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NEWSLETTER

The Public Library of Sag Harbor, NY | March/April 2019

The Stories That Shape Us



2019 marks the 10th anniversary of the referendum vote that secured public funding for the restoration and expansion of our li-

brary. I will, no doubt, share more stories about that moment in the coming months. But for now I give tribute to three people involved in the construction project who have passed away in recent weeks; they will live on in both my stories, and in the walls of this restored building—a building their efforts made possible.

I met Laurence Rossbach the first Saturday I worked at John Jermain, when he came in, introduced himself, and asked me what I was going to do about the leaks in the rotunda. It was as good a place, and as good a moment, as any to start figuring out the answer to that question. Laurie was an active member of our Capital Campaign, an active reader, and an advocate for the power of education. He and his wife Pamela were generous donors who underwrote the gallery spaces here, believing, as I do, that art, like literature, is a tool to connect us to the world.

My friend Shana Conron was another early advocate for John Jermain, and a long time member of the "One For The Books" committee. She

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Fourth Annual Cultural Heritage Festival, May 3-5



Since 2016, the twelve-member institutions of the Sag Harbor Cultural District, including JJML, have sponsored a weekend of arts- and history-related events in May, highlighting the broad range of cultural and artistic resources available in Sag Harbor. This year, the event's theme is *Sag Harbor: The Stories that Shape Us*, highlighting the community's extensive literary history. Visit the Cultural District's Facebook page for a full schedule: <http://bit.ly/CHF2019>.

Tour New York City's Tenement Museum

You're invited to join the Friends of the John Jermain Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, for the "Sweatshop Workers Tour" at the Tenement Museum on Orchard Street in New York City. The \$70 fee includes round trip on a Hampton Jitney coach and a one-hour guided tour of the museum. Lunch is on your own at any one of several fine nearby restaurants. Book now; the 30 available spaces are sure to fill up quickly. For reservations call Kate at 631 537.2579.



The Tenement Museum

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JJML Welcomes The Shana R. Conron Little Free Library



There are more than 75,000 Little Free Libraries around the world.

Join us in the JJML garden for the installation of our Little Free Library, made possible by the friends and family of Shana R. Conron. Shana was an eclectic and adventurous reader, and the inaugural books in this "give one, take one" collection come to us from her personal library, including titles from George Eliot, John Le Carre, Jane Austen and Nabokov. **Saturday, April 20, 11:00 AM**



Shana R. Conron

ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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HOLIDAYS / CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 21 Easter

MEETINGS

Library Board

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 PM

Friends of the Library

Thursday, March 14, 2:00 PM

Thursday, April 11, 2:00 PM

Sag Harbor C of C Directors

Monday, March 4, 6:00 PM

Monday, April 1, 6:00 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, March 7;
April 4, 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, March 4, 11, 18, 25;
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 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, March 12, 19, 26;
April 2, 9, 16, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

DIY Chapbook

Learn how to make your own chapbooks in honor of National Poetry Month! Attendees will learn about and make 3 different types of chapbook bindings they can easily recreate at home for their writings and artwork. Registration required. Limit 10.

Tuesday, April 2, 5:00-6:30 PM

IN THE PAMELA & LAURENCE ROSSBACH COMMUNITY GALLERY

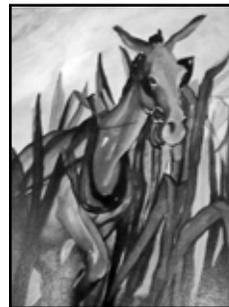
Mary Olmstead Johnson

Mary Olmstead Johnson painted in the early part of the 20th century, at a time when women were just beginning to be accepted into the art world. Her powerful images were informed by modernism, the social realism of the time, WWI and the Great Depression. She often depicts scenes from everyday life and the struggles of people to find work during those times.

Exhibit: March 3–March 30

Reception: Sunday, March 3, 2:00–3:00 PM

(A conversation with Priscilla Ciccariello, the artist's daughter, will follow the reception. See page 4.)



