**MARCH IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

**Remember the Ladies** via Zoom
Thursday, March 18, 7-8 p.m.
Genealogy research often focuses on males, but 50% of our family tree is made up of women. Uncover your maternal ancestors’ stories and learn where they might hide in historical records. Register in advance: http://bit.ly/GeneaLadies

**Invisible Labor: LI Women behind the Whaling Industry** via Zoom
Thursday, March 25, 7-8 p.m.
Long Island was at the heart of commercial whaling, the U.S.A’s 5th most profitable industry in the 19th century. LI native women ensured industry success by their labor and the mechanisms of survival they built while men were absent, at sea. In this talk, local historian Erin Becker will discuss the role of Long Island native women in this industry. Register: http://bit.ly/InvisibleWhaling

**HISTORY MONTH**

**March 13: Founding Mothers** by Cokie Roberts
Join us to discuss this year’s Long Island Reads selection. First ten South Country cardholders to register receive a free copy of the book when available. Register with library card: http://bit.ly/BookinMarch

**April 10: The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett
Join us to discuss and share your thoughts on this month’s selection. First ten South Country cardholders to register receive a free copy of the book when available. Register with library card: http://bit.ly/BookinApril

**May 8: The Dinner** by Herman Koch
Join us to discuss and share your thoughts on this month’s selection. First ten South Country cardholders to register receive a free copy of the book when available. Register with library card: http://bit.ly/BookinMay

**Food Pantry**
If you are in need, please help yourself to items in our food pantry in the library lobby any time the building is open. Also, we collect non-perishable, non-expired food items in our lobby for this purpose. Thank you, donors!

**BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

**Earth Day Celebration**
Saturday, April 24, 12-1 p.m.
Earth craft kits; paint a bird house; make a bird feeder; children’s storytime. Outdoor event; weather may cancel. Register on our website.

**DIY Natural Beauty**
via Zoom
Thursday, April 29, 7-8:30 p.m.
Discussion; take+make. Meghan Sullivan reviews the best natural alternative cosmetic ingredients. Learn to make a natural facial scrub and roll-on perfume. First 20 South Country cardholders to register receive materials; pick-up begins 4/1. Register with library card: http://bit.ly/NaturalBeautyDIY

**National Library Week**
April 4-10

**Notes**

**Comedy Workshop**
via Zoom
Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., April 1, 8, 15, 22
Learn to write and perform your own stand-up comedy from writer and stand-up comedian Pat Shea. Find your style, learn pacing and comedic timing. You are encouraged to hone 3-6 minutes of comedy to perform during the final session. 4-pt. series. Register: http://bit.ly/HahaVeryFunny

**Medicare Basics**
via Zoom
Wednesday, March 3, 6:30-8 p.m.
How to navigate Medicare, what is/isn’t covered by Parts A & B, what gaps to fill with Parts C or D, and when and how to sign up for the coverage you need in your budget. Cindy Goldsher provides an unbiased resource in this educational webinar. To register email: jkerstet@sctylib.org

**Afternoon Bingo**
via Zoom
Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., March 4, April 1
Join us for three rounds of virtual Bingo. Registration closes 24-hours before the event, at which time a Bingo card and Zoom link will be emailed to you. To register email: jsalvatore@sctylib.org Include South Country Library card barcode for a chance to win prizes!

**Poetry Workshop**
via Zoom
Saturday, April 10, 12-1 p.m.
Interactive workshop to fuel creativity with reflective discussion, fun writing prompts and sharing favorite poems. Be inspired to bring poetic experiences into your life with current, virtual events and resources. Handouts will be emailed beforehand. Register: http://bit.ly/PoetryatNoon

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As the library approaches its annual budget vote and trustee election, we take this opportunity to thank the community for your support. In a year that was short on good news and trying for everyone, our library staff took pride in their ability to swiftly and creatively re-invent our service model. The pandemic altered our approach to nearly all we offer. You, the community, now have access to a wide variety of remote services, virtual programming, increased streaming, and downloadable books. We expanded Wi-Fi access, began free book and seed-library mailings, and created a community food pantry. Our board of trustees pitched in as well, in recognition of economic difficulties being experienced by many of our residents, with their move to cancel the 2020-2021 budget vote thereby determining the library would operate with no tax increase. With hope now on the horizon, the library staff looks forward to a return to normal operations as soon as we safely can. Thank you, again, for your patronage and we hope you will support us on April 6 as we hold an election for three trustee seats and present our 2021-2022 budget for approval (see page 3).
CHILDREN’S CORNER

Check scylib.org/kids/ for new information and details. The Children’s department’s virtual events and home activities include ongoing weekly offers, craft or game kits to pick up and take home, and combination programs/kits. Kits/programs may require registration and may include an age limit. All crafts or kits are limited; available while supplies last.

