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NEWSLETTER

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From the
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Looking Forward; Looking Back

In *The End of the Affair*, author Graham Greene wrote that “a story has no beginning or end: arbitrarily one chooses that moment of experience from which to look back or from which to look ahead.” Traditionally we set that arbitrary moment as one year passes to the next, and as I write, I find myself looking backwards at the library’s milestones, while gazing forward with hopes and dreams for the future.

2019 is the tenth anniversary of the referendum vote, which approved funds for the restoration and expansion of our historic building. 2009 was also the year that Craig Rhodes joined the library board. Craig grew up in Sag Harbor and went on to practice architecture (he worked with I. M. Pei on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame). Craig gave a decade’s worth of generosity and expertise to the library—and an inestimable amount of encouragement to me. There were moments when we—and by “we” I mean everybody in Sag Harbor—were sure this project would never end. In hindsight, though, it was worth it.

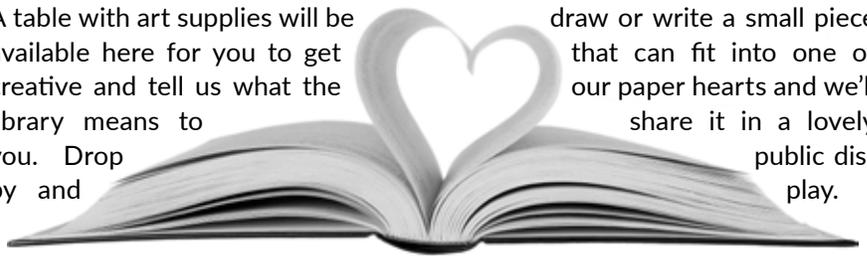
Last year John Jermain was the winner of the New York Preservation League’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. In presenting the award, Jay DiLorenzo, President of the

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JJML Warms Up February!

February is Love Your Library Month

A table with art supplies will be available here for you to get creative and tell us what the library means to you. Drop by and



draw or write a small piece that can fit into one of our paper hearts and we’ll share it in a lovely public display.



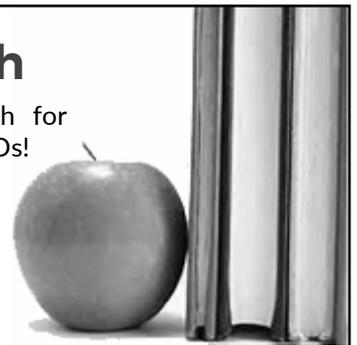
Hot Chocolate, Photographs and More!

Come in from the cold and warm up at our self-serve hot chocolate station. We’ll provide cocoa, tea, and a few trimmings. Be sure to stop by the photo station to have a commemorative photo taken! Use our great props to design a fun filled winter wonderland shot with your family! Tag the library using #johnjermain and check out who else visited us during HarborFrost! And, look for our librarian on Main Street. She’ll be shooting photographs for our archive and will have some great giveaways (while supplies last) at the start of the Festival!

Saturday, February 23, 1:00-4:00 PM

Food for Fines All Month

Check under the bed and behind the couch for all those missing books, magazines and DVDs! John Jermain will be waiving fines on overdue materials returned during February if you bring in a contribution of non-expired, non-perishable food items for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry with your overdue items.



ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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HOLIDAYS / CLOSINGS

Tues., Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Mon., Jan. 21	M. L. King Day
Mon., Feb. 18	Presidents' Day

MEETINGS

Library Board

Wednesday, January 16, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 20, 6:00 PM

Friends of the Library

No meetings in January or February

Sag Harbor C of C Directors

Monday, January 7, 6:00 PM

Monday, February 4, 6:00 PM

ART EXHIBIT

Annual Pierson High School Art Exhibit

Works in Progress: This year's exhibit includes works on a variety of subjects from the portfolios the students in Pierson's Advanced Photography class are in the process of building.

