

May 2024 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS

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THE LOVELY MONTH OF MAY

As I look out my window I see the daffodils and crocuses blooming so I know it is really spring! We are making plans for programs under the tent and some fun bubble hours on the patio. There have been a few changes in the library recently. When you are in the library, please say hello to the new members of our library crew; Heidi and Dana work behind the circulation desk and Liz is our new Head of Programming. Jessica is now working for the Town, but will be popping in to help out now and then. We are all pulling together as we head toward our construction adventure.

Terry Lucas, Library Director

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION?

Construction will finally start in a few more months! Our move into the trailers will take place the last week of June. The movers will come to pack up most of the books and we will take some books and other items over to our new home. We are working on a layout in the trailers that makes the best use of space. In early June, we will be holding a "yard sale" in the library with a variety of things that will not fit in the trailers, including pictures, furniture and some computer equipment. We are still encouraging folk to help us clean out the book sale room. Fill up a bag with books, DVDs, puzzles and more! It is an exciting time for our little library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Join Friends of Shelter Island Public Library Society to support the Fund for the Future at a sunset celebration in the stunning waterfront setting at The Artemas Ward Garden. Take a page out of Gatsby as you stroll among friends for cocktails, visit the raw bar and food stations and enjoy music by Erich Carey and the Constituency amidst lush peony bordered fountains in the beautiful Italianate garden overlooking Shelter Island Sound. Tickets are available at the library or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/library-garden-party-tickets-854685797227?aff=oddtcreator>



SEED LIBRARY

If you are still planning your garden check out our seed library. We have seeds for vegetables, herbs and flowers. Just note in our register which seeds you are taking home. Once your garden begins to grow, we would love to see pictures of your harvest!

ADULT CRAFTS

CONFETTI GLASSES: Saturday, May 25th, 2:00pm 🏠

Come make your own bright and colorful confetti glasses. Perfect to welcome the summer season.



TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, May 1st & 15th, 5:00pm 🗣️

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese health practice that provides a wide range of mind/body benefits. Denise Gillies has a teaching style that is relaxed, enthusiastic and designed to leave you feeling energized.

KNITTING WITH ASHLEY: Monday, May 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.

BOOK SALE ROOM


We are no longer accepting book donations for the Book Sale Room and our Free Book Cart.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

To register for Adult Programs, please go to www.silibrary.org and scroll down to our Calendar of Events. 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

USING THEM UP: HOW THE WHOLE WORLD MAKES LEFTOVERS TASTE LIKE NEW WITH JACQUELYN OTTMAN

Friday, May 17th, 7:00pm 

Jacquelyn Ottman is a food waste advocate, culinary historian, immediate past chair of the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, and author of *Connecting from A Quarantine Kitchen*, *My Shelter Island Pandemic Story*. Jacquelyn will help you to transform what's left over from last night's dinner into something new and delicious. East End Programmers event hosted by the Shelter Island Public Library.

SURVIVOR'S SON WITH ERLAND ZYGMUNTOWICZ: Friday, May 24th, 7:00pm 

Itka Zygmuntowicz remembers her mother saying, "Remember, my child, no matter what they do, don't let them make you hateful and bitter, don't let them destroy you," as they entered the gates of Auschwitz. Join us as Erland Zygmuntowicz shares memories of his mother Itka and her life during the Holocaust.

RISE WITH RADIANCE: DRAWINGS AND INSPIRATIONAL WORDS TO LIGHT YOUR PATH EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR - AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING WITH SUSAN SCHROTT: Friday, May 31st, 7:00pm 

Susan Schrott, a Shelter Island resident, psychotherapist, artist, and certified yoga instructor invites readers to embark on a journey of self-discovery and daily inspiration with her new book, *Rise with Radiance, Drawings and Inspirational Words to Light Your Path Every Day of the Year*.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN THE LANDSCAPE: Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00pm 

Best Management Practices in the Landscape discusses how to select plant material for the right sites, installing, and maintaining ornamental native plants, fertilization, grasses, lawn care, proper pruning, and more. An East End Libraries Event hosted by the North Shore Public Library.

THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING: Thursday, May 9th, 6:00pm 

There's a loneliness epidemic and volunteering is a proven antidote! Join the Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands Caregiver Grant team as they expand and expound on the numerous Benefits of Volunteering!

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR PAPER (WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND!): Wednesday, May 15th, 7:00pm 

Learn techniques on how to manage incoming mail and paperwork that has piled up, find documents needed to file taxes without stress, and follow and maintain a simple filing system that works. An East End Libraries Event hosted by the Hampton Bays Public Library. *Space is limited so please register early.*

OSTEOPOROSIS WITH HEIDI ROPPELT, MD - SPONSORED BY STONY BROOK SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

Thursday, May 16th, 12:00pm 

Dr. Heidi Roppelt, board-certified rheumatologist at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, will discuss osteoporosis and osteopenia, the causes, as well as treatment and disease management.