Dan Rizzie

Artist and printmaker Dan Rizzie's strong modernist graphic imagery draws upon various influences both past and present, often using several techniques for a single print. His unique iconography, using birds and botanical images, is set against rich backgrounds that often belie its deeper meaning. His work is in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Dallas Museum of Fine Art, and the Scottsdale Museum of Fine Art.

Exhibit: April 1–April 30

Reception: Sunday, April 14, 1:30–3:00 PM

(A conversation and book signing with the artist will follow the reception. See page 5.)



East End Beauty: The Work of Ken Robbins

John Jermain is joining with five Sag Harbor galleries: Sara Nightingale, Laura Grenning, Tulla Booth, Julie Keyes and The Spur, to host a pop-up celebration of the work of East End photographer Ken Robbins, organized by Fighting Chance. This is a don't-miss opportunity to experience the ephemeral beauty of the place we call home.

Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5 only



BOOK CLUBS & MORE

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

March 13 - Discuss *A Certain Age* by Beatriz Williams, and choose books for May and June.

April 10 - Discuss *Defending Jacob*, by William Landay.

Evening Club - 6:45 PM

March 20 - Discuss *The Woman in the Window*, by A. J. Finn.

April 17 - Discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

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Many programs require advance registration.
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Early Risers' Club - 9:00 AM

March 28 - Discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

April 25 - Discuss *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou.

Parenting Book Club

Wednesdays - 10:00-11:15 AM

This is a book club for parents and caregivers of school-age children 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 judgement, remember? You're a busy parent, we get it! Join us for a light breakfast and coffee or tea.

March 27 & April 24 - Discuss *Class Mom* by Laurie Gelman.

Podcasts with a Side of Coffee Sundays - 3:00 PM

Explore and discuss different podcasts while enjoying coffee, tea, and light refreshments with fellow listeners. Our first podcast? StarTalk: The Science of Storytelling. Listen to this episode, and any other StarTalk episodes, and we'll discuss it at the meeting! Registration required. Limit 10.

March 31: StarTalk: The Science of Storytelling ([Listen at http://bit.ly/startalk-storytelling](http://bit.ly/startalk-storytelling))

April 28 - Rex Factor: George IV ([Listen at http://bit.ly/rexfactor-george4](http://bit.ly/rexfactor-george4))

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

French Club

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

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;

April 7, 14, 28, 3:45-4:45 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, March 4, 11, 18, 25;

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 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

Intermediate ESL

Please join us for our ESL class for intermediate students. The class will be tailored to learners of English from multilingual backgrounds that would like to hone skills in grammar, reading, writing and listening. No registration required. Limit 10. Free.

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25;

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:30-6:45 PM

English Conversation Classes

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

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26;

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 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

Fiction Writers Critique Group

Get inspired, have fun and learn a lot when you participate 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. Registration for a four-month enrollment is required. Limit 10.

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28;

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 5:30-7:00 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. Limit 10.

Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26;

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 AM-12:00 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 registration. Registration required. Limit 20.

Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Writers Critique Group

Connect, share, inspire and be inspired! Hone your writing skills in a group setting for writers at all levels. Give and receive well constructed and thoughtful criticism in a friendly and respectful way. Bring copies of your work; we will take turns reading and receiving feedback. The first six meetings will be moderated by Christine Morro to help develop a supportive structure for the group. Registration required. Limit 8.

Fridays, March 22, 29;

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:00-2:00 PM

The Five Questions: A Search into Self

This series engages participants in discussions to encourage spiritual exploration and growth. In community, you will reflect on these five questions,

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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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which shape your understanding of the world and your place in it. The program culminates with each person developing their own personal credo statement. Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson will facilitate this series. Registration is required. Limit 12.

Wednesdays March 27; April 3, 10, 24;
May 1, 8, 5:30-6:45 PM

Beginning Spanish

Instructor Laura Dolence conducts a six-week beginner level Spanish course, focusing on an introduction to basics and important language tools for daily use, including correct pronunciation, practices applicable to daily situations and basic conversation. This class is generously underwritten by the Century Arts Foundation. Registration is required. Limit 10.