Exhibit: Jan. 8–Feb. 28

Reception: Sat., Jan. 19, 2:30–4:30 PM

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sag Harbor Photography Club

Photography enthusiasts (digital or film) can improve their technical and artistic skills by participating in themed discussions and swapping tips and tricks with this informal group. Facilitated by Michael Heller, multiple-award-winning photographer for the *Sag Harbor Express*, and John Stefanik, award winning photography instructor at Suffolk Community College. Optional: bring samples of your work to share. Drop-ins welcome. Free.

Thursdays, January 3;

February 7, 7:00–8:30 PM

Come Knit With Us

Bring your knitting or crochet projects to our craft circle and share ideas, materials, patterns, challenges and

friendship with this supportive group!

Contributions of yarn are always appreciated. Free. Drop-ins welcome!

Mondays, January 7, 14, 28;

February 4, 11, 25, 12:00–1:30 PM

Art Workshop for Adults

Join artist Roisin Bateman in a fun and supportive environment to explore charcoal, watercolor, pastel, and more. The hands-on workshops are geared towards beginners, though all levels are welcome. Become comfortable with different techniques and mediums while gaining knowledge of composition, color, tone, and perspective. Registration required. A \$40 material fee is due at registration. Limit 12.

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29;

February 5, 12, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Create a Photobook



Nothing says "keepsake" like a handmade photo album. In this class you'll make a scrapbook-style, 6x6-inch photo

album, complete with ribbons and embellishments, and get tips for how to fill it with your own photos. Limit 10 participants; \$10 materials fee due at the time of registration. Registration required.

Thursday, January 31, 7:00–8:30 PM

BOOK CLUBS

Please read the book ahead of the meeting. Copies of the title will be available at the circulation desk about four weeks before the club meets.

Morning Club - 11:00 AM

Jan. 9 - Discuss *The Woman in the Window* by A. J. Finn.

Feb. 13 - Discuss *A Reliable Wife*, by Robert Goolrick.

Evening Club - 6:45 PM

Jan. 16 - Discuss *The Last Painting of Sara De Vos*, by Dominic Smith.

Feb. 20 - Discuss *Grant* by Ron Chernow.

Early Risers' Club - 9:00 AM

Jan. 24 - Discuss *Underground River* by Martha Conway.

Feb. 28 - Discuss *Tender Bar* by J. R. Moehringer.

Parenting Book Club

Wednesdays - 9:30 AM

This is a book club for parents who want to talk about parenting topics in a judgment-free space. We'll meet across two months to give you time to read and apply any great ideas. Don't have time to read the whole book? No judgment, remember? You're a busy parent; we get it! Save room for tea, coffee and a light breakfast.

Jan. 23 & Feb. 27 - Discuss *Confessions of a Domestic Failure* by Bunmi Laditan.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Fiction Writers Critique Group

Get inspired, have fun and learn a lot in our peer-run critique group for fiction writers at all levels. The group meets weekly to read and offer friendly criticism of, and suggestions for, each other's work. The time allows five or six writers to share per session; up to 10 may attend. Please email programs@johnjermain.org to see if there are current openings before attending.

Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:30–7:00 PM

French Club

Practice your French language skills with an informal peer-run conversation group Sunday afternoons.

Sundays, January 6, 13, 20, 27;

February. 3, 10, 17, 24, 3:45–4:45 PM

JJML offers a variety of programs to meet the educational and entertainment needs of our community. In line with our mission, these programs—and our collections—represent a broad range of ideas and opinions reflecting the diversity of our community. Library staff may record programs; please inform us if you do not want photos or videos taken.

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Many programs require advance registration.
Program funding provided by
The Friends of the John Jermain Library

Intermediate ESL

Clases de ESL para estudiantes intermedios, este otoño. La clase se adapta a los estudiantes de inglés que quisieran mejorar sus habilidades en la gramática, la lectura y la escritura.

Join our ESL class for intermediate students. The class is tailored to learners of English from multilingual backgrounds who want to hone skills in grammar, reading, writing and listening. No registration required. Limit 10. Free.