ESSENTIAL ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOU AND YOUR PARENTS: Monday, May 20th, 1:00pm 

Join Britt Burner, Esq., Partner of Burner Prudenti Law, P.C., as she discusses the importance of a health care proxy, a durable power of attorney, and a last will and testament in estate planning.

A DAY AT THE RACES: THE HISTORY OF BELMONT: Tuesday, May 21st, 7:00pm 

Belmont Park, the thoroughbred horse racing facility located in Elmont, NY has a storied past. The most celebrated race at Belmont Park is the Belmont Stakes, the final jewel of racing's Triple Crown. Learn more about Belmont's history, its luminaries, and unique contributions to the horse racing world.

NEW!!! VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK SERIES

Each month we will be providing a series of virtual Author Talks. Books and authors selected will cover a wide range of fiction and non-fiction genres. Visit the Shelter Island Public Library website to register for these exciting presentations.

DOUGLAS BRUNT - GENIUS, POWER, AND DECEPTION ON THE EVE OF WORLD WAR I

Wednesday, May 1st, 3:00pm 

Join us as we chat with New York Times bestselling author, Douglas Brunt, about his debut non-fiction work *The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I*.

NINA SIMON - A MURDER MYSTERY, FAMILY STORY, & LOVE LETTER TO STRONG WOMEN

EVERYWHERE: Wednesday, May 8th, 7:00pm 

Nothing brings a family together like a murder next door. You're invited to join Nina Simon online as she chats about her lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths.

REBECCA F. KUANG - ASIAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN LITERATURE: Tuesday, May 21st, 7:00pm 

We welcome you to register for a thrilling conversation with Rebecca F. Kuang (R.F. Kuang) as she chats with us about her New York Times bestselling novel, *Yellowface* which grapples with questions of diversity, racism, and cultural appropriation, as well as the terrifying alienation of social media.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SILENT BOOK CLUB: Thursday, May 2nd, 5:00pm at the Rams Head Inn 🏠

Silent Book Club is a global community of readers who gather together to read in quiet camaraderie. At Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading, it's BYO Book. Join us for Silent Book Club at the Rams Head Inn, take a seat by the fire and grab a drink or a snack, if you choose to do so. Get comfortable with the book of your choice and settle in for an hour of silent reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not!

COOKBOOK CLUB: *Taco Tales: A Cinco de Mayo Culinary Fiesta:* Wednesday, May 8th, 5:00pm 🏠

Join us for a delicious journey through the vibrant flavors of Mexico as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Get ready to spice up your kitchen like there's no mañana! As always, bring a copy of your recipe and an empty tummy!

SPECIAL AGATHA CHRISTIE BOOK EVENT: Thursday, May 9th, 2:00pm 🏠

Who likes Agatha Christie? During the difficult yet glamorous '20s, Agatha published her first novel as well as some of her greatest titles. We'll have Christie Trivia, and share favorite moments from her books. In preparation, please read one (or more) of the following: *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, *The Mystery of the Blue Train*, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, *Murder on the Links*.

CHARLES DICKENS BOOK CLUB: *David Copperfield:* Saturday, May 11th, 2:00pm 🗣️

The Charles Dickens Book Club, led by Terry Lucas, takes you on an adventure through the novels written by Charles Dickens. In this coming of age novel, we follow David Copperfield as he grows from childhood to adulthood and the many obstacles he faces along the way.

SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB: *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

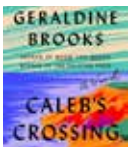
Tuesday, May 14th at the Shelter Island Historical Society, 4:30pm 🏠

The Shelter Island Book Club, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale.

THE MYSTERY BOOK CLUB: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Monday, May 20th, 5:30pm 🗣️

The Mystery Book Club reads everything from classic mysteries to thrillers. Vera Wong, a lonely shopkeeper, takes it upon herself to solve a murder by setting a trap for the killer that becomes complicated by unexpected friendships.

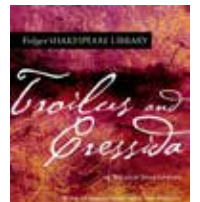


SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA

Saturday, May 25th, 12:30pm 🗣️

Set during the Trojan War, Shakespeare writes of the great romance between Troilus and Cressida whose love affair is complicated by the raging war.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MAH JONGG: Mondays, May 6th, 13th & 20th, 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 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, 4:00pm 🏠 🗣️

The Art/Rich Poetry Roundtable welcomes readers of poetry who enjoy meeting with fellow lovers of poetry for a lively discussion. Bring a poem and your enthusiasm. This program will take place on zoom.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 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.

