repair them from your skilled neighbors. Before the Repair Cafe can be held, the organizers need to gather a little more information about the project. There is a short survey available to be picked up at the library, you can also access it here <https://forms.gle/pVtVR2DATSLzL19A7>, or by scanning the QR code on the image to the right.



## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FORUM

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork are presenting a Democratic Primary Forum in the library Community Room on **Sunday, June 4th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Come learn the candidates' views about the future of Shelter Island. If you wish to attend by Zoom, please call Terry Lucas at the library.

## 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 summer 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](http://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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## ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM - READ THE WORLD: BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

A good book can take you anywhere - from Shakespeare's London and Edith Wharton's New York to outer space! This summer's reading program will highlight literary destinations around (and beyond) the world. Read books and solve our weekly quiz to earn raffle entries for one of three grand prize baskets of travel themed goodies! Sign up at the front desk.



## FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

### OVERTURE OF HOPE WITH AUTHOR ISABEL VINCENT: Friday, June 2nd, 7:00pm 🏠

Isabel Vincent is an award winning investigative reporter with the New York Post who has written 7 non-fiction books. In her newest book, *Overture of Hope*, she uncovers the story of two British spinsters who came up with a plot to rescue dozens of Jewish Opera stars and personnel of the German and Austrian opera from the horrors of the Third Reich. Join us to hear more about these amazing women.



### FIFTH ANNUAL RICHARD VARNEY MEMORIAL POETRY READING: Friday, June 9th, 7:00pm 🏠

Shelter Island poet Virginia Walker, a retired professor of English at Dowling College and Suffolk County Community College and the co-author of *Neuron Mirror* (along with Michael Walsh) will be joined by two other distinguished poets for the annual Richard Varney Memorial Poetry Reading. Yvonne Korshak is a professor of Art History at Adelphi University and the author of *Pericles And Aspasia*. Lila Zemborain was born in Argentina and is a professor of Creative Writing at New York University and the author of *Matrix Lux*. The reading honors the late Richard Varney who was an important contributor to the Library's Art/Rich Poetry program.



### BLACK PITMASTERS WITH DEBRA FREEMAN: Wednesday, June 7th, 7:00pm 🗣️

The history of American barbecue begins with the founding of the country. The original pitmasters were often enslaved people who were critical to the popularity and spread of barbecue across the United States. During the talk, Freeman will explore the origins of American barbecue and the legacy of Black pitmasters throughout the centuries, and how their contributions show up on our plates today. An East End Libraries Event hosted by North Shore Public Library.

### BASICS OF MEDICARE: Thursday, June 8th, 1:00pm 🗣️

The Senior Services of North America will be presenting this seminar about the basics of Medicare. Medicare coverage is ever changing and there may be benefits unknown to many seniors. Find out about those benefits, the Medicare program that makes sense for you, how to lower your Part B premiums and new features of 2023 Medicare plans.

### SETTING THE TABLE: JUNETEENTH: Tuesday, June 13th, 7:00pm 🗣️

Debra Freeman, author and host of the critically acclaimed podcast *Setting the Table*, about African American foodways, will speak to the history and evolution of Juneteenth and the traditions and foods that commemorate and celebrate the holiday. An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.



## ADULT CRAFT

### ROLL INTO SUMMER WITH HOLLY CRONIN: Tuesday, June 20th, 12:00pm 🏠

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

### GLITTER MASON JAR CRAFT: Saturday, June 10th, 1:00pm 🏠

Do you have extra mason jars, or any other jars laying around? If you're not sure what to do with them, join us under the tent for a fun craft to transform your plain jar into a glittery decorative piece to use for whatever purpose you choose! We will provide a jar for the craft but you will learn the simple process and can continue the fun at home with your own jars!



### THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON: Fridays, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 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, June 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.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

**SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB:** *The Good Left Undone* by Adriana Trigiani: Tuesday, June 13th, 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. *The Good Left Undone* is a lush, immersive novel about three generations of Tuscan artisans with one remarkable secret. In the halcyon past, Domenica Cabrelli thrives in the coastal town of Viareggio until her beloved home becomes unsafe when Italy teeters on the brink of WWII. Her journey takes her to Marseille then to Scotland and Liverpool; A hundred years later, her daughter and granddaughter face the same big questions about life and their family's legacy.



**BARBARA PYM BOOK CLUB:** *Crampton Hodnet*: Saturday, June 10th, 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. *Crampton Hodnet* is a comical novel of mismatched men and women with ties to Oxford. A gentle flirtation between several of the characters leads to lies and misunderstanding amid the dons, gossips and undergraduates of the university.



**COOKBOOK CLUB:** *Cook the World!*, Wednesday, June 14th, 5:00pm 🏠

Our adult summer reading program theme this year is Read the World. So for Cookbook Club we are going to explore recipes from around the world. Bring your favorite international dish and a copy of the recipe and join us for a fun evening of delicious food with your neighbors!

