



# SOUTH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## A Letter to Our Community ...

Dear Community Members:

First let me say, on behalf of our board of trustees, administration and staff, we hope you are well and will continue to remain so. For anyone who is not, we hope you are receiving the best care possible and are feeling better soon.

It is the mission of the South Huntington Public Library to strengthen our community by fostering connections, satisfying curiosity and inspiring creativity – a tall order in these difficult times. However, we remain dedicated to the mission, in whatever way we are able to do so. Our staff is

working behind the scenes to do all we can to serve you.

When you visit our website, you will find a series of FAQs to help with the more commonly asked questions. We have added a blogging feature to the homepage and department pages so we can easily update you on any new information we may have. We continue to use social media to connect on our adult, young adult and children's pages. Please take advantage of the vast array of online resources that are available to you. Take a class, learn a language, try a new craft or download a book. We are also offering

virtual programming options for all ages. Please check our website and social media for information.

Most importantly, in these times, our staff will continue to rely on our core values of connection, awareness, respect and empathy as we navigate this current health crisis. We truly care about our community and look forward to opening our doors and welcoming you all inside once again.



Sincerely,  
Janet Scherer  
Library Director

### April 7th Budget Vote Canceled

The library board voted unanimously at a special meeting to cancel its budget vote and to have the library operate next year on the same budget as during its current fiscal year. Board President Pat Dillon commented, "The Library Board, recognizing the extreme economic distress that this situation will have on our families, friends, neighbors, and community did not feel that it could in good faith go forward with asking local residents to support an increase in taxes right now."

Library Director Janet Scherer commented, "Library staff is working tirelessly to develop and implement new library services while our library doors must remain

closed to help protect our community from the coronavirus. We look forward to reopening our doors just as soon as it is safe to do so but in the meantime we are

here for local residents in need of the kinds of information and support that they have always turned to the library for."

The library is hoping to hold an election for two trustee seats in late June and details on that will follow (see

Back Page for profiles).

The Library urges all local residents to visit the library's website at [www.shpl.info](http://www.shpl.info) to keep up with all of the latest news about the coronavirus and to find out about all the library services that are available to you.



### 3D Print Farm!

### SHPL Aids Quest for PPE

We're proud to be joining public libraries across Suffolk County to 3D print face shields for our health care workers. We've contributed our 3D printers to a "print farm" over 60 printers strong at Suffolk Cooperative Library System. The Friends of the South Huntington Library has made a \$500 donation to the project. We're all in this together!



### Don't Have A South Huntington Library Card?

Go to <https://search.livebrary.com/selfreg>

to sign up for a temporary card that's good for 90 days! Then you'll have access to the library's online services such as digital e-books and audiobooks, streaming services, Homework Help and more.

# @ Your Digital Library

## Online Library Programs Offered



The South Huntington Library is offering programs for all ages online via Zoom, Facebook Live, YouTube and other platforms. To see what's offered and/or to participate, "like" our Facebook page and visit our website at [www.shpl.info](http://www.shpl.info) frequently for updates.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What if my library card is lost/expired/not working?

Go to <https://search.livebrary.com/self-reg> to get a temporary library card. This will grant you electronic access to our digital services (ebooks/streaming movies, etc.) for 90 days.

### What if my library materials are due?

Late fines will not be assessed on overdue items during the closure period. Please be aware that items may not be checked in right away. You may receive automated courtesy notices during this time. These can be ignored.

### What if I have an item held or on reserve?

Currently held items may be picked up when the library reopens. Reserve requests will be filled after the library reopens.

### Should I return items using the Book Drop?

Please hold onto library materials and return them when the library reopens. Late fines will not be assessed during the closure period. Please be aware that there may be a delay in returned items being checked back in.

### Can I use a Museum Pass?

If you want to use a printable pass, please be aware that many museums are closed, so please check with the museum before you go. Museum passes that must be picked up are not available.

### Can I make a passport appointment?

We are unable to process passport applications during the closure period. Existing appointments will be rescheduled when we reopen. For the status of other passport agencies and centers, go to [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) for the latest information.

## Free Job Skills, Resume Help Available

South Huntington cardholders have free access to a number of resources to help with job skills, resume writing, job search and more. Job seekers can access free assistance through Brainfuse, an online resource that offers support for adult learners as well as homework help for students. Adults can learn Microsoft Office with online tutorials and study for their high school equivalency or citizenship tests.

There is also job search and resume help. Create your resume using available templates, then upload it to the site for review by a writing coach. It will be returned within 24 hours. You can also set up a live chat with a Brainfuse instructor to review your resume and cover letter. The job search feature provides links to jobs available locally.