Tuesdays, April 16, 23, 30;
May 7, 14, 21, 5:30-6:45PM

DISCUSSIONS-DEMOS-LECTURES

Q & A With Priscilla Johnson Ciccariello

Priscilla is a former resident of Sag Harbor, a retired librarian, and the daughter of painter Mary Olmsted Johnson.

She has been tireless in her efforts to research and reconstitute awareness of her mother's artworks, which depict the tumultuous times of WW I, WW II, and the Great Depression. Join us for a fascinating discussion with Priscilla following the artist reception. Registration required. Limit 40.

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

Wild Bill: The True Story of the Frontier's First Gunfighter

Dig into the life of James Butler, aka "Wild Bill" Hickok with the author, Tom Clavin. Tom will introduce you to the Wild West with a dramatic, entertaining discussion of the biography he wrote. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and inscription. Registration required. Limit 40.

Sunday, March 10, 3:00-4:30 PM

Sparkling Irish Tea



"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated

to the ceremony known as afternoon tea," says Margaret M. Johnson, author

of *Tea & Crumpets*. Join her to learn how to prepare and serve one in this program that includes tea history, Irish teatime recipes, and innovations on afternoon tea today. A formal tea of sandwiches and savories, scones and tea breads, decadent Irish sweets, and a sparkling beverage will be served. Ms. Johnson's cookbooks will be available for sale and signing. Bring your own "best" china tea cup and saucer. Registration required. Limit 28.

Monday, March 11, 2:00-3:30 PM

Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow



Join New-York Historical Society Assistant Curator, Lily Wong, as she speaks about the recent N-YHS exhibition *Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow*. Learn about the struggle for

full citizenship and racial equality that unfolded in the 50 years after the Civil War. Registration required. Limit 40.

Saturday, March 23, 12:00-1:00 PM

The History of Immigration: A Legacy of Conflict

As a nation of immigrants, we do not always find it easy to welcome newcomers. From our nation's first years through today's new restrictions, for every

wave of immigrants, whether French, Irish, German, Eastern European,



Italian, Asian or Central American, we have both opened our arms and turned our backs, often at the same time. Martha Potter explores this unsettled history and how the nation and region have flourished despite two centuries of conflict. Registration required. Limit 40.

Sunday, March 24, 3:00-4:00 PM

TECH CLASS: DISCOVER G-SUITE

Learn how to harness the power of Google Suite in this informative workshop series. Please have a registered Gmail account prior to the first class. Registration required. Limit 10.



GET THE MOST OUT OF GMAIL

Learn how to create filters and label mail, set up font preferences and email signatures, vacation responders, and more!

STAY ORGANIZED WITH GOOGLE DRIVE

Learn how to upload and download from Drive, how to organize and share items and folders, and how to edit and describe files.

USING GOOGLE DOCS

Ditch Word and move to the cloud! Learn how to use Google Docs instead of Microsoft Word for most of your word processing needs.

TUESDAYS, MARCH 12, 19, 26, 2:00-2:45 PM

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Art Night: Celebrate Women's History Month

In this workshop, celebrate the diverse creativity of famous women artists and share ideas about what you see in their artworks.



Then, based on their innovative techniques, create your own painted-collage masterpiece inspired by Lee Krasner. Registration required. Limit 20.

Thursday, March 28, 7:00-8:00 PM

Jews On the East End: A History

Karl Grossman, whose family settled in Sag Harbor more than a century ago, will discuss the history of Jews on the East End and their places of worship. He will talk about the oldest synagogue on Long Island, Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, as well as other synagogues and houses of worship on the South Fork from Riverhead to Montauk. He will explore the diversity that exists in the various Jewish communities and how their distinct characteristics have influenced their history. Registration required. Limit 40.

Sunday, April 7, 3:00-4:30 PM

Long Island Reads: One Island, One Book

Join us for a discussion of this year's Long Island Reads selection *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer. Characters in the book are asked to reckon with what they really want. What does it mean to be powerful? How do people measure their impact upon the world, and upon one another? Share your insights with fellow participants in what promises to be a lively discussion. Refreshments will be served. Registration required. Limit 10.

