



LIBRARY NOTES

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Fall Friday Night Dialogues Spotlight East End Food, Wine, Land Preservation

The menu for the library's Friday Night Dialogues this fall features concerns close to all our hearts—and stomachs: the East End's agricultural heritage and the food and wine that are its bounty. The Dialogues, launched in January 2009 through the library's Betsy Jacobson Memorial Fund, will continue on **October 2 and 30 at 7:00 p.m.** Past events have attracted standing-room-only audiences.

October 2

Preserving Our Heritage: Land and Food on the East End

An environmentally aware lifestyle was one reason for **Tullia Limarzi's** retirement from Staten Island to Shelter Island. A journalist and former Sierra Club editor, Tullia is a dedicated gardener and a member of the island's Conservation Advisory Committee. She hopes to increase awareness of the importance of supporting local farmers and growers, preserving our heritage of open space, ensuring clean water and air, and decreasing our reliance on carbon-based energy sources.



Bennett Konesni, a farmer, musician, and 15th-generation descendant of the island's original English settler, Nathaniel Sylvester, has in the last two years created a farm on

Sylvester Manor's 243 acres and has begun a Community-Supported Agriculture program to sell its produce to islanders.

Friday Night Dialogues @ the Library

October 2

Preserving Our Heritage: Land and Food on the East End

led by **Tullia Limarzi**, with **Hoot Sherman**, **Bennett Konesni**, and **Mary Morgan**

October 30

The Story of North Fork Wine

with noted chef and author **John Ross**

All presentations include a Q&A and light refreshments and are free to the public. Registration is requested; call 749-0042.



Island activists *Hoot Sherman and Tullia Limarzi*

Shelter Island native and former Town Supervisor **Hoot Sherman** has for the past ten years worked for the Peconic Land Trust (PLT) in its mission to save some 6,000 acres of East End farmland from development.

Mary Morgan of Orient, a development specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension and past PLT board member who describes herself as a "locavore," is a leader of the East End chapter of Slow Food. This international movement is devoted to buying fresh foods locally with the goal of sustaining a healthier environment, community, and economy.

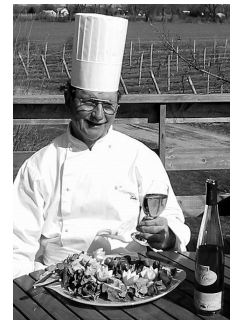


October 30

The Story of North Fork Wine

A pioneer of farm-to-table cuisine and local wines, chef and author **John Ross** of Southold has written two books telling the story of East End food and wine. Now clubhouse manager of the North Fork Country Club in Cutchogue, he was also a professor and head of the Suffolk Community College Restaurant Management Program for 14 years.

John's first book, "The Food and Wine of the North Fork," is a history of East End restaurants featuring recipes from 27 years of cooking in his own kitchen at Ross's North Fork Restaurant in Southold, where he showcased local produce, fish, and wines.



His new book, "The Story of North Fork Wine: Historical Profiles and Wine Country Recipes," is based on a series of interviews with the many people who played key roles in transforming the East End of Long Island from a sleepy farming and fishing community into a culinary destination, along the way producing award-winning wines, "stimulating local culture and making the East End a very exciting place to live," says John. Both books are available in the Shelter Island library. 📖

Shelter Island Poetry Project Presents 'Sphere Music'

Who knows where or when? Find out when the Shelter Island Poetry Project presents two Sunday afternoon readings this fall on the theme "Sphere Music." "The guiding spirit of this two-part series is an exploration of poetry inspired by the linked notions of place and time," says Poetry Project organizer **Bliss Morehead**.

Sphere Music, Part I: The Poetry of Geography will be heard on **Sunday, September 20**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Readers will include **Art Barnett, Carol Galligan, Stephen Gessner, Stephanie** and **Sam Lebowitz**, and **Kathleen Minder**.

Sphere Music, Part II: Poetry of the Seasons will follow on **Sunday, November 22**, at the same time, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. ○

Time to Vote Again

The vote on the library's 2010 operating budget will be held at the library **Saturday, October 31**, from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The public hearing for the vote will take place on **Monday, October 19**, and voter registration will be **Thursday, October 22**.

Copies of the proposed library budget will be available one month before the vote at the library.



KIDS KORNER



Weekly Story Times

Stories & More

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

September 19: Fairy Odd Tales

October 17: Silly Saturday

October 31: Monster Mash

November 14: Falling Up

November 28: Imagine This!

Story Time with Mollie Numark

Age 3 and up

Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.–12:00 noon,

October 13–November 24

September

Happy Birthday, Roald Dahl!

Grades pre-K–5

Saturday, September 12, at 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate the imaginative worlds of the creator of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Matilda."