THE BASICS OF PHILOSOPHY WITH WENDY TURGEON: Fridays, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, 10:00am 🏠

Please join us for a philosophy discussion roundtable. 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.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

SCAVENGER HUNT WITH MASHOMACK! All ages 🏠
Starting May 1st. All month long there is a scavenger hunt happening at the library and at Mashomack! Find all of the items on the list and earn prizes at both locations! Please see Sara for more information.

RAMEN PARTY: All Ages 🏠
Friday, May 24th, 2:00pm

Do you love ramen? Of course you do! We're going to put together our own ramen bowls (vegetarian options available) and try out all kinds of different flavors. Yum!

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

TODDLER TIME: Ages: 0-4 🏠
Every Tuesday, 10:00am

Come to the library and enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! Our BenAnna Musical Edition Toddler Time is on **May 7th at 10:30am**.

SATURDAY STORY TIME: Ages: 0-5 🏠
Saturday May 11th and 18th, 10:30am

Join Sara at the library for Saturday morning Story Time! We'll be reading different new and old favorite books each time.

BUBBLE HOUR: Ages: 2-5 🏠

Saturday May 11th and 18th, 11:15am
Bubble Hour is back! Weather permitting, we will be outside with our bubble machine, bubble wands, and fun!!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

INTRO TO MAGIC THE GATHERING: Ages: 8+ 🏠

Thursday May 2nd and 23rd, 3:00pm
But Sara, what's Magic: the Gathering? It's a fun card game where you use creatures and spells to defeat your opponent. Old players and never-before-played...players are welcome to join us! We'll learn how to play and build our own decks. Cards will be provided.

CRAFTERNOON: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Monday May 6th and 20th, 2:30pm
We're making crafts! During these days we'll have a different drop-in craft as a perfect way to get rid of some post-school energy.

DIY SUNCATCHERS: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Tuesday, May 7th, 3:00pm
These awesome suncatchers are so easy to make and look absolutely amazing when they're done. Come check it out!

FAIRY GARDEN PLANTING: Ages: 6+ 🌿

Friday, May 10th, 3:00pm
We're making fairy garden terrariums with the Shelter Island Garden Club! Eda will help us plant succulents into small planters for decorating and to bring home. Weather permitting this program will be outside.

ESCAPE ROOM: Ages: 8+ 🏠

Monday, May 13th, 2:30pm
Come join us for our next escape room! This program will take place in the Book Sale Room. See if you can complete the challenges and win the prize!

BAD ART AFTERNOON: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Thursday, May 16th, 3:00pm
Get ready to be bad at art. The goal? Create the worst art piece you can possibly think of. The prize? The ultimate bad art trophy (and snacks).

BLINDFOLD TASTE TEST: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Tuesday, May 21st, 3:00pm
See if you can guess the crunchy treats offered—all while being blindfolded. This snackful event is bound to keep you surprised and entertained. Can you guess correctly?

MOVIE NIGHT: Ages: 6+ 🏠

Thursday, May 30th, 4:00pm
The sequel to one of our April flicks, this movie depicts two spy siblings as they take on their rivals and save their family yet again. This movie is rated PG. Please see Sara for more information.

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

WHOLESOME HOUR: Grades: 6th+ 🏠

Friday May 3rd, 17th and 31st from 4:00-5:00pm
Need an hour to decompress? Come listen while we read an hour of a book in our zen space. This is a quiet hour to listen, work on homework, color, or just use the space to relax. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: THE BEGINNING:

Grades: 6th+ 🏠
Every Saturday in May except for May 25th from 1:00-3:00pm
We're continuing our campaign and adventuring onward with the party to see what is in store for us next.

TANGHULU (CANDIED FRUIT SKEWERS):

Ages: 10+ 🏠
Wednesday, May 8th, 3:00pm
We're using melted sugar and an ice bath to create these delightfully crunchy, sweet treats.



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TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT: Ages: 12+

Friday May 10th, 5:00pm 🏠
Do you have what it takes to defeat your friends in a Pop-Culture Trivia competition? Come join us for snacks and trivia and take up the challenge.

LIBRARY LOCK-IN: Ages: 10+ (Permission Slips Required)

Saturday, May 25th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm 🏠
Ever wanted to hang out at the library after hours? Then this is the place for you! We'll be having pizza, eating ice cream, playing video games, and other fun activities! This is our final Lock-In for the school year.

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: Ages: 10+

Wednesday, May 29th, 5:00pm 🏠
We're discussing all things graphic novels! Come join us to see what we've been reading and what we're planning on reading.