Thursday, April 11, 6:00-7:00 PM

Dan Rizzie: Printmaking, Process, Collaboration



Following the artist reception, Sag Harbor artist and printmaker Dan Rizzie will talk about his process

and the many influences in his work. His recently published book *Bird on a Blade* is a collaboration with singer-songwriter Rosanne Cash. Dan's presentation will be followed by a book signing. Registration required. Limit 40.

Buzz of the Beekeeper

Learn about the art of beekeeping and the plight of the honeybee with beekeeper Gerald Raffa. Gerald maintains multiple



hives at his home and at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum. Registration required. Limit 40.

Thursday, April 18, 7:00-8:30 PM

Books, Brains, and Bragging Rights

Love trivia? Love pizza? Then this is the place 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, April 25, 7:30-8:45 PM

PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS

SOCIAL MEDIA & PRIVACY

Social media is here, and it's not going away. What are we agreeing to when we sign up for these social media platforms? This class covers privacy questions and settings for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and discusses common concerns parents may have about these platforms.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1:00-2:00 PM

SCREEN-FREE FAMILY FUN

All Ages Welcome. Kick off Screen-Free Week with a fun and informative workshop for parents, teens, and children. Gary Osborne, Sag Harbor Elementary School art teacher, Waldorf educator, and family coach will lead an engaging activity while teaching strategies for helping your family to enjoy Screen-Free Week—April 29-May 5. <http://www.screenfree.org>.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1:00-2:00 PM

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GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION SERIES

Join in the Foreign Policy Association's discussion program on world affairs. The group meets once a month for eight sessions. David Alpern, reporter, writer, broadcast and podcast producer and anchor, will moderate each lively discussion. Participants read excerpts from the "Great Decisions Briefing Book" ahead of each meeting. The first excerpt will be available at the circulation desk when you register; or order the book if you prefer. The group will watch a 20-minute background video and discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Topics for 2019 include: Refugees and Global Migration; The Middle East: Regional Disorder; Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?; The Rise of Populism in Europe; Decoding U.S.-China Trade; Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics; The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested; State of the State Department and Diplomacy. Registration required. Limit 25.



THURSDAYS, MARCH 14, APRIL 11, MAY 9, JUNE 13, JULY 11, AUGUST 8, SEPTEMBER 12, OCTOBER 10, 7:00-8:30 PM

TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS

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MONDAYS

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.

March 4, 11, 18, 25;
April 1, 8, 15, 29, 5:15-6:30 PM

TUESDAYS

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 much more!

New project every other Tuesday.

Love Riddles?

Come take a shot at answering our weekly teen riddle! Get it right on the first guess and win a small prize!



HOMESCHOOL HELP:
BRAINFUSE HELP NOW!
Use your library card to access live tutoring, subject practice, test prep (for PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP, and state-standardized tests), and a 24-hour online writing lab. Live tutoring is available Monday through Sunday from 2:00 to 11:00 PM. The best part? It's free! Great for all ages! Ask one of our librarians about it for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

Math Prep and Homework Help



Grades 6-10. Now on Wednesdays.

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 Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 PM

STEM Club

Grades 7-12. Explore your interests; meet monthly to take part in a variety of fascinating technology and science workshops and programs.

March 13 & April 10, 6:00-6:45 PM

Teen Community Service Club

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

March 20, April 17, 5:00-6:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Middle School Library Club

Grades 6-8. Join the Teen Services Librarians at Pierson Middle School in Room 1150 every Thursday. Each week brings a new activity, like book clubs, STEM projects and more.

Every Thursday, 3:00-4:00 PM

Teen Advisory Group

Grades 7-12. Earn community service by brainstorming new ideas for the library and Teen Room! Snacks provided.

March 21 - Alternative meeting (see "In Their Shoes" workshop)

April 4, 6:00 PM

Pizza and Podcasts

Grades 9-12. Stop by the library and listen to new podcasts while munching pizza and snacks with friends. Have recommendations for podcasts? Send an email to teens@johnjermain.org.

April 25, 5:30-7:00 PM

Teen Early Dismissal Activities

Don't know what to do on early dismissal days? Come down to the Library for snacks and entertainment.