Lynda.com is a free resource featuring thousands of video tutorials on business and technical skills – from Microsoft Access to Zoom videoconferencing and everything in between. Users can watch at their own pace, or even watch a video again.

Gale Courses offers free, six-week highly interactive, instructor led courses that are taken entirely online. Courses are focused on professional development, technology skills, and personal enrichment.

To access these resources, you will need a South Huntington Library card. Go to our website at [www.shpl.info](http://www.shpl.info) and click on the link for online learning.

If you do not have a library card, click on the Get A Card link to sign up for a temporary card.

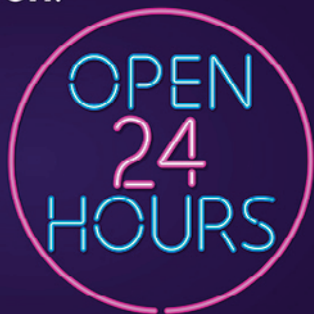
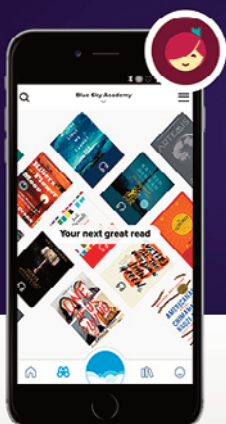
## Follow SHPL on Social Media

The library's website at [www.shpl.info](http://www.shpl.info) is an excellent resource for information, resources and programming, but you can receive added content if you follow us on social media. Search for us on Facebook and Instagram, or click on the links at the bottom of our webpages.

### How to Get On Facebook

You can view our content without an account, but signing up gives you interactivity. Creating an account is free and will give you access to the South Huntington Library's postings once you "Like" our page. To create a Facebook account: Go to [www.facebook.com/r.php](http://www.facebook.com/r.php). Enter your name, email or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender. Click Sign Up. To finish creating your account, you will need to confirm your email or mobile phone number by either entering the code that is texted to your phone, or clicking the link in the confirmation email. Now, you can search for the South Huntington Library's page, "Like" it and content will appear in your news feed.

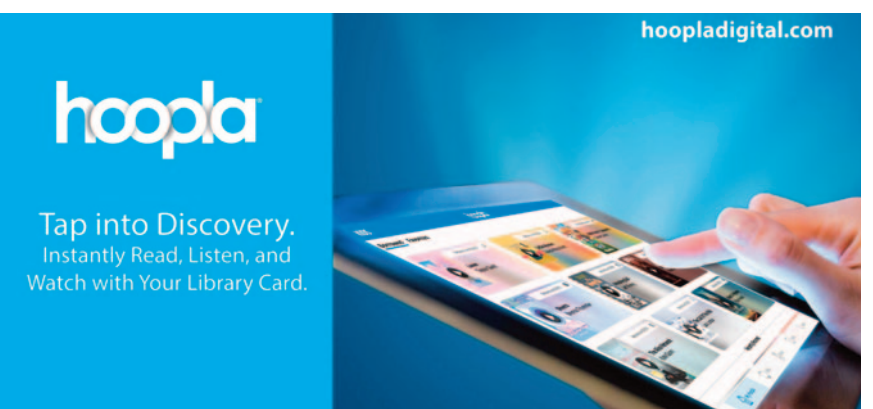
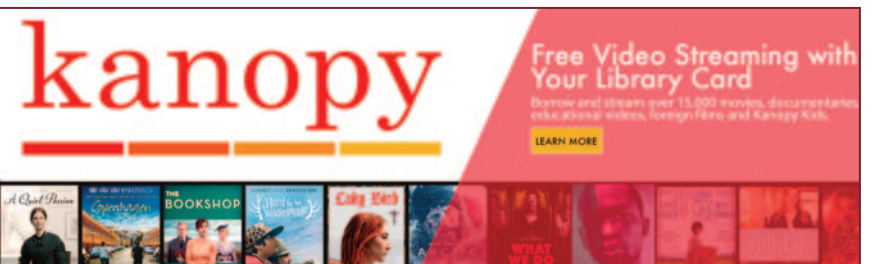
The digital library is always open.



**Libby.**  
The one-tap reading app from our library.

Access ebooks and audiobooks from home on a portable device. Simply download the free Libby app, find our library and browse and check out titles. You will need a South Huntington Library card.

## Stream Video With Your Library Card



# Kid Stuff

## Free, Online Homework Help



Distance learning can bring some challenges, as parents are not teachers. But students can get help with math, science, reading/writing and social studies through Brainfuse HelpNow, which is available for free with your South Huntington Library card. Online tutoring is available every day from 1-11 p.m., when live tutors are available to answer questions and provide assistance. Tutoring is available in Spanish as well. There is also a language lab for those learning French, Italian or Spanish; a writing lab with feedback from writing experts; and a skills building lab. Students can also use Meet to schedule study sessions with friends in a virtual study room.

