



JOHN JERMAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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From the Director

Building on History

It is inevitable I guess, to think about the passage of time at this point in the year, when the calendar makes such a big deal of separating past and future. Here at the library we refine the budget for next year, look back over our successes, and consider the things we could have done better. We make plans for ways to improve and expand our services, programs and collections. This new year seems especially poignant as I watch the scaffolding rise up around the old building, with its phoenix-like promise of a restored JJML. In the coming weeks the scaffolding will be enclosed, allowing mortar repair and brick cleaning to proceed even if it rains—and more importantly, the wrapping will protect the building from any additional damage from water infiltration.

The site has been cleared—and with thanks to the Sag Harbor Tree Fund, the grand tri-color beech has been relocated to Mashashimuet Park, where it will be able to grow to its full fifty-foot height and spread. All other commemorative trees are being stored and cared for at an offsite location during construction. They will be returned to the library after construction as part of

the new low-maintenance landscape design comprised of native and near-native plants.

Meanwhile, we are working on fundraising, with both the “One For The Books!” dinners and the Friends-sponsored author luncheon setting records. We continue to speak with private donors and foundations. And we apply for government grants: The library has been recommended for its second State Construction Grant, this one for \$150,000, and Jessica Frankel, local history librarian has been approved for a second National Endowment for the Humanities Needs Preservation Grant of \$6,000 for the preservation of our rare historic materials.

And while all this is going on, we are also preparing the interior of the building—all of the commemorative plaques have been wrapped and stored, fittings removed, chandeliers and wall sconces wrapped and ready for rewiring, and lower level book-cases donated to Habitat for Humanity where they will be used in homes across the Island. We’ve cataloged every window, erected scaffolding in the rotunda of the building to facilitate the removal and re-leading of the stained-glass skylight, and the



historic Hope and Byram clocks have taken a sabbatical for repairs. Both these beauties were handcrafted in Sag Harbor. They will be returned to us at project’s completion, with all their weights and chimes and hidden hinges balanced, ready to mark time for another hundred years.

I like to think of the clocks ticking away in the library’s new addition, acting as a reminder of all the history we build upon as we move forward, and a reminder, trite though it is, that without the past the future would be dicey. The clocks will stand as a symbol of all those who’ve helped this library find its way, from local clockmakers, to community organizations, to past board members and patrons. To all, thank you—and best of times in 2012.

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**By Popular Demand...
JJML now offers Public
Scanning and Faxing**

Getting the Most Out of Your Library Card

Did you know that you can access your patron record, reserve books, search our catalog, use our databases, receive SMS alerts about due dates and material reserves, and download free e-books to a wide variety of devices anywhere in the world with an internet connection? Find out how to make the most of your library card! Call our Reference Department at 725-0049 x232 for information or to schedule an appointment.

Events * Programs * Meetings

Many programs require advance registration. Please call 725-0049 to register.

Program funding provided by the Friends of the John Jermain Library

Featured Programs

Asperger's Syndrome Group

A support group for both teens and parents of children with Asperger's Syndrome.

Thursdays Jan. 5 & Feb. 2, 3:30 pm

Beginning PC

That's Personal Computer, and this introduction using library equipment will teach you what you need to know to get started, including basic terminology, email, and word processing. Taught by JJML business and local history librarian Jessica Frankel. Pre-registration required; limit 10 people. Free.

Thursdays January 12, 19 & 26, 8:30 am

Business and Bagels: Library Services for Local Businesses

Join us for a light breakfast and an introduction to the many services the library offers to small business owners. From marketing and business plans to start-up advice, JJML has the tools to help you succeed. Pre-registration required. Free.

Tuesday, February 7, 8:30 am

Clases de Conversación en Inglés

Este programa es una oportunidad para conocer a otras personas y practicar Inglés. Cuidado de niños disponible. Gratis.

(English Conversation Classes – This class is an opportunity to practice English speaking with others. Child care available. Free.)

Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, & 26;

Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23, 7:00 pm

Come Knit with Us

The group does needlework and helps fellow knitters with design, instructions and challenges of all kinds. Yarn donations are always appreciated.

Mondays, Jan. 2, 9, 23 & 30;

February 6, 13 & 27, 1:00 pm

Craft Club

Scrapbooking, knitting, jewelry making, whatever! Bring your own supplies and we will provide space. Crafting is more fun when you are in a group! We have scrapbooks, stickers, papers and beads and jewelry findings that we'll share with you to get you started. No registration necessary.