12:00-1:30 PM

March 14 - Popcorn and a Movie

March 15 (Friday) - Cookies and Games



"In Their Shoes" Workshop

Join The Retreat teen leadership project for a teen dating violence awareness workshop where participants become one of six characters based on the experiences of real teens. Topics will include sexting, pregnancy, homophobia, and stalking. Participants

AUTHORS UNLIMITED

Authors Unlimited 2019 will be taking place on Saturday, April 13, at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. You can earn community service credit for attending this event, which celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. It's a free program where teens and tweens get preferred seating! Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature first at an author panel and then in smaller breakout sessions afterward. Books will be available for purchase with a chance to have them signed at the end of the day.

For registration and other information visit <http://authorsunlimited.org>.

Program registration, updates and cancellations are posted on our online calendar. Check regularly for updates at <https://www.johnjermain.org>, under the Activities tab.

will make choices about their chosen character's relationships and move through the scenario by reading about interactions with their dating partner, family, friends, counselors, police and others. Earn 2 hours of community service. Pizza will be provided.

March 21, 6:00-8:00 PM

FRIDAYS

Freestyle Fridays

Grades 7-12. Express yourself with a variety of art supplies every Friday after school. Bring home your creations or leave them to decorate the Teen Room.

3:00-5:00 PM



SATURDAYS

Getting Ready to Babysit

Grades 6-8. This course is designed to help teens develop the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter—child safety, developmental stages of children and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. Hands-on activities and course certifications are included. Space is limited; registration required.

March 30, 1:00-4:00 PM



Practice SAT

Grades 9-12. Take a practice SAT at the Library! Test and results are FREE! Space is limited; registration required.

April 6, 10:00am-2:30 PM

SUNDAYS

DIY Spa Day:

Sugar Scrub and Hand Sanitizer



Grades 5-8. Tweens will make a scented sugar scrub and natural hand sanitizer to keep for themselves or share with friends and family.

March 31, 1:15-2:15 PM

Tween Paint Party

Grades 5-8.

Come to the library for a guided painting session and take home a masterpiece! This class is great for beginners and experts alike.



March 24, 1:00-2:30 PM

Library Buddy Crafternoons

Grades 6-8. Stop by two Sundays a month and be paired up with a child. You will help them create a craft they can bring home. For middle school students in grades 6-8 and children aged 4-7.

March 10, 17; April 7; 1:15-2:15 PM

Teen Book Reviews (Community Service Opportunity)

Want to read our newest books each month? Earn 3 hours of community service credit for each completed book review. We will use these reviews to put together flyers, bookmarks and posts to our teen Instagram account. Help other teens find their next great read. Email teens@johnjermain.org for more information.

Want to Know What's Happening In the Teen Department at JJML?

Follow us on Instagram @JJMLTeens. Follow us on Facebook @John Jermain Memorial Library. Email teens@johnjermain.org. Or stop in to the lower level to our teen lounge and check for upcoming event flyers.

Bring Your A Game

Teens and tweens grades 6-12. Bring your tests and papers that received a grade of A (or better) or scored 100 for a chance to win our monthly raffle.



DAILY

Academic Workroom

Grades 9-12. The upstairs workroom is available for High School students throughout the school year to use for studying, group projects, and presentation practice! No reservations required.

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

PROJECT PROM



Every year, thousands of girls and guys struggle to afford the expenses of prom, so a group of Suffolk County libraries are stepping up to help! Girls and guys who are attending their junior or senior prom are invited to come to the Suffolk Cooperative Library System to check out FREE



prom dresses, suits, shoes and accessories that were donated by our community. Browse the racks and take one home. Everyone deserves to go to prom in a dress or suit that makes them feel amazing.

If you would like to donate, please drop off clean dresses, suits, ties, shoes, bags and accessories from March 1st through April 30th. Donations will be accepted at JJML in the Lower Level Teen Department.

Select an outfit on Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Suffolk Cooperative Library System, 627 Sunrise Highway, Bellport, NY 11713.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Early Childhood Programs

TUESDAYS

April Fools Story Time

Ages 2-5. Listen and laugh along to some silly April Fools stories! No registration required. Caregiver required.