Ongoing

Storytime! live via Zoom
2 yrs. and up
Every Monday, 4 p.m.
Email childrens@scylib.org to get the Zoom link

Number of the Week Kit
18 mos.-grade 5
Every Saturday

Small Singalong
Newborn-5 yrs.
Every Friday, 10:30 a.m.
Premieres on Facebook and YouTube, and is also available on our webpage.

Craft Kit Giveaway
18 mos.-grade 5
Every Saturday

March

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss
Grades K-5
Tuesday, March 2

Fun Science! Alka Seltzer® Rockets
For grades 2-5
Registration and pick up begins: Thursday, March 4

Toddler Pasting Practice Kit
For ages 18-36 mos.
Registration and pick up begins: Friday, March 5

Celebrate Super Mario Day!
For grades 2-5
Registration and pick up begins: Monday, March 8

Simple Rainbow Craft
All ages
Tuesday, March 9

Leprechaun Lookers!
For pre-K-grade 2
Registration and pick up begins: Thursday, March 11

Chipmunk Paint Kits from The Art Nanny
For grades K-5
Registration and pick up begins: Monday, March 15

Gold Fish Craft
For grades K-5
Registration and pick up begins: Tuesday, March 16

Toddler Color Recognition Kit
For ages 18-48 mos.
Registration and pick up begins: Thursday, March 18

April Fool’s Contest
ALL MONTH
Tell a joke to us or email it to childrens@scylib.org We’ll put it on the bulletin board and enter you in a raffle! One entry per day.

April Showers Bring May Flowers Craft
All ages
Monday, April 12

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Craft with Story
For pre-K-grade 2
Registration and pick up begins: Thursday, April 15

Go-Along Storytime
live via Zoom
Thursday, April 22, 4 p.m.

Baby Chicks Craft
All ages
Monday, April 19

Seed Bomb Kit
(one per family)
Registration and pick up begins: Monday, April 26

Bobbing Bumblebees
For grades K-5
Registration and pick up begins: Tuesday, April 27

Paper Roll Fish
For grades K-3
Registration and pick up begins: Thursday, April 29

Library Services

If you have questions about any of our services, speak to a Reference Librarian.

Seed Library
Would you like to start a vegetable garden? Use the library’s Seed Library to acquire seeds.

Outreach
Library materials can be delivered to/picked up from adults in-district confined at home. Call to arrange.

3-D Printing
Poster Printing
Our in-house printers can print patrons’ 3-D objects and posters. Order forms are on website. Fees will apply.

Bestseller Club
Enjoy automatic holds on new fiction by bestselling authors. Choose your favorite authors (also large print); names update periodically. We notify you when to pick up a book.

Lucky Day
Popular new books are on display to pick up, if it’s your lucky day! No holds or renewals.

Streaming Svcs.
Cardholders can stream films, documentaries, art house films, TV, music, e-books, audio books, comics and more. Check out the unique offerings on these services: hoopla®, Kanopy, Kanopy Kids.

COVID-19 Closure
Library staff will continue to work during COVID-19 scenarios that follow. Virtual programs will occur. Phone calls will be answered during hours we’re open. Reference services, downloading and streaming, and many other services will be available.

If infection rates increase to specified level: Return to Phase Two. Building closes to the public. Patrons can access library materials via curbside pickup.

If staff member or contact traced patron tests positive or is exposed to COVID-19: Building closes - temporary quarantine. Patrons can access materials online.

If NYS mandates a lockdown: Building closes.

Register for programs in person, online at scylib.org or by telephone at (631) 286-0818
Reading and Writing

Advanced Battle of the Books via Zoom
Grades 9-12
Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., March 4-April 15
Cinder by Marissa Meyer and The Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson available now. Teams from Suffolk libraries compete. April trivia contest date t.b.a.

Authors Unlimited 2021
Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. via Zoom
Celebrate reading. Teens meet authors of YA Literature. Attend, complete a survey at the end to earn 3 service hrs. http://authorsunlimited.org

Make It

Craft Kits All kits contain all materials needed. Those registered will be contacted to arrange pick up.

Monochromatic “Watercolor” Painting
Wednesday, March 10

Sunflower Pot
Wednesday, March 24

Emoji Sugar Cookies
Wednesday, April 7
Alert: food kit may contain allergens. Register in person or by phone. Limited to those with a valid YA South Country Library card only.

Earth Day Totes
Wednesday, April 21

Films and Games

Game Night via Zoom
Among Us: Thursday, March 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m. UNO: Thursday, April 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Watch Party via Zoom
Prom
Friday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We Can Be Heroes
Friday, April 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club via Zoom
Virtual book discussion. Download books from hoopla® with your library card. Registration is required.
Monday, March 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Evil Genius by Catherine Jinks
Monday, April 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Bone Gap by Laura Ruby

Teen Advisory Group via Zoom
Tuesday, March 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Share ideas and help plan programs. Earn 1 service hr.