**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB:** *When the Stars Go Dark* by Paula McLain: Monday, June 26th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club run by Jessica Montgomery and Jocelyn Ozolins reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. In this suspenseful novel, Anna, a San Francisco detective is taking some time away in a small coastal town. The day she arrives, she learns of a missing teen and though she had hoped to escape her work, she responds to the sheriff's plea for help. As more girls go missing she learns important lessons in this novel that blends true crime, trauma theory and little bit of the metaphysical.



## GREAT DECISIONS

**ENERGY GEOPOLITICS:** Thursday, June 1st, 5:30pm 🏠 🗣️

More countries than ever are moving towards sustainable energy. In addition, there are supply chain issues with oil and gas. How will these trends influence how the U.S. interacts with other countries?

**CHINA AND THE U.S.:** Thursday, June 22nd, 5:30pm 🏠 🗣️

Drew Thompson, Visiting Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, will discuss U.S./China competition, especially regarding Taiwan's sovereignty.



## SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

**UNDERSTANDING SHAKESPEARE'S VERSE:** Saturday, June 3rd, 12:30pm 🗣️

Shakespeare most often wrote in blank verse (meaning that it doesn't rhyme) arranged in iambic pentameter. Each unstressed syllable is followed by a stressed syllable. Join the group to discuss Shakespeare's use of verse.



## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**MAH JONGG:** Mondays, June 5th, 12th and 26th, 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.

**TECH TUESDAYS:** Tuesdays, June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 1:00 to 3:00pm 🏠

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 June.

**ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB**

Tuesdays, June 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 on Zoom.

**INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION:** Thursdays, June 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.

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.

Don't forget the Library Expansion and Renovation vote takes place on June 17th! Voting will take place from 10:00am to 4:00pm in the Library Community Room!

## ALL TOGETHER NOW - SUMMER READING PROGRAM - BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

Jump into a good book with All Together Now, our Summer Reading Program! We're using the Beanstack app to keep track of our reading this year. Mystery Prize Boxes will be raffled off each week. The more you read the more chances you have to win! Please see Sara for more information.



## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Saturday, June 3rd, 2:00pm 

Join us to celebrate summer, have some ice cream and learn a little bit more about our proposed Expansion Project.

## 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! Weather permitting, we will be outside under the tent.

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

Every Saturday at 10:30am except Saturday, June 17th

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

**BUBBLE HOUR:** Ages: 2-5 

Every Saturday, 11:30am

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

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

Thursday, June 22nd, 1:00pm

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

**POPSICLE STICK DINOS (Take and Make):** Ages: 2-5 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, June 20th & Saturday, June 24th

These popsicle stick dinosaurs are fun to make and make the perfect afternoon craft.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**MARIO KART TOURNAMENT:** Ages: 6+ 

Friday, June 2nd, 3:00pm

Let's get ready to rumble! We're hosting another Mario Kart Tournament. There will be snacks and fun so bring your friends.

**ROCK GARDEN PAINTING (Take and Make):** Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, June 6th & Saturday, June 10th


We're working on a rock garden! Come paint rocks with us to help us decorate our space.

**POLLINATOR SEED PLANTING:** Ages: 6+ 

Wednesday, June 7th, 3:30pm

The Shelter Island Garden Club is coming by to help us plant some seeds to benefit our local pollinators such as bees, birds, and butterflies. Let's get planting!

## BREAK THE RECORD: MARSHMALLOW CHALLENGE

Thursday, June 15th, 3pm. Ages: 6+ 

Using toothpicks and marshmallows, what's the biggest tower you can build? Sounds impossible? Maybe! Delicious and fun? Absolutely! Are you up for the challenge?

**OUBLECK PARTY:** Ages: 6+ 

Wednesday, June 21st, 3:30pm

We're making the ooey-goey, not quite solid, not quite liquidy oobleck! This program is going to be held outside, weather permitting, for minimal mess.

**MINECRAFT GAME DAY:** Ages: 6+ 

Friday, June 30th from 2:00-4:00pm

TD3 Innovative Gaming is coming to join us and play Minecraft! They have puzzles and will be bringing their own computers for maximum game play. Seats are limited to 10 players so be sure to register ahead of time.

**DINOSAUR BALLOONS (Take and Make):** Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, June 13th & Saturday, June 17th

We're making awesome dinosaur balloons! We'll provide the balloons and templates, you provide the roaring, feet-stomping, dinosauric vibes!

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

**BAD ART NIGHT:** Ages: 10+ 

Thursday, June 1st, 3:00pm

Let's be bad with art! We're creating the worst, most horrific, most wacky and weird art we can possibly make! We'll have snacks and supplies, so just bring your worst creativity.

**VR NIGHT:** Ages: 10+ 

Friday, June 9th, 3:00pm

We're using our new Meta Quest headset to play some awesome Virtual Reality games! If you've never used VR, now is your time to try it.

**TWEEN MOVIE DAY:** Ages: 10+ 

Saturday, June 10th, 1:00pm

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



**ESCAPE ROOM:** Ages: 10+ 




Wednesday, June 14th, 3:30pm

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 to try it out.

**INTERNATIONAL SNACK PARTY:** Ages: 10+ 

Wednesday, June 28th, 1:00pm

We're tasting snacks from all over the world! Get ready to try the weird, wonderful, and wild delights.

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