April 2, 5:30-6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

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.

March 6, 13, 20, 27;

April 3, 10, 17, 24, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

THURSDAYS

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.

March. 7, 14, 21, 28;

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:45-11:30 AM

FRIDAYS

Baby Playtime

Birth-4 years. This is an informal meet-up for caregivers and young children. Meet with friends in the Children's Department, read stories, and play with our toys and games! Light refreshments will be served on the last Friday

of the month. No registration required.

March 8, 15, 22, 29;

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30-11:30 AM

Women Rock Story Time

Ages 3-7 years. Today is International Women's Day. Read stories that celebrate the lives of courageous women and strong girls in the making! Afterwards, we will do a craft that reflects the strong women in our own lives. No registration required. Young children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

March 8, 11:00-11:30 AM

Earth Day Story Time

Ages 2-5 years. Read stories about our wonderful Earth and create an Earth Day-themed special craft to take home with you. Caregiver required. No registration required.

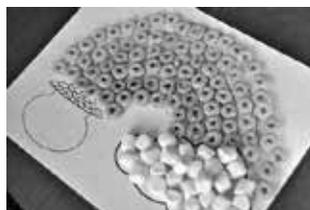


April 19, 11:00-11:30 AM

SATURDAYS

St. Patrick's Day Edible Rainbow

Create a St. Patrick's Day rainbow using fruit loops, marshmallows and icing! Registration is required. Caregiver required.



March 2, 11:30-12:15 PM

Green Eggs and Ham Story Time

Ages 2-5 years. Listen to Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham story and eat a

green snack afterwards! No registration required. Caregiver required.

March 16,
10:30-11:00 AM



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Children and families should aim to read 1,000 books before Kindergarten. The program promotes reading and early literacy for newborns, toddlers and preschoolers. Enroll in the program at the Children's Desk and pick up a reading log to help you and your child keep track of the books you read. Simply color in the icon for each book you read, including books you have read more than once! Check in with your logs at the Children's Desk when convenient for you. We will track every 100 books your child reads. Happy reading!

MARCH MADNESS BOOK EDITION

Stop by the Children's Department weekly during the month of March and vote for your favorite book characters! We will pull the winning characters every Friday. If your character wins, you will win a small prize! Let's see who will make it to the finish line!



Unattended Children Policy

No child under 10 years of age may be left unattended on library premises. For school age programs, your child may enter the program alone, but a caregiver must stay in the building if they do not meet the age requirement.

Food Related Allergies

During some of our programs we serve snacks that may not be suitable for children with food allergies. Please contact the Children's Librarian for more information.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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School Age Programs

SUNDAYS

Library Buddy Crafternoons

Ages 4-8 years. This is a time when middle school students are paired with children to create a craft for the child to bring home. No registration required. Parents are expected to stay for this program and encouraged to participate.

March 10, 17; April 7, 1:15-2:15 PM

TUESDAYS

Coding Club

Age 8-12. Meet up after school with your friends and peers and grab a laptop or iPad and do some coding! No registration required.

March 12, 19, 26;

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 3:30-4:30 PM

TAG Jr. Advisory Group

Grades 4-6. This is an opportunity to share ideas about children's programs, services and materials that you would like to see implemented at the library. The group will meet once a month. Pizza and refreshments will be served! Registration required.

March 12; April 9, 5:00-6:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Express Yourself: Pollock Painting

Ages 5-8 years. Rescheduled from January 29th. What do you do when you're happy, mad, sad or frightened? Try making a painting inspired by Jackson Pollock. Express yourself as you drip paint from sticks and create a unique

abstract work of art. Please dress for mess. Registration required.

March 13, 4:00-5:00 PM



Oreo Taste Test

Grades 1-5. March sixth was International Oreo Day! Celebrate this tasty holiday by putting your taste buds to the test. Can you guess all of the Oreo flavors? Registration is required.

March 20, 4:00-5:00 PM

Live Animal Presentation

Grades K-6. Meet some of our local reptile and amphibian neighbors and find out where to look for them, and what they need to do to find food and avoid being eaten. Learn about how these animals are adapted to their environments and what habitat issues are critical to their future survival. This program is presented by the South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center. Registration required.

