

# SOUTH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### September is Library Card Signup Month

#### What's your superpower?

A South Huntington Library card gives you the power to check out books, DVDs and other materials, access free e-book and audiobook content, stream movies and music, read digital magazines and so much

#### Lifelong Learning

A library card also gives you the power to learn, whether it's by using free online learning resources like Lynda.com or Gale Courses, or free access to almost 100 research databases on topics from arts and education to health and medicine and social sciences.

#### Homework Help

For students, a library card is an essential school supply. Free access to online encyclopedias, biography databases, and live Homework Help will help your child power through assignments like a superhero.

#### History & Genealogy

A library card also can offer powerful insight into your family tree, as it will give you access to Ancestry.com and other genealogy databases, plus The New York Times, Newsday and other historic newspapers and a South Huntington area year-book collection, including Walt Whitman



High School and St. Anthony's High School.

#### Get A Card Today!

To get a library card, visit our Circulation Desk and show us that you live in the South Huntington School District (driver's license, utility bill). Or, you can sign up online at www.shpl.info>Get A Card.



# Looking for a Fun Day Trip?

The library is selling tickets to the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead for the discounted price of \$20 each. Please check the aquarium website before you go to see what exhibits are available.





#### The Big Generator That Could

The generator that was installed at the library in 2014 (left), after the hard lessons of Superstorm Sandy, provided a life raft this summer for hundreds of local residents who lost power and/or internet after Tropical Storm Isaias last month. The library accommodated those seeking to charge their devices and log onto Wi-Fi – many of them displaced work-fromhomers -- even as social distancing requirements were met (right). The library operated on the generator for 8 days.

#### Dear Community Members,

I hope you and your family are well and continue to stay healthy. As we make our way toward a new normal, the Board of Trustees and library staff are continuing their hard work to meet the community's needs while ensuring the health and safety of patrons and staff.



We are so pleased to open our doors each day and have our patrons back in the library.

It's wonderful to see everyone and provide library services to you and your families. Many thanks to all for adhering to mask and social distancing requirements.

We appreciate your patience during the closure, and we are pleased to see that so many of you took advantage of the library's digital collections and programming and communicated with us electronically.

From the day we closed on March 14 until we reopened to patrons on July 6, the use of our digital collection, which includes ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music and magazines, increased an average of 42 percent. The library issued 140 new library cards, and reference staff responded to about 425 emails and text messages. We also posted 48 blog entries on our website and presented more than 340 virtual programs for all ages. Meanwhile, between June 15 and July 6, more than 200 Grab and Go requests were fulfilled.

Starting in April, we began sending out a weekly e-newsletter with library events and updates, reaching more than 10,000 patrons each week. You can sign up for the newsletter on our website.

As I write this in mid-summer, Long Island's health metrics are good, and I sincerely hope they stay that way. We look forward to when we can reestablish in-person programming, put furniture and computer equipment back in place and restore full library services.

In the meantime, library programming remains online; please check our website calendar regularly to see what is being offered. Rest assured, whatever form school takes this fall, our librarians are ready to assist students and their parents.

If the virus numbers do move in the wrong direction, you can be confident that our staff will do their best to maintain library services and connection with the community. We've got this.

JANET SCHERER Library Director

The Library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 – Labor Day The Library will reopen on Sundays, 1-5 p.m., beginning Sept. 20.

## @ Your Digital Library

### Free Job Skills, Résumé Help Available

South Huntington cardholders have free access to a number of resources to help with job skills, résumé writing, job searches 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 résumé help. Create your résumé using available templates, then upload it 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 résumé 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.

Gale Courses offers free, sixweek interactive, instructor led courses that are taken entirely online. Courses are focused on professional development, tech skills, and personal enrichment.

Go to our website at www.shpl.info and click on the link for Online Learning. You will need a South Huntington Library card.

#### Job & Career

### Online Job Search Webinar Wed., Sept. 9 at 11 a.m.

Learn how to use the Internet to find that perfect job! In this virtual workshop, you will learn how to create accounts, search for employment opportunities with online job sites, learn how to complete applications, discuss industry dos and don'ts, and much more. Bring your questions.

### Create a Winning Résumé Webinar Wed., Sept. 15 at 11 a.m.

In this virtual class, you will learn how to use your computer to create, style, format and email a powerful résumé using Microsoft Word.

To participate in these free live webinars, go to the website calendar (shpl.info), find the event and click on the link in the description at the time of the program.

# Suffolk County Virtual Career & Talent Portal https://scnyforward.info/

This is a One-Stop Employment Shop offering job search and talent recruitment. This new Virtual Portal utilizes the latest technology to streamline the recruiting process for Suffolk County businesses in all industries.