Mondays, January 7, 14, 28;
February 4, 11, 25, 5:30-6:45 PM

Prepare for the Naturalization Test

This class in American History and the Constitution is based on the 100 questions required for the U.S. naturalization test. Email Martha Potter at mtp@johnjermain.org or call 631-725-0049 for more information. Free.

Mondays, January 7, 14, 28;
February 4, 11, 25, 1:00-2:00 pm

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. Contactar Martha Potter mtp@johnjermain.org, para mas informacion. Gratis.

Lunes a la 1:00-2:00 pm

English Conversation Classes

This class is an opportunity to practice speaking English with others. Free.

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29;
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:00-7:00 PM

Clases de Conversacion en Ingles

Este programa es una oportunidad para conocer a otras personas y practicar Inglés. Gratis.

Martes a la 5:00-7:00 PM

Beginning French

Do you want to learn French? Join us for our beginner French language class with our tutor, Stephanie. Learn the language of Molière by practicing verbal and written skills to develop understanding in a non-stressful and pleasant way. This class is generously underwritten by the Century Arts

Foundation. Registration required.
Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29;
February 5, 12, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

The Bible as Literature, Part 2

This class will examine selected sections of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament) from an exclusively literary—not faith-based—perspective. The class will discuss content, style, narrative technique, and the intent of the biblical author. The *Exodus* narrative will be the focus. Any edition of the *Bible* or *Old Testament* may be used. Bring your own, or borrow one from the library. Registration required. Limit 10. Free.

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29;
February 5, 12, 5:00-6:45 PM

Suffolk Safety Defensive Driving Course

Suffolk Safety Program offers the National Point and Insurance Reduction Course, which is a NYS Department of Motor Vehicles approved accident prevention workshop to make it easy for you to save money and drive safely. This is a classroom workshop, and there is no test or actual driving involved. Please arrive promptly; late attendees are not accepted in this course. A check or money order made out to Suffolk Safety for \$28 is due at time of class. Register in person or by phone. Online registration is not available for this class.

Saturday, January 19, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

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PROFESSIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT: QUICKBOOKS SERIES

INTRODUCTION TO QUICKBOOKS

In this lecture and demo class, you will learn the basics of QuickBooks, including setting up and customizing QB for your business, creating and editing the chart of accounts, working with centers, understanding Items, using asset, liability and equity accounts, creating estimates and invoices, and more. Prerequisite: For intermediate and advanced computer users.

Thursday, January 17, 6:30-8:30 PM



INTERMEDIATE QUICKBOOKS

In this lecture and demo class, you will learn additional features of QB, including customizing QuickBooks for your business, transactions in modules, banking, custom reporting, creating new accounts, and much more. Prerequisites: For intermediate and advanced computer users; "Introduction to QuickBooks" or equivalent knowledge.

Thursday, January 24, 6:30-8:30 PM

ADVANCED QUICKBOOKS

In this lecture and demo class, you will learn advanced features of QuickBooks, including working with Reports, working with assets and liabilities, properly depreciating assets; implementing comparable equity for long term liabilities Prerequisites: For intermediate and advanced computer users; "Introduction to QuickBooks" and "Intermediate QuickBooks" or equivalent knowledge.

Thursday, January 31, 6:30-8:30 PM

Please register once for entire series. Fee of \$25 due at the time of registration. Limit 35.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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YOUNGER KIDS

Start to Art

Ages 2-5. Explore and discover art using watercolor paint, play dough and scribbles with your child. These hands-on activities make for fine-motor fun! Please dress for mess. Caregiver required. No registration required.

Wednesdays, January 2, 9, 16;
February 6, 13, 20, 11:30 - 12:15 pm

Baby Playtime

Birth-4 years. An informal meetup for caregivers and young children. Caregivers and their young ones can play in the Children's Department and can read stories, make crafts, play with toys, and enjoy time with friends! Juice boxes and coffee will be served the last Friday of each month. No registration required.