April 3, 4:00-5:00 PM

Winter into Spring Candles

Grades K-5. Celebrate the start of spring by creating your very own colorful scented candle. Please dress for mess. Registration required.

April 10, 4:00-5:00 PM



Earth Day Bird Feeders

Grades K-3. Feed the birds in your backyards by making a homemade bird feeder! Take it home with you and observe all the different types of birds

that stop by for a treat! No registration required.

April 17, 4:00-4:45 PM

THURSDAYS

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.

March 7, 14, 21, 28;

April 4, 11, 18, 4:00-5:00 PM



FRIDAYS

Who Is/Who Was Series



Grades 2-6. We will be reading biographies from the Who Is/Who Was book series. Pick up your copy at the Children's Desk and finish the book before the group meets. We will discuss it together! Already read the book? Come anyway! Snacks will be provided. For the month of March we will read *Who Was George Washington?* For the month of April we will read *Who Is Muhammad Ali?* No registration required.

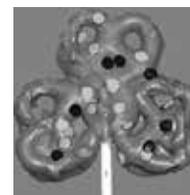
March 22, April 12, 4:00-4:45 PM

Shamrock Lollipops

Grades K-2.

Decorate and enjoy some yummy shamrock lollipops using pretzels! Registration is required.

March 1, 3:45-4:15 PM



HOMEWORK HELP: BRAINFUSE HELP NOW!

Use your library card to access live tutoring, subject practice, test prep (for PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP, and state-standardized tests), and a 24-hour online writing lab. Live tutoring is available Monday through Sunday from 2:00 to 11:00 PM. The best part? It's free! Great for all ages! Ask one of our librarians about it for more information.

School Age Programs (continued)

FRIDAYS (CONTINUED)



St. Patrick's Day Cupcakes

Grades 3-6. Decorate and enjoy delicious St. Patrick's Day cupcakes! Registration required.
March 15, 3:45-4:30 PM

Make Your Own Pizza

Ages 7-12 years. Today is "Deep Dish Pizza" Day! Let's celebrate and make our own personal size pizza using dough, sauce, cheese and yummy toppings! Once you are done, you will take it home with you to cook in your oven. Registration is required.
April 5, 3:45-4:30 PM

SATURDAYS

Graphic Novel Club

Grades 4-6. Pick up your copy at the Children's desk and finish the book

before the group meets. Already read the book? Come anyway! We will discuss the book together! Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

March 16 - *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova.

April 20 - *Click* by Kayla Miller
2:00-2:45 PM

Munch and Books



Grades 3-5. Pick up your copy at the Children's desk and finish the book before the group meets. Already read the book? Come anyway! Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

March 30 - *The Magician's Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo.

April 6 - *Short* by Holly Goldberg Sloan.
2:00-2:45 PM

Programs for Children of All Ages

FRIDAYS

Movies at the Library

Enjoy watching the movie *Hop* on the big screen at the library with family and friends! Popcorn will be served. Please bring a beverage with you. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.
April 19, 2:00-4:00 PM



Movies at the Library

Enjoy watching the movie *Space Jam* on the big screen at the library with family and friends! Popcorn will be served. Please bring a beverage with you. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

March 9, 2:00-4:00 PM



Family Game Day

Come to the library and play with our board games with family and friends. We will also have Giant Jenga and Connect Four! Stop by anytime for some quality time fun! Adults must be accompanied by a child. No registration required.

April 13, 2:00-4:00 PM

SATURDAYS

Reading with Wally



Wally is an extra friendly dog who 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.
March 9, 10:00-11:00 AM

Recommended Reading for Adults in March and April

Here are some recent additions to my "at home" collection (not all of them recent publications) that I plan to pull out and reread over the next few weeks. They are in no particular order, but you might want to read Dunbar's book first—it is the featured title at the Eastville Community Historical Society's book discussion program on March 30th at 2:00 PM. — C. C.