To access, go to our website at [www.shpl.info](http://www.shpl.info) and click on the Online Learning link. You will need a South Huntington Library card. If you do not have one, click on the Get A Card link on the homepage for a temporary card.



## Tumblebooks

TumbleBooks is an online collection of animated talking picture books that teach kids the joy of reading in a format they will love. Read along, or just listen! Go to our website at [www.shpl.info](http://www.shpl.info), click the Books, Movies & More link and choose Ebooks & Audiobooks, then link to Tumblebooks.

## Kanopy for Kids

Did you know that Kanopy offers video streaming for kids? Kanopy Kids features a collection of films and TV series that inspire and inform, helping children develop social emotional skills and reinforcing valuable learning topics, such as history, science, and new languages. Kanopy Kids has a diverse selection of educational and entertaining content that range across Movies, TV Series, Animated Storybooks, Live Action, and Animated favorites. Kanopy Kids is appropriate for children ages 2 and up, with a focus on Kids age 2-8. Access Kanopy Kids on your computer, television, mobile device or TV app.



## Search, Find and Explore

Students can widen their horizons with World Almanac Kids, a one-stop online reference resource for intermediate-level students.

Whether you are working on a specific project or just feel like exploring and learning something new, World Almanac is for you. Search by topic; from Arts and Biographies to Math and Sports, there's plenty to find. There are also video tutorials available.

In addition, you can find games that make learning fun, science projects, maps, flags, fun facts and more.

To access, go to our website at [www.shpl.info](http://www.shpl.info) and click on the Children's block, then find the green Elementary School Databases link. You will need your South Huntington Library card.

# Teen Stuff

## Looking for comics and graphic novels?



Hoopla and Overdrive offer digital copies of many popular graphic novels and manga that are only a few clicks away. Overdrive just requires you to sign in with your library barcode and password and Hoopla has you set up an account with your email address and your own password. Both of these resources offer you a wide variety of ebooks and audiobooks in addition to movies, music and television. There is a limit of borrowing 8 items per month with Hoopla, but together with Overdrive they offer a wide variety of resources for learning more about our world or just entertaining yourself!

## Earn Community Service

The Young Adult Department will award two hours of community service per week to teens who reach out to others and an additional two hours to those who post positive messages.

Some of the ways to participate include calling an older relative, friend or neighbor who is safe at home. Email Miss Jen at

[jgriffing@shpl.info](mailto:jgriffing@shpl.info) and tell her who you talked to and what you talked about.

Positive messages also earn community service. Create something with a rainbow, having hope and/or thanking first responders, etc. It can be a picture to hang on door or window, sidewalk chalk in driveway, etc. Send Miss Jen your positive messages (yes, send a picture) and you'll earn another 2 hours of community service for the week.



## Britannica School

Everyone can use Britannica School as it is age appropriate for K-12 and is divided into three levels: elementary, middle and high school. Content

is available at all three reading levels and students can move quickly from one level to another without changing the look and feel of the site. Content and Interface work together and provide a multitude of resources such as articles, pictures, video, web sites and primary sources. There are also lesson plans for educators and ESL support.

# Staff Picks

What we're reading, watching and/or listening to:

## Adult Librarians:

### Jen

**Currently reading:** *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell, a fascinating look at how we perceive people and how our judgments are often clouded by a range of things from simple miscommunication to outright intention to deceive. (Ebook, audiobook available on Overdrive, Libby app.)

**Recents:** *Waiting for Tom Hanks* by Kerry Winfrey. Breezy rom-com of a book. *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle. A powerful and moving love story (Overdrive, Libby).

### Catherine

**Reading:** *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. An extraordinary story set in the first century about a woman who finds her voice and her destiny (Title available soon on Libby).

**Listening to:** *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood. Sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale* (Overdrive, Libby).

**Recently finished:** *Inheritance: A memoir of genealogy, paternity and love* by Dani Shapiro. For anyone who wonders about the implications of DNA testing (Overdrive, Libby app).

## Martha recommends:

Notable ebooks available on Overdrive/Libby: *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series by Alexander McCall Smith; *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant; *John Adams* by David McCullough; *There There* by Tommy Orange; *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo; *12 Rules for Life* by Jordan B Peterson; and *The Red Chamber* by Pauline A. Chen.