Day by Day

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Library Closed
 2-31 Art Exhibit - *Scott Hewitt*
 2 *Come Knit with Us* 1:00 pm
Also Jan. 9, 23 & 30
 5 *Scrabble-Try to Beat the Pro!* 2:00 pm
Also Jan. 12, 19 & 26
 5 *Asperger's Syndrome Group* 3:30 pm
 5 *Clases de Conversación en Inglés* 7:00 pm **Also Jan. 12, 19 & 26**
 7 *Craft Club* 2:00 pm
Also Jan. 14, 21 & 28
 11 *Wed. Morning Book Club* 11:00 am
 11 *Senior Advocate* 2:00-4:00 pm
 12 Class: *Beginning PC* 8:30 am
Also Jan. 19 & 26
 12 *Spanish Conversation Class* 10:30 am
Also Jan. 19 & 26
 16 M. L. King Day - Library Closed
 17 Class: *Introduction to American Sign Language* 5:15 pm **Also Jan. 24 & 31**
 18 Early Risers' Book Club 9:00 am
 18 *Board of Trustees Meeting* 6:00 pm
 18 *Wed. Evening Book Club* 7:00 pm
 23 *Reading/Writing Intensive* 5:15 pm
Also Jan. 30

February

- 1-28 Art Exhibit - *Jo-Anna Melrose*
 2 *Asperger's Syndrome Group* 3:30 pm

Saturdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28;

February 11, 18, & 25, 2:00-4:00pm

Introduction to American Sign Language

Lou Ann Walker, author of *A Loss for Words: The Story of Deafness in a Family*, conducts a 6-week class on American Sign Language. The class is suitable for anyone looking to see and describe the world with new words. Appropriate for both beginners and those hoping to expand their skills. Limited to 12 participants. Fee: \$30. Advanced Registration Required.

Tues., Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, & 21 5:15 pm

Love Poems and other Valentines

Want to share your love with the world, but are not sure how to begin? Shelter Island

February (continued)

- 2 *Spanish Conversation Class* 10:30 am
Also Feb. 9, 16 & 23
 2 *Scrabble-Try to Beat the Pro!* 2:00 pm
Also Feb. 9, 16 & 23
 2 *Clases de Conversación en Inglés* 7:00 pm **Also Feb. 9, 16 & 23**
 4 *Reading: Love Poems & Other Valentines* 10:30 am
 4 Artist Reception - J. Melrose 3:00 pm
 6 Club - *Come Knit with Us* 1:00 pm
Also Feb. 13 & 27
 6 *Reading/Writing Intensive* 5:15 pm
Also Feb. 13 & 27, Mar. 5, 12 & 19
 7 Seminar: *Library Services for Local Businesses* 8:30 am
 7 *Tax Return Assistance* 10:00 am
Tuesdays through Apr. 10
 7 Class: *Introduction to American Sign Language* 5:15 pm **Also Feb. 14 & 21**
 8 *Wed. Morning Book Club* 11:00 am
 8 *Senior Advocate* 2:00-4:00 pm
 8 Class: *Smartphone Apps* 5:30 pm
 10 Class: *Photoshop Makeover* 9:00 am
 11 *Craft Club* 2:00 pm **Also Feb. 18 & 25**
 13-18 *Love Our Patrons Week & Food for Fines*
 15 *Board of Trustees Meeting* 6:00 pm
 15 *Wed. Evening Book Club* 7:00 pm
 20 President's Day - Library Closed
 23 Early Risers' Book Club 9:00 am

poet Hilary King will read from her latest work, *Love and Other Poems*, and using her poetry as inspiration will guide participants in the writing of their own Valentines. Registration required, limited to 12 people.

Saturday, February 4, 10:30 am

Photoshop: Extreme Makeover

Learn a few simple tricks to make you (or anyone else) look absolutely fabulous in your photos. Lose pounds, erase wrinkles, magically become years younger! You will need a digital copy of a picture of yourself (internet access will be available for retrieval). Pre-registration required, limit 8 people. Free.

Friday, February 10, 9:00-10:00 am

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Children's Events

Please call 725-0049, ext. 30 for more information

Program funding provided by the Friends of the John Jermain Library

Thursdays

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, & Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
10:30-11:30 am

Stories, Songs and Playtime

Ages 1-4. Susann will read a short story, do finger plays, sing songs and nursery rhymes, dance with the children, then put out toys for playtime. No registration required.

Fridays

Jan. 13 & Feb. 3, 4:00-4:45 pm

Barbie Play

Ages 3-10. For girls and boys. Dress them, make them walk and talk, and just have fun with friends. We will have an ample supply of clothes and dolls to play with. No advance registration required.

Friday, Jan. 20 & Feb. 17, 4:00-4:45 pm

Play with Playdough

For all ages. Who doesn't love to play with Playdough! We will have plenty for everyone to roll with rolling pins, cut with

cookie cutters, and mash with machines.

No advance registration necessary.

Friday, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24, 4:00-4:45 pm

Lego Play



Ages 5-12. Kids have a blast digging into our huge selection of these popular creative building blocks. Alternate toys will be available for younger siblings. Please register in advance.

Saturdays

Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, 10:30-11:30 am

The "I Hate Reading" Book Club

Ages 7-12. Hate the books that you're assigned to read? Love the kind of books adults think are gross? Then this is the club for you! We'll show you some cool books that you can read on your own. And you can have some fun playing games with other club members. Please register in advance.