Fridays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25;
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 10:30-11:30 AM

Library Buddy Crafternoons

Ages 4 & up. In this program, young children are paired with middle school students who help them with a craft project that the child can bring home. Advance registration is required.

Sundays, January 6, 20;
February 3, 17, 1:15-2:30 PM

Pajama Story Time

Ages 2-5 years. Listen to stories before bedtime while wearing your coziest pajamas. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal friend with you! Caregiver required. No registration required.

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29;
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:30-6:00 PM

Lego Master Builders

Ages 4 and up. Join us for our reimagined weekly Lego club and enjoy free play time with a variety of the library's Legos. No registration required.

Wednesdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 30;
Feb. 13, 20, 27, 3:45-4:30 PM

Baby Beats: Birth-4 years

Children and caregivers will love groovin' with Kate Hirschman as she incorporates music from all genres of rock, pop, oldies and motown while kids get to dance and sing along.

Advance registration required.

Thursdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31;
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:45-11:30 AM

Read with Wally the Reading Dog

Ages 4 & up. Wally is an extra friendly dog that loves kids and listening to stories! Pet Wally while someone else reads, or choose a short book to read to Wally by yourself. No registration required.

Sats., Jan. 19 & Feb. 9, 10:00-11:00 AM

Express Yourself! Pollock Painting

Ages 5-8. What do you do when you're happy, mad, sad or frightened? Inspired by Jackson Pollock, express yourself as you drip paint from sticks and create a unique abstract painting. Please dress for mess. Registration required.

Tuesday, January 29. 4:00-5:00 PM

Valentine's Story Time

Ages 2-5 years. Celebrate the holiday by listening to Valentine's Day stories and doing a festive craft! Caregiver required. No registration required.

Fridays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 10:30-11:00 AM

OLDER KIDS

Coding Club

Age 8-12. Meet up after school with your friends and peers and grab a laptop or iPad and do some coding! This is a free play, semi-instructional program.

No registration required.

Wednesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
February 6, 4:45-5:45 PM

Graphic Novel Club: Grades 4-6

Pick up your book at the Children's Desk and finish it before the group meets. Already read the book? Come anyway! We'll discuss the book together.

2:00-2:30 pm

Sat., Jan. 5: *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

Sat., Feb. 9: *Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova

Hot Cocoa and Books: Grades 3-5

Pick up your book at the Children's Desk and finish it before the group meets. Already read the book? Come anyway! Drink some hot cocoa while we discuss the book together.

2:00-2:30 PM

Saturday, Jan. 12: *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Garcia Williams

Saturday, Feb. 16: *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff

Tech Fun

Grades 2-5. Discover and learn about cool gadgets like ozobots and the makey-makey machine as a group, and then enjoy some free play time with them! No registration required.

Saturday, January 5, 3:00-3:45 PM

Valentine's Day Cards

Celebrate the holiday by making a Valentine's Day card for someone special.

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CHILDREN'S WINTER WONDERLAND READING CLUBS

Children between the ages 2-5 years may register for the "Polar Bears" club. Children 6-11 years may register for the "Ice Breakers" club. Registration opens January 10, and ends February 7. The last day to report is Wednesday, February 13. Raffle prizes awarded on February 14. Pick up your bingo sheet and instructions at the Children's desk.

End of "Ice Breakers" Reading Club Celebration: Movie & Munch

Participants in the "Ice Breakers" winter reading club get dinner on us! Enjoy pizza while decorating and then eating a Valentine's snack. Afterwards we'll watch the movie *Gnomeo & Juliet* (PG).

Caregivers may pick up their child when the celebration ends. A permission slip must be filled out prior to the celebration. No younger siblings, please. Movie run time is 84 minutes.

Thursday, February 14, 5:00-8:00 PM

TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS

Teens

Academic Workroom

Grades 9-12. The main floor workroom is available throughout the school year for high school students to use for studying, group projects, and presentation practice. No reservations required.