October

Lego Club

Grades K–5

Wednesdays, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

October 7: Things that Go

October 14: Up to the Sky

October 21: Other Worlds

October 28: The Neighborhood

November 4: Free for All

November 18: Party!



Family Movie Matinee

"Monsters vs. Aliens"

(2009) Rated PG, 94 minutes

Saturday, October 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Harvest Snow Globes

Grades 2–5

Make a fall-themed water globe.

Saturday, October 17, at 1:30 p.m.

Be a Library Fan on

...and get the latest news and updates on library events, plus photos, comments, and more! Just sign in, search for Shelter Island Public Library Society, and add yourself as a fan!

Battle of the Books

At right: Competitors Mary-Kate Derby, Inga Cordts, Caity Mulcahy, Drew Garrison, Quinn Hundgen, and Olivia Garrison, who represented the Shelter Island library this year at Stonybrook in August, dubbed themselves "The Black 'n' Purple bawk bawk bakaw Ninja Pirates Who Sailed Here."



Summer Reading Club

Readers aged 3 to 10 who participated in the library's Summer Reading Club celebrated their achievements at an end-of-the-summer party on August 22.

November

Princesses, Princes & Pirates Dress-Up Party

Pre-school–grade 2

Come play dress-up and hear some great pirate and princess stories!

Saturday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m.



Thanksgiving Table Craft

All ages

Make something special for your Thanksgiving table.

Saturday, November 28, 1:30 p.m.

Family Movie Matinee

"Up" (2009), rated PG, 96 minutes

Saturday, November 28, at 1:30 p.m.

TEEN ISLE



Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library

Grades 6–12

Visit the library every day this week for out-of-this-world games, prizes, book discussions, reading ideas and more!

Outrageous Origami

Saturday, October 24, at 12:30 p.m.

Grades 6 and up

Discover the art of paper folding.

Paper Bead Making

Grades 5 and up

Saturday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m.

Recycle old magazines to create beautiful beads.



Profile: Joan Bishop, Book Lover and Librarian

Always an avid reader, native New Yorker and library trustee **Joan Bishop** has parlayed a love of books into a lifelong library career—and has even passed on her librarian gene to her daughter.

Joan grew up in Queens and attended Queens College. She and husband Ralph eventually moved to New Jersey in 1973, where Joan began volunteering at the little town of Bogota's public library. "It was in an old schoolhouse, which we shared with the police station and the town hall," says Joan. "In the basement there were two holding cells!"

In 1975 Joan was named the children's librarian, and in 1986 she was promoted to library director. During her tenure, the Bogota library automated all its collections, and Joan also served as a director of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System of 60 libraries. But her greatest challenge was overseeing the planning and building of a brand-new library building, with a lot of helpful advice from Ralph, then in the construction business and administering major projects for the New York City Housing Authority.



The Bishops began coming to Shelter Island in 1964, and two years later bought property. After retirement in 1993, they moved here full-time and now live in a Ralph-built house in Hay Beach. Joan joined the library board in 2001.

Joan and Ralph have two sons, who are both engineers, and one daughter, Gail, a librarian who has directed large libraries in Delaware and Virginia and is now a valued Shelter Island Library volunteer.

Long active in the community, Joan has been an officer of the Hay Beach Association, president of SISCA and the S. I. Women's Club, and a member of Our Lady of the Isle's Parish Council. She can be found every Thursday playing duplicate bridge at St. Mary's. 📖

IN THE DISPLAY CASE



A series of intriguing exhibits are slated for this fall in the library's display case.

September 22–October 19: Pakistani Jewelry by **Rabbie Syed**.

October 19–26: Arbor Day on Shelter Island by **Carol Russell**—learn about Shelter Island trees and foliage.

October 26–November 6: History of the Shelter Island Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary by **Debbie Speeches**.

November 6–December 6: Handcrafted ceramic ornaments of Shelter Island landmarks by **Vivienne Gershon**.

Please see **Jeanette Payne** at the library if you have an idea or a contribution. 📖

S C R A B B L E

Are you a lover of language who likes to play games? Come to the library any time between **4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday** and have some fun with Scrabble.

Players of all ages and abilities are welcome, says aficionado **Tim Bohan**. Bring a buddy if you like or come solo—just BYOB (Bring Your Own Board!) if you have one. 📖

More Great Movies Known & Unknown @ the Library

The flicks return! Join us downstairs every other **Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** for another great film on the big screen, with Surround Sound and free popcorn!

📺 **September 29: "Some Like It Hot"** (1959) Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon, and Tony Curtis in Billy Wilder's masterpiece, judged Best Comedy of All Time by the American Film Institute.