Featured Programs *(continued from page 2)*

Prepare For the Naturalization Test

Preparacion para el examen de Naturalizacion: Esta clase esta basada en la Historia de America, la Constitucion y las 100 preguntas necesarias para el examen de la Ciudadania. (This class in American History and the Constitution is based on the 100 questions required for the naturalization test.)

For information, e-mail Martha Potter at mtp@johnjermain.org

Reading/Writing Workshop

Whether your novel is all but written or you have just begun, this workshop is for you. Stony Brook-Southampton instructor and author Susan Merrell will guide participants through a critical reading of Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*, using discussions of character, plot and structure to inform participants' work. Class requires keeping a detailed reading journal as well as creating one's own fiction. Limited to 10 participants. Cost:

\$40. Advance registration is required.

Mondays, Jan. 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 27;
Mar. 5, 12 & 19 5:15-6:45 pm

Scrabble--Try to Beat the Pro!

No one loves words like a reference librarian. Join JJML's own Sue Mullin for a chance to improve your skills and build your vocabulary. Pre-registration required, limit 10 people. Free.

Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 & 26;
Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2:00 pm

Senior Advocate

A Senior Advocate from the Suffolk County Department of Aging will be in the library to give advice to seniors about available services. Please come and ask him questions about Medicare, Social Security, Prescription Drug Plans, Homecare, Home Energy Assistance, Residential Repair, or about special programs available to seniors.

Wednesdays Jan. 11 & Feb. 8, 2:00 pm

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The Jeanette Sarkisian Wagner Writing Workshops for Teens

Open to teens ages 12 to 18. This is your chance to explore writing outside of the classroom! Sessions will include writing prompts, discussion of craft and technique, and constructive group critique. Writers will develop a body of original work, and will revise selected pieces for publication and performance. Snacks are provided. Call 725-0049 for more information.

Thursdays through April 25
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Visit <http://moss.johnjermain.org>
to read stories, poems & essays from
the workshop. Photos too!

Craft Club

Scrapbooking, knitting, jewelry making, whatever! Bring your own supplies and we will provide space. Crafting is more fun when you are in a group! We have scrapbooks, stickers, papers and beads and jewelry findings that we'll share with you to get you started. Ages 12- Adult.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 11, 18, 25
2:00-4:00 pm

In The Gallery

Scott Hewitt

Hewitt refers to his work as "realism with attitude." He embraces the East End's farms, wooded areas, coastline and harbors, and especially its unique "light," and renders these subjects into vividly colorful paintings.

December 15 - January 31

Jo-Anna Melrose

An artist living in Sag Harbor since 1984, Melrose draws inspiration from the natural world creating visual meditations of great beauty. She will be exhibiting works in etching, monotype, and painting.

February 1 - March 15

Reception: Saturday, Feb. 4, 3:00-5:00 pm



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Featured Programs *(continued from page 3)*

Spanish Conversation Class

Feel you know the basics, but want practice in using Spanish in real-world settings? Join JJML staffer Aracely Garcia for a chance to converse in Spanish on a wide variety of topics. Objectives include correct pronunciation, practices applicable to daily situations and basic conversation. Pre-registration required, limit 10 people. Free.

**Thursdays, Jan. 12, 19 & 26;
Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 10:30 am**

Tax Return Assistance

This AARP-sponsored program is designed for low- and middle-income patrons 65 and over, although all are welcomed. Tax counselors will help with basic questions and preparation, but are not able to assist with returns dealing with small business, trust funds, or extensive stock holdings. Please bring a copy of your last tax return and all relevant materials related to 2011 including W2s, Form 1099s, interest and dividend information, and broker's statements. Free. First come first served.

**Tuesdays, February 7 - April 10,
10:00 am-1:00 pm**

Your Phone Knows Where You Are, Do You?

Apps for smartphones and tablets are all the buzz right now. Many of the newest are location aware – they know exactly where your phone is in the world. Whether you like or hate this feature, it has many uses from travel directions to restaurant recommendations. In this seminar, JJML's tech guru, Eric Cohen, reviews some of the most popular of these apps. NOTE: This is a generic review of these apps on an Android phone. Specific instruction on your personal phone will NOT be offered.

Wednesday, February, 8, 5:30 pm

Writing Help for Adult Learners of English as a Second Language

Ayuda individual para adultos que hablan Ingles como Segundo Idioma, en la preparacion de Resumes, Cartas y mas correspondencia.

(Meet at the library for individual assistance with resumes, cover letters and other correspondence.)

For information, e-mail Martha Potter at mtp@johnjermain.org

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Library Hours

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sundays 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Food for Fines, Feb. 13-18

Supporting the Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Bring in a non-perishable food product with each overdue item you return, and we will waive the fines on that item.

Holiday Closings

January 1	New Year's Day
January 16	ML King Day
February 20	President's Day

Upcoming Meetings

Friends of the John Jermain Memorial Library

- The Friends do not meet in January or February

Board of Trustees of the John Jermain Memorial Library

- Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6:00 pm

Book Clubs

The meeting schedule and book titles for all JJML book clubs are available on the Library's web site:
<http://www.johnjermain.org/bookclubs.html>