Monday-Thursday, 2:30-4:30 PM

Math Prep and Homework Help

Grades 6-10. A professional tutor will be on hand to help students with homework for their Middle School Math and High School Regents courses. Students should bring a calculator and any material or homework with which they need help.

Every Thursday, 5:00-6:00 PM

Research 101 (3-Week Session)

Grades 9-12. Join us for an informative workshop on topics including: note-taking strategies, non-traditional resources, and how to best tackle large articles! Enjoy take-home materials and snacks!

Saturdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Teen Writing Workshop

Grades 8-12. Meet weekly with a supportive group of fellow students. Learn more about creative writing from crafting personal essays to free writing, poetry, crafting a story, and character development. Students will be encouraged to participate in a public performance at the end of the program. And don't forget, free pizza!

These workshops are underwritten by generous donations from the friends of Jeanette Sarkisian Wagner, a long-time advocate of youth literacy programs.

Mondays, January 7, 14, 28;
February 4, 11, 25 5:15-6:30 PM

Paint-a-Bookend

Grades 7-12. Come in and paint a bookend. Draw inspiration from your favorite book, the weather, or anything else you find beautiful. The bookends will be used in the Teen Room!

Monday, Jan. 7, 4:00-5:00 PM

Teen Tech Club: Grades 7-12

Meet monthly for a variety of technology programs including coding, 3D printing, MakeyMakey and more!

Weds., Jan. 9 & Feb. 13, 6:00-7:00 PM

Teen Trivia After-Hours!

Grades 7-12. We are bringing trivia back! Join us at the library after we close for movie & book themed trivia! Pizza! Bring your friends! Registration required.

Friday, February 8, 5:30-7:00 PM

Escape Room: Grades 4-12

Love escape rooms? Never tried one? Here is your chance! We welcome both beginners and experts to try our Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them themed escape rooms! There will be four 30-minute sessions, two for tweens and two for teens. Registration is required.

Thursday, February 28, 6:30-8:30 PM
Grades 4-6; 6:30-7:30 PM
Grades 7-12; 7:30-8:30 PM

Retro Movie Night: Grades 7-12



Want to go back in time? Join us for a viewing of the 1980s classic *Labyrinth*. (Rated PG) Popcorn will be provided!

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 4:30-6:30 PM

Tweens

Library Buddy Crafternoons

Grades 6-8. Stop by two Sundays a month and be paired up with a child aged 4-7, and help them create a craft to bring home.

Sundays, Jan. 6 & 20; Feb. 3 & 17,
1:15-2:30 PM

DIY Spa Day

Grades 5-8. We'll make bath bombs and sugar scrub. Give them as gifts or enjoy yourself. Space limited. Online registration required.

Sunday, January 27; 1:00-2:00 PM

February Break Retro Movie Marathon

Grades 6-12. Popcorn will be served. May not be suitable for people with food allergies. 1:30-3:30 PM

Thurs., Feb. 21: *The Neverending Story* (PG) 94 minutes.

Fri., Feb. 22: *E.T.* (PG) 114 minutes.

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TEENS: WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

Teen Book Reviews (Community Service Opportunity)

Read our newest books each month and earn three hours of community service credit for each completed book review. We will use these reviews in flyers, bookmarks and posts to our Instagram account. Help other teens find their next great read. Email teens@johnjerman.org for more information.

Teen Advisory Group: Grades 7-12

Want to help decide which programs happen at JJML? Want to recommend new books for the library to buy? Want to earn community service credit? Like to eat snacks? (Trick question; who doesn't?) Come to one of these information sessions to learn more (and eat snacks).

Thursdays, Jan. 3, 6:00 PM & Feb. 7, 6:00 PM

Teen Community Service Club: Grades 7-12

Come together monthly to come up with ideas and work on projects to help our community and the world!