March: National Women's Month:

Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar,
Americana by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Beloved by Toni Morrison.
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende
Middlemarch by George Eliot

April: National Poetry Month:

Nine Gates: Entering the Mind of Poetry by Jane Hirshfield
The Ink Dark Moon: Love Poems by Onono Komachi and Izumi Shikibu, *Women of the Ancient Court of Japan*
The Odyssey by Homer
Howl and Other Poems by Allen Ginsberg
Practical Gods by Carl Dennis

For Earth Day:

A selection of books about the intersection of language and place:
From the Forest: A Search for the Hidden Roots of Our Fairy Tales by Sara Maitland
Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache by Keith Basso
Landmarks by Robert Macfarlane
The Man Made of Words by N. Scott Momaday

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ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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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:

- 3/6 *Romantics Anonymous*
- 3/13 *Same Kind of Different As Me*
- 3/20 *The Favourite*
- 3/27 *Their Finest*
- 4/3 *The Little Stranger*
- 4/10 *Green Book*
- 4/17 *Dark River*
- 4/24 *The Front Runner*

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, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00 AM-12:00 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 HIIICAP (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, March 6 & April 3, 10:00 AM-1:00 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, March 12; April 9, 2:00-4:00 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, March 13, 20;
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 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, but feel free to bring any game you want to play and share with others. For adults and teens. No registration necessary.

Thursdays, March 7; April 4
7:00-8:30 PM

CULTURAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENT

Historic Literary Walking Tour

Tony Garro, local expert in historic Sag Harbor homes, will lead a literary walking tour that explores a one-mile stretch surrounding the library. It includes the former homes of authors including John Steinbeck, James Fenimore Cooper, Betty Friedan and more!

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Rain Date: Sunday May 5, 1:00 pm

Other Festival events to be announced.

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Need help with your new tablet, smartphone, or computer? Call today and schedule a one-on-one appointment with our Emerging Tech Librarian! Each John Jermain patron can book up to two 30 minute appointments a month—all you need is your computer or smart device! Email techappointments@johnjermain.org or call us at 631 725.0049, to book an appointment. Please note that library staff cannot make repairs or remove viruses from devices.



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did not suffer fools lightly, as they say—and was always willing to comment on my all-too-frequent and enthusiastic forays into the territory of fools. Despite my missteps she continued to mentor me. Even now I have a collection of the scarves she wore during the years she practiced law; they are my talismans when I need to be my best professional self and channel her elegance and passion. Shana was a reader and gardener without match, so it seems fitting that her friends have underwritten the purchase of a “Little Free Library” in her honor, which will be placed in our courtyard during a ceremony on April 20th.

I knew and admired Gini Booth, the long time executive director of the Literacy Suffolk organization, before I started working here. She trained me as a literacy volunteer, and later trained me to “train the trainers,” many of whom

met here in the library to provide one-on-one tutoring in ESL and adult new reader services. Humble, and mindful always of respecting the bravery and confidentiality of her students, she was an inspiration to me, and the embodiment of everything Mrs. Sage hoped this library would be when she first authorized English classes for the immigrant factory workers of Sag Harbor in 1910. Gini did much to, in the words of Mrs. Sage, “promote the public welfare.” And she never let me forget that the mission of the library was both larger and more important than the building.

I have too many memories of these JJML supporters to share them all in this newsletter, but you can join me May 3rd through the 5th for our fourth annual community-wide Cultural Heritage Festival. This year’s theme, “Sag Harbor: The Stories that Shape Us,” will give us all the opportunity to share our memories of this place—because by remembering our past, we speak our future into being.

SAVE YOUR BOOKS AND SAVE THE DATE

Friends of John Jermain Library Used Book Sale

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Friends of John Jermain Library will be collecting gently used books at multiple sites throughout Sag Harbor from March 18th to April 26th. The books collected will be sold at a used book sale held at the John Jermain Library on Saturday, April 27th. Donations of paperback and hardbound books, children’s books, coffee table books, and special collections are welcome. Look for collection boxes at banks, coffee shops, churches, the library, and other locations in the Village. Please contact Susan Thorpe at sagharborsusan@gmail.com for more information.