## Youth Services Librarians:

### Miss Beth

**Reading:** *Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro. Zoey learns that she, like her mother, can see magical creatures and volunteers to take care of them while her mother is away. Can she help a sick baby dragon before it's too late? Gr. 1-3 (Hoopla)

**Listening to:** *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin. A young worm writes about his day-to-day adventures, playing and going to school. But unlike us he gets to eat his homework, doesn't have to take baths, and because he doesn't have legs, he can't do the hokey pokey; no matter how hard he tries. Ages 3-7 (Tumblebooks)

**Watching:** *Wild Kratts*. Chris and Martin Kratt are brothers who explore the wild throughout the world to learn more about animals and share conservation information. (Kanopy)

### Miss Jen

**Reading:** *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell, illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks. Charming and sweet with a touch of adventure, this graphic novel follows seniors Deja and Josiah on their last night of the last season working together at the local pumpkin patch. (Overdrive, Libby app.)



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Wed.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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# @ Your Library



**Stella Fox, Trustee**

I am honored to be running for re-election to the Library board. I have been a trustee for 12 years, serving as board president, vice president, and financial chairperson. As an educator, I believe strongly in the vital role that libraries play in promoting literacy and lifelong learning, and I am especially proud of the way

our Library has expanded its services and programming to meet community needs and embrace new technologies.

The South Huntington Public Library continues to be an indispensable community resource, providing all of us with access to information, education, culture, and entertainment. I would be proud to continue serving on the board and pledge to work diligently to ensure that the needs of our community are met in fiscally responsible, innovative ways.

**Stella Fox, Fideicomisario**

Me siento honrada de presentarme a la reelección de la Directiva de la Biblioteca. He sido parte del consejo de administración durante 12 años, ejerciendo como Presidenta de la junta, Vicepresidenta y Presidenta financiera. Como educadora, creo firmemente en la función vital que desempeñan las bibliotecas en la promoción de la alfabetización y el aprendizaje permanente, y estoy especialmente orgullosa de la forma en que nuestra Biblioteca ha ampliado sus servicios y programas para satisfacer las necesidades de la comunidad y adoptar nuevas tecnologías.

La Biblioteca Pública de South Huntington sigue siendo un recurso comunitario indispensable, que nos proporciona a todos acceso a la información, la educación, la cultura y el entretenimiento. Me enorgullecería continuar sirviendo en la Junta Directiva y me comprometo a trabajar diligentemente para asegurar que las necesidades de nuestra comunidad sean satisfechas de manera fiscalmente responsable e innovadora.



**Eleanora Ferrante, Trustee**

Eleanora Ferrante was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2019. She has helped to foster the library's presence in the community, increased outreach to new residents, and supported the library's employee development efforts. She remains committed to minimizing budget increases while maximizing the library's services, outreach, and sustainability efforts.

Eleanora has also served as South Huntington PTA Council President, is on the Leadership Board for the Arthritis Foundation, and volunteers at St. Elizabeth Church. A college admissions and career coach, she is the owner of Square Peg Square Hole Coaching.

Eleanora's interest in working with the library stems from her desire to provide our community with the best possible resources in the most fiscally prudent manner.

**Eleanora Ferrante, Fideicomisario**

Eleanora Ferrante fue nombrada miembro del Consejo de Administración en 2019. Ha ayudado a fomentar la presencia de la biblioteca en la comunidad, ha aumentado el compromiso con los nuevos residentes y ha apoyado los esfuerzos de desarrollo de los empleados de la biblioteca. Sigue comprometida a minimizar los aumentos de presupuesto y a maximizar los servicios, el compromiso con la comunidad y los esfuerzos de sostenibilidad de la biblioteca.

Eleanora también se ha desempeñado como Presidenta del Consejo de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros de South Huntington, forma parte de la Junta de Liderazgo de la Fundación para la Artritis y es voluntaria en la Iglesia de St. Elizabeth. Como entrenadora de admisiones y carreras universitarias, es la propietaria de Square Peg Square Hole Coaching.

El interés de Eleanora en trabajar con la biblioteca proviene de su deseo de proveer a nuestra comunidad con los mejores recursos posibles de la manera más fiscalmente prudente.



**Flipster**  
Digital magazines!  
Access popular magazines on your computer or mobile device with your library account.

**Nick Tanzi Pens 2nd Book**

Library Assistant Director Nick Tanzi has published his second professional development book, *Best Technologies for Public Libraries*. Co-written with Christopher DeCristofaro and James Hutter, the book helps librarians learn about emerging technologies, such as 3D printing, augmented reality, virtuality and drones. His first book, published in 2016, is titled *Making the Most of Digital Collections Through Training and Outreach*. Congratulaton, Nick!