Wednesdays, January 16 & February 20, 5:00-6:00 PM

HOBBY CORNER

Check out our new Hobby Corner in the Teen Area! We will be rotating different supplies for you to try your hand at. Knitting, 3D pens, drones and more!



ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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DISCUSSIONS-DEMOS-LECTURES

One Way Ticket: A Woman's Solo Journey to Wholeness and Wonder

Shortly after her 60th birthday, Wafa Faith Halam gave away her belongings, left her Sag Harbor home, and went on a 19-month, solo trip around the world. She didn't try to duplicate the comforts of home while shielding herself from the imponderable, but rather sought the solitary wanderlust that obliterates one's identity, habits and frames of reference. In the end, beyond new countries and peoples, her journey was about her own deep emotional shifts and personal growth. Join us as she shares some of the thrilling moments of her adventures. Registration required. Limit 70.

Sunday, January 6, 3:00-4:00 PM

Grandpa Magic: Easy Tricks, Brain Teasers, and Simple Stunts to Wow the Grandkids

Local author and magician, Allan Kronzek, offers a fun-filled workshop based on his new book, *Grandpa Magic*. You'll learn how to produce small items from thin air, change a knife into a fork, turn a napkin into a bunny, and challenge each other's brains with cranial conundrums. All materials will be supplied, except for a one dollar bill (bring one). Copies of *Grandpa Magic* will be available for

LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK: A WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THON

JJML is hosting a Wikipedia Edit-a-thon dedicated to the history of Sag Harbor! Meet fellow community members while expanding articles on the people and places of Sag Harbor. Never edited a wiki? That's okay! We will help you. Laptops will be provided if you do not have one. Refreshments will be served. Drop-ins welcome to stop by throughout the program. Come for the whole time or a part of it. Teens welcome. Registration preferred.

Saturday, Jan. 12, 12:00-4:00 PM

purchase. Grandmas also welcome. Registration required. Limit 20.

Sunday, January 13, 3:00-4:00 PM

Indoor Field Trip to Havens Beach

Come to the library to enjoy a presentation in photos and specimens of the history and ecology of this cherished Sag Harbor spot. Local naturalists will answer questions and lead a discussion about Havens Beach's past, present, and future. All welcome. Registration required. Limit 40.

Sunday, January 20, 3:00-4:00 PM

Banish the Winter Blues with Aromatherapy and Essential Oils

"Tropical Burst" Hand Sanitizer and Nourishing Lip Balm will make you feel like it's summer! Learn to use Aromatherapy and Essential Oils to brighten your day, Participants will create and take home these nourishing products. Recipes, products and labels included. \$10 materials fee due at the time of registration. Registration required. Limit 18.

Sunday, January 27, 3:00-4:30 PM

Celestial Navigation: A Guide to Knowing Where You Are

Whether or not you feel lost, come learn more about Celestial Navigation. Author, David Berson, will discuss its history and how whalers used it to find their way at sea. He'll also give you some helpful wayfinding tips. There may even be a little bit of guitar and Singapore Sea Chants mixed in. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. Registration required. Limit 35.

Sunday, February 3, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Dogs and Romance

From Jane Austen's Pug in *Mansfield Park* to the present day romances, both contemporary and historic, dogs have played canine cupid and provided a unique perspective on characters and plot. If you like romance or dogs join us for this presentation by Nola Thacker, author of *The Complete Petrossexual*. Registration required. Limit 35.

Sunday, February 17, 3:00-4:00 PM

Books, Brains, & Bragging Rights

Love trivia? Love pizza? Then this is for you! Test your pop culture knowledge in teams of 2-6 players. If you don't have a team, we'll find you one! Bring your knowledge of popular movies, TV, books, comics, music, and more for a chance to win and claim bragging

rights! Registration required. Limit 30.