Jobseekers can research the job market, view local job opportunities, see how their skills and experience match with employer job requirements, identify gaps and connect with potential training opportunities. They can also build résumés and cover letters specific to their job search. Veterans have first priority to apply for all jobs.

Employers can connect with local job seekers, search résumés, and view the local job market landscape to compare roles, responsibilities and pay rates.

**Students** can research skills, educational credentials and careers.

#### **Art Exhibit**

#### 'A Natural State of Mind,' paintings by Nancy Bueti-Randall. Sept. 4 - 30. Alfred van Loen Gallery, lower level.

Nancy approaches her subjects from direct observation. With a keen sense and artistic eye, she explores and studies before painting her composition.

Then, balancing controlled execution and spontaneous gesture, she develops her unique style. Nancy uses many different subjects for her paintings such as still life, the figure and nature, but this exhibit will concentrate on her nature paintings. She lives on Long Island with her husband. Her paintings are in many private and public collections.

The gallery is open during regular library hours. A virtual tour and chat with the artist will soon be available on the library website and SHPLtube channel.



#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Books & Reading**

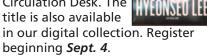
## **Book Talk Discussion Group** via Zoom

Tues., Sept. 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Moderator Helen Harris will lead a discussion of *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Hard copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. The title is also available in our digital collection. Registration begins *Sept. 4*.

# Evening Book Discussion via Zoom –Wed., Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for a discussion of *The Girl With Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by Hyeonseo Lee. Hard copies are available at the Circulation Desk. The title is also available in our digital collection.



#### **House & Home**

# 5 Principles of Getting (and Staying) Organized Wed., Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Professional organizers and co-au-

thors of *Beyond Tidy*, Marie Limpert & Annmarie Brogan will discuss their top 5 Basic
Organizing Principles
and provide solutions
to common challenges. Topics in this
live webinar will include
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what it really means to be organized, how organized living saves you time, money, space and energy; the best ways to organize and declutter; and getting your family on board. Bring your questions! Registration begins *Sept. 11*.

#### **Upcoming Fitness**

#### Chair Yoga via Zoom Tues., Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10 a.m.

Instructor Nav will lead a yoga routine you can do using a chair for support. Register *Aug. 28*.

#### Thursday Yoga via Zoom Thurs., Sept. 10, 17 & 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Instructor Augusta will lead a yoga routine to strengthen the body and relax the mind. Register *Aug. 28*.

# Walk2TheBeat Virtual Fitness –Sat., Sept. 12, 19 & 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Join instructor Tina Campbell for these WALK Fitness exercise classes, which will be conducted live online via Zoom. Register *Aug. 28*.

# Seed Saving & Plant Starts via Zoom Wed., Sept. 16 at 11 a.m.

Saving your own seeds is easy and incredibly rewarding. In this live Zoom webinar with organic gardening expert Renato Stafford, you will learn how to correctly save and store the seeds you will need to eventually start next year's garden, or donate to the library's Seed Library. Topics will include identifying the right seeds to save; drying and storage; purchasing seeds; and starting plants in the spring. Register beginning *Sept. 4*.

#### Seed Library A Community Effort

Participate in this webinar and learn how to save seeds from this year's harvest! Then you can help stock our Seed Library by donating those seeds, which will be distributed to interested gardeners in the spring. Donations can be made in fall and winter. For information, call 631-549-4411 or visit the Adult Services desk. The Seed Library also will feature seeds for heirloom varieties.



The Seed Library is designed to share seeds with community members to foster and celebrate gardening and encourage sustainability.

## Kid Stuff



#### Need Homework Help?

Students can get free one-on-one assistance online with a live tutor who can help with questions in all grade levels in math, science, reading/writing and social studies. Live tutors are available in English and Spanish Mon.-Sun., 1-11 p.m. There is also a writing lab where students can submit essays online and get feedback within one business day.

Students can also use this resource to prepare for state standardized tests plus the SAT, ACT, AP exams and more.

To access, go to our website at www.shpl.ifo and click on the green Online Learning link. You will need a South Huntington Library card.

#### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We invite you to participate in a program that encourages all South Huntington families to read 1,000



books with their young children before they enter Kindergarten. Research shows that reading aloud with your children helps to strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary. The goal is to read 1,000 books with your infant, toddler or preschooler. If you read just one book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start Kindergarten at around five years of age, you have more time than you think!

Visit the Children's Desk for a folder with everything you need to start, or print out a log at https://shpl.info/1000books.