Color a Smile
Color pages for a nonprofit group that distributes cheer to people in need of a smile. Application and guidelines online. Every 4 sheets earn 1 service hour. Max. 5 hrs./mo.

Kindness Rocks
Paint beauty and good thoughts. Every 4 earns 1 service hour. Max. 1 hr./mo. Guidelines online.

Read, Write a Review
Read/complete a new YA book then write a review. Learn more online.

Large Print Newsletter
Online version can be enlarged.

BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS
INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

The date for district residents to vote for the library’s Trustees will be Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at the library. You will be electing three trustees to three-year terms. Recipients of the three highest vote counts will fill terms until 2024. Newly elected trustees will be seated at the May 20 meeting of the Board. This is your chance to participate in the support of a truly local democratic institution. Please remember to come to the library and cast your ballot.

VOTING DAY: Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the library Community Room. Applications for absentee ballots are available online or at the Reference desk.

WHO CAN VOTE: You must be a registered voter. You may register to vote in a library election if you are a citizen of the U.S., 18 years of age, and have been a resident of the South Country School District for at least 30 days.

VOTER REGISTRATION: You can register in person at Suffolk County Board of Elections, 700 Yaphank Ave., Yaphank, NY 11980. Call 631-852-4554 to request a voter application or download from http://www.suffolkvotes.com

SOUTH COUNTRY LIBRARY BUDGET

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**Brainfuse Tutors**
For K-12, college, adults  
Daily, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Reach live tutors. *Soporte en español de 10:00 a 23:00 todos los días.* From library website's Homework Help or main. suffolk.ny.brainfuse.com (+ library card barcode).

**Exercise**

**Tai Chi** via Zoom  
Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., March 11, April 8  

**Qigong** via Zoom  
Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., March 18, April 15  

**Chair Yoga** via Zoom  
Mondays, 10-11 a.m.  
March 22, April 19  

**(HeLP) Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries Program**  
Stony Brook Medicine offers free webinars to enhance health and well-being. Video topics vary; run times 25-60 minutes. New videos added often. Titles include: The Importance of Sleep; Eating and Exercise with Diabetes; How Smoking and Vaping Can Affect Your Health; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program; Healthy Hour: Caregiver https://bit.ly/MedHealthy

**Parenting Your Teen**  
Wednesday, April 14, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Parents of teens, join social work intern for support. via Zoom. Register: http://bit.ly/ParentingYourTeen

**SMART Recovery®**  
June 23, 2021, Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.  

**Social Work Intern**  
A social work student intern from Stony Brook U. assists patrons with information, referrals and paperwork for housing, treatment, social services, COVID-19. Call Reference for appointment or email: abaires@sctylib.org

**Help & Information**

Library program info and access, building and service updates, activities and help are on: Facebook @southcountrylibrary and Instagram @sctylib. Click the YouTube icon on our website for past programs. Regular library programs and COVID-19 emails can be requested: sctyref@sctylib.org or our website sctylib.org/

**No Tax Assistance**  
There will be no in-person AARP Tax Assistance at the library this tax season. For info, call Reference Dept. or scylb.org/adult-research/programs/notice-on-aarp-tax-service/

We Have a Notary  
The library is now able to notarize your documents. Please call the library for our notary’s availability.

**What to Read Next?**  
Adult library cardholders can request book ideas. We create a list based on your completed Reader Profile scylb.org/adult-research/readers-corner/

**Financial Wellness: How Money Works**  
via Zoom  
Wednesday, April 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OR 7-8:30 p.m.  
Change the face of your financial situation. Examine the root problems and apply new principles. Don’t have a plan for your debt? Join us. Register: email jsalvatore@sctylib.org with time preferred.

**Cooking School Challenge** via Zoom  
Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.  
April 6-June 8 (No 5/11 mtg.)  
Follow lessons in The Haven’s Kitchen Cooking School by Alison Cayne to learn techniques beyond recipes. Each week we’ll go over techniques, share what we tried and learned. First ten South Country cardholders to register may keep their book. Register with library card: http://bit.ly/Cookchallenge

**Mandala Painting**  
Kits include four 4-inch round canvases, pre-printed. Build your mandala using six paint colors and ten dotting tools provided. Learn dot art; keep and use tools for future projects. South Country cardholders only. Registration, pick up (Ref.) begins: March 1 http://bit.ly/startdotart

**Social Work Intern**  
A social work student intern from Stony Brook U. assists patrons with information, referrals and paperwork for housing, treatment, social services, COVID-19. Call Reference for appointment or email: abaires@sctylib.org

**Coronavirus Page**  
We regularly update this resource page with reliable information, helpful sites, hotlines, and more. scylb.org/coronavirus/

**Registration**  
Register for programs in person, online at sctylb.org or by telephone at (631) 286-0818