Thursday, February 21, 7:00-8:30 PM

Lao Winter Soups

Stay warm in winter with healthy and tasty Lao Soup. Penn Hongthong, the author of *Simple Laotian Cooking* and *Healthy Lao Cuisine*, will demonstrate how to make four soups from a whole chicken: Rice Soup, Lemongrass Soup, Watercress and Tofu Soup, and Chicken Ginger Soup. Tastings after. Registration required. Limit 40.

Thursday, February 28, 7:00-8:30 PM

FILMS

Wednesday Films, 1:00-3:00 pm

Join us each week in exploring our great film collection. Feel free to bring your own snacks or a brown bag lunch while you enjoy our big screen. No registration necessary. Free. Showing:

- 1/2 *Mama Mia! Here We Go Again!*
- 1/9 *Fahrenheit 451*
- 1/16 *Colette*
- 1/23 *Ocean's 8*
- 1/30 *No Postage Necessary*
- 2/6 *Unbroken: Path to Redemption*
- 2/13 *Gemma Boverly*
- 2/20 *Breath*
- 2/27 *My Cousin Rachel*

FOR SENIORS

Senior Ping Pong Meet-up

Is table tennis your sport? Meet up with other players at the library to keep your skills sharp and play for fun. The library will provide one table and equipment for use. No registration necessary. Free.

Fridays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25;

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:00 AM-12:00 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 and to answer questions about the Affordable Health Care Act, Medicare, Social Security, Prescription Drug Plans, Homecare, Home Energy Assistance, Residential Repair and other senior programs. One-on-one, on a first come, first served basis. Free.

Tues, Jan. 8; Feb. 5, 2:00-4:00 PM

One-on-One Medicare Counseling

Register for a 30-minute appointment to meet individually with a Suffolk County RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) member from HILCAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program) to answer questions and provide information specific to your own needs regarding Medicare health insurance and benefits, Medicare Savings Programs and EPIC. Call 631-725-0049 for an appointment. **Wednesdays, Jan. 16 & Feb. 6, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

HEALTH

Tai Chi and Qi Gong For Health

Judith Budd-Walsh will guide you through the ancient practice of Tai Chi and Qi Gong. This holistic system of coordinated body posture, movement, and breathing helps promote health and balance. A fee of \$35 is due at the time of registration. Limit 12.

Wednesdays, January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27, 10:00-11:00 AM

SOCIAL

BYO Game Night

Bring your own game or use one of ours and enjoy playing with friends you'll meet at the library. Available games include Scrabble, Apples to Apples, Settlers of Catan, Pandemic, and Ticket to Ride. Bring any game you want to play and share with others. For adults and teens. No registration.

Thursdays, Jan 3; Feb. 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

ADULT WINTER READING CLUB

Participate in the Adult Winter Reading Club to earn chances in a raffle and broaden your reading list. Register with one of the librarians starting January 10th. You'll receive a prize for registration (while supplies last) and the reading challenge sheet. Redeem your challenge sheet by February 14th to get your raffle tickets. Winners will be announced the following week. **January 10 – February 14**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (Continued from page 4)

Just bring your imagination and we will provide the materials! No registration required.

Saturday, February 2, 3:00-4:00 PM

ALL AGES

Chess: Grades K-6

Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, join us at the library to learn from an instructor, and build the skills needed to play a fun game of chess! Please bring a chess board or clock with you if you have one at home. We will provide a few sets too. Advance registration is required.

Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28. 4:00-5:00 PM

Movies at the Library: All Ages

Enjoy watching a movie on the big screen at the library with family and

friends! For the month of January we will watch *Incredibles 2* (PG) and for the month of February we will watch *Frozen* (PG). Popcorn will be provided. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. **Sats., Jan. 26 and Feb. 16, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Hot Cocoa Creations: All Ages

Come warm up at the library and make your own hot cocoa creation! A variety of toppings will be laid out to choose from. Sip it here or take it to go! Advance registration required.

Wed., February 6, 4:00-4:45 PM

Family Trivia: All Ages

Bring your family members for winter-themed trivia! Teams of six players maximum. Advance registration required. See website for details.