#### Get Info on Child

#### Development, Resources

The Bright by Text program provides information on child development – plus local events and resources – to parents and caregivers of children prenatal to age

#### PEQUEÑOS POLLITOS: CELEBRANDO EL MES DE LA HIS-PANIDAD / LITTLE CHICKIES: CELEBRATING HISPANIC HER-ITAGE MONTH

martes 15 de septiembre – 13 octubre, 6 p.m., 3-8 años de edad Tuesday September 15- Tuesday October 13 @ 6 p.m., Children 3-8 yrs

¡Celebremos el mes de la Herencia Hispana con Miss Georgina escuchando un cuento y completando una artesanía que celebra la cultura latina! Cada semana leeremos un cuento bilingüe nuevo y tendremos bolsa para llevar con una artesanía que pueden recoger en la biblioteca.

Let 's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with

Miss Georgina by listening to a bilingual story and completing a craft that celebrates Latinx culture! Each week we will read a new story and have a Take & Make bag craft that you can pick up at the library.

For a full list of the library's virtual programs, please check the calendar page on our website:

www.shpl.info

8 in South Huntington.
Families can sign up to receive messages in English or Spanish that are specific to the age of their child and include local community resources targeted by zip code. Bright by Text messages include research-based content on



child development and learning, as well as information about valuable community services and events happening right here in South Huntington.

Families can sign up by texting the word FAMILYPLACE to 274448.

## Teen Stuff

# Winner of the Friends of the Library Scholarship

Katherine
"Katie" Miata is
this year's winner of the
Friends of the
Library Scholarship, awarded
to a high school
graduate who is
active at the li-



Katie has been a member of the South Huntington Public Library Teen Advisory Board since she was in 6th grade. She joined the Executive Board during her junior year and continued into her senior year. She actively participated in Bedtime Book Buddies, Zombie Survival Training, Kids and Teens Together, Friends of the Library Book Sale, Crafts Galore and the Winter Reading Carnival.

According to Katie, "My favorite thing to do at the library was to attend the Teen Advisory Board meetings. I loved sitting with my

friends when I was younger and laughing with the older kids. It was always a blast seeing the contestants up on stage for the Ten Minute Game Show and trying to help them guess the right answers. It was such a fun experience and a nice break in the night from studying and doing homework. I am definitely going to miss it."

Katie will be attending Georgetown University this Fall and plans to major in marketing and operations & analytics. Congratulations, and we will miss you too, Katie!

#### Calling All Shutterbugs!

Capture the theme "Pandemic." The spread of a virus does not stop the spread of



creativity! Tell the story of your tribulations, joys, sorrows or laughs with a photo of how the pandemic has affected your life. Your photo will become part of a digital exhibition for our social media outlets. We will also print your photo from your digital file for display on our gallery wall in the Young Adult department. The first and second place winner which will be announced and prizes awarded on November 13. **The Rules:** 

Contest deadline is Tues., Oct. 31. Please submit entries in jpeg format with your full name, phone number and a brief description to misskath@shpl.info. For privacy reasons, only first names will be used on our social media sites. Because we will be enlarging your photographs, please send the largest dimensions possible. However, please keep file size under 10MB. For SHPL cardholders in 6-12 grade. One entry per person.

## What's Going on in the YA Library

• We are planning to start a monthly series with the Huntington Youth Bureau to help our youth express themselves and

learn different ways of coping with stress. Details to come.

- To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) look for our book display and our new monthly program for young Latinos in our community.
- Those who are looking for community service can join our Teen Advisory Board Zoom Webinar on Tues., Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

#### Free Help With FAFSA!

Filling out the FAFSA can be a complex, but necessary, process. Brainfuse now offers live online



FAFSA tutors – available to help both students and parents complete the FAFSA application. Whether you are not sure how to start or have questions on specific aspects, Brainfuse tutors are ready to assist!

To access, go to our website at www.shpl.info>Online Learning>Brainfuse. You will need a South Huntington Library card.



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#### **LIBRARY HOURS:**

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Wed.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun.: 1-5 p.m. (beginning Sept. 20)

**DIRECTOR:** Janet Scherer **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:** Nick Tanzi

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Stella Fox, President Stuart Horowitz, Vice President Eleanora Ferrante, Finance Chair Eileen Sullivan Pat Dillon

Next Meeting: Mon., Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

Library closed Sept. 7: Labor Day

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# @ Your Library Sept. 2020

### ¡Facebook en Español!



¡La Biblioteca de South Huntington tiene una página de Facebook solo en español! Síganos para información sobre programas y recursos para usted y su familia.

Nuestra página se llama Biblioteca Pública de South Huntington En Español.









#### **Need A Mask? Just Ask**

Suffolk County legislator Tom Donnelly (left) donates a supply of facemasks and hand sanitizer to South Huntington Library Director Janet Scherer (center) and Assistant Director Nick Tanzi. Residents who need a mask can request one at the Circulation Desk, while supplies last.