📺 **October 13: "Persepolis"** (2007) A powerful animated film based on a graphic novel about a girl's coming of age during the Iranian Revolution.

📺 **October 27: "Our Man in Havana"** (1960) Alec Guinness and an all-star cast (with a cameo by Noel Coward) in a spy spoof directed by Carol Reed, based on Graham Greene's novel.

📺 **November 10: "Grand Illusion"** (1937) Jean Renoir's classic treatise on war, widely considered to be one of the greatest films ever made.

📺 **November 24: "Topsy-Turvy"** (2000) You are there as Gilbert and Sullivan create "The Mikado" in this British gem from director Mike Leigh.

📺 **December 8: "Nanook of the North"** (1922), a beautiful early documentary on Eskimo life, plus **"Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"** (1964), a short Oscar-winning dramatization of a Civil War story by Ambrose Bierce from a French director. 📖

Like to Read? Join the Book Club!

On **September 24** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., the library **Book Club** will reconvene to plan what to read for its remaining 2009 sessions on **October 29, November 19, and December 17**. The group meets one Thursday evening each month for lively discussions over refreshments. For more information, contact **Marie Manuella** at 749-0510, mountrus@aol.com. 📖



Fearing the Financial Future? Try a Crash Course on the 3 E's: Economy, Energy, Environment

In February 2008, **Pat King** attended a three-day workshop that changed her life, and she now wants to share it with fellow islanders. She will lead a viewing and discussion of a series of programs billed as "the world's most concise video seminar on how our economy, energy systems, and environment interact, and how they will impact the future" at the library on four Wednesday evenings, **October 7, 14, 21, and 28**, at 5:30 p.m.

Fortune 300 executive and research scientist **Chris Martenson** created the "Crash Course" to share his views on how the three E's interact, how we got to where we are, why the next twenty years will be different from the last twenty, and what will evolve in the future.

"What I heard changed my thinking and financial decisionmaking and helped me take actions that saved me from the losses many experienced during the economic downturn later in 2008," says Pat. "I also gained much better insight into the structure and workings of the economic system." 📖

DAY BY DAY

TUESDAY

Windows for Beginners ongoing computer class, 5:30–7:30 p.m., September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15, downstairs

THURSDAY

Knitting Club, 5:30–7:00 p.m. upstairs
(Day may change; check with library)
Scrabble Club, 4:30–7:00 p.m. downstairs

FRIDAY

Chess Club, 3:00–4:30 p.m. downstairs

SATURDAY

Book Sale, September 5, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

From the Director's Desk

This has been a summer for breaking records at the library. For the first time ever, our circulation statistics for one month topped 10,000 transactions in July! We processed 7,160 checkouts, 1,826 renewals, and 1,021 holds for a total of 10,007 transactions—an increase of 40% over the previous July.

The summer was also our busiest ever in events for all ages. We added extra Story Times, had great attendance and huge end-of-season parties for kids and teens in our Summer Reading Clubs, fielded a terrific Battle of the Books team, presented a series of special artist-led Great Artists classes sponsored by the Educational Foundation, created three unique display case exhibits, hosted four Friday Night Dialogues with record-breaking crowds, and held two Music Under the Tent concerts. I'm sure there's more, but I'm out of breath!


And among all this good news, I was honored to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the Public Library Section of the New York Library Association—one of only two awarded in the whole state—to attend the annual NYLA conference in Niagara Falls from October 14 to 17.








We thank all our wonderful patrons for your continued support as we strive to bring Shelter Islanders an array of library services with something for everyone.

Denise DiPaolo, Library Director

FREEDOM TO READ

As Americans, we tend to take our intellectual freedom for granted, but like all freedoms, it demands constant vigilance. Since 1982, the American Library Association has celebrated the Freedom to Read during **Banned Books Week, September 26 to October 3** this year. Libraries are at the forefront of the fight to protect our First Amendment rights and remind us of the dangers of censorship.


Read a banned book and cheer the power of literature! Try one of these classics, all of which were once banned:  **1984**

 *The Kite Runner*  *To Kill a Mockingbird* 
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  *Harry Potter*
 *Catcher in the Rye*  *Fahrenheit 451* 

Be A Reading Revolutionary!
Read BANNED Books!



ALL ABOUT EBAY

On **Saturday, October 24**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., an instructor from Sharper Training Solutions, Inc., will explain and demonstrate how to buy and sell using eBay, the world's most popular online auction website. Learn how to create an account, check seller and buyer reliability, ensure online safety, and more. Space is limited for this free class, so please reserve in person or by phone. 

FALL HOLIDAYS

Please note that the library will be closed on
Monday, September 7, Labor Day
Monday, October 12, Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day
Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day

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