Sunday, February 10, 2:30-4:00 PM

TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS (Continued from page 5)

BOOK CLUBS

Middle School Graphic Novel Club

Grades 6-8. Love graphic novels? So do we! Meet once a month with other graphic novel loving buddies. Share your thoughts, have some snacks, and learn more about upcoming graphic novels.

Sunday, January 13, 1:00-1:30 PM

The Lightning Thief: The Graphic Novel by Rick Riordan and Robert Venditti

Sunday, February 10, 1:00-1:30 PM

How Mirka Got Her Sword by Barry Deutsch

Middle School Book Club

Grades 6-8. This group meets once a month and reads across all genres while playing games, eating snacks and having all sorts of book-related fun. Register your email so we can keep in touch with fun updates. Pick up your book at the circulation desk on the ground floor.

Sunday, January 13, 1:30-2:30 PM

Monstrous Devices by Damian Love

Sunday, February 10, 1:30-2:30 PM

It Wasn't Me by Dana Alison Levy

Food Over Fiction Book Club

Grades 9-12. Read a book and cook! We will meet monthly to discuss our books and eat snacks and dishes inspired by the book! Stop by the teen

desk to pick up your book.

Friday, January 25; 4:00-5:00 PM

North of Happy by Adi Alsaid

Friday, February 22; 4:00-5:00 PM

Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee

SPECIAL WINTER ACTIVITIES

Winter Photography Contest

Grades 7-12. Enter our Teen Photography Contest and get a chance to win an Instax Mini Camera! One submission per teen. Photos will be judged on creativity & effort. There will be a photography exhibit with snacks at which time the winner will be announced! For more information see the Teen Librarian.

Submission Period: Dec. 21-Feb 21

Exhibit: Sat., Feb. 23, 3:30-4:30 PM

Winter Reading Club

Grades 6-12. Join our winter reading club. Each book you read earns you a raffle ticket! Get a book bingo and get an extra five raffle tickets!

January 10 - February 14

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Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Preservation League, wrote “We applaud the...community’s decision to restore and expand this historic and monumental library, repairing its eroded neo-classical façade, crumbling bricks, leaking Guastavino dome and stained glass laylight, and addressing health and safety code concerns. Despite the lengthy fundraising and rehabilitation process, project leaders forged ahead.”

The library won two awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) as well as a Project Excellence Award from Preservation Long Island, recognizing the library for “exceptional commitment to community service and public engagement throughout the project.”

We were also selected for the New York Library Association’s 2018 Public Libraries Renovation and Restoration

Award which recognized the ways that the restored and expanded building facilitated services, as well as the kinds of community growth supported by the improved library environment.

**Save Your Books and
Save the Date**

The Friends of John Jermain Library will be collecting gently read books beginning March 18, for a used book sale on April 27. For information on where to bring your books contact:
Susan Thorpe at
sagharborsusan@gmail.com.

Book Sale: Saturday, April 27

11TH ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN

Canio’s Cultural Cafe co-hosts our 10th annual African-American Read-In, sponsored by the Black Caucus of The National Council of Teachers of English. This is the 29th year for this NCTE event! Come read a short excerpt from a favorite work by an African-American author, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, oral history, or family story. Those who just want to listen are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. The event takes place at the John Jermain Library.

Sunday, February 24, 2:30-4:30 pm

Book a Librarian

Need help with your new tablet, smartphone, or laptop? Schedule an appointment with our Emerging Tech Librarian! (Up to one 30-minute appointment a month.) Email techappointments@johnjermain.org or call 631-725-0049 for appointments. *(Library staff cannot make repairs or remove viruses.)*

John Jermain has gone from a leaking building with good bones; to a welcoming facility with quiet spaces for study and more room for collections. We have grown from a library without a meeting room, to a library that hosted more than 1500 programs and events in 2018. This year, make a New Year’s resolution to use the library. This award-winning library is the best possible place to craft an award-winning life.