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FEBRUARY 2025

NEWSLETTER



From the Director's Desk

As we enter the coldest part of winter we recommend you avail yourselves of online and convenient library resources such as Kanopy (video streaming service for movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films), Hoopla (audiobooks, ebooks, comics, movies, music, TV) and Libby (ebooks, audiobooks and magazines). Check out these resources and other services the library has to offer by going to our website at www.seafordlibrary.org.

Frank McKenna, Director

Celebrate the Presidents

Virtual Lecture: Who Is Buried in Grant's Tomb?: Presidential Gravesites

Presented by: Valerie Gugala, founder of Mary Lincoln's Coterie, a group dedicated to the legacy of Mary Lincoln, with an interest in U.S. Presidents, First Ladies, and their Families

Thursday, February 20th 1:00pm

We will 'tour' the graves of 39 Presidents who have passed away and talk about their markers, burial spots, and more. Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.



Cooking for the Presidents (In-Person)

Presented by Pitmaster Brian Collins

Tuesday, February 25th 7:00pm Cost: \$5.00



Many of our Presidents and First Ladies were intimately involved in the history of food in this country. George Washington was an experimental agriculturalist who provided Mrs. Washington with 60 varieties of crops. President Kennedy was, to put it mildly, a plain eater. His two favorite foods were New England fish chowder and waffles. State dinners were another thing entirely. Mrs. Kennedy was very knowledgeable about French food. Brian will demonstrate JFK's choice, New England Clam Chowder as well as Chicken with Tarragon sauce as one of Jackie's state dinner choices Food Tasting will follow. Registration begins ONLINE starting Saturday, February 8th.

CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY

Virtual Black History Lecture: Groundbreaking Black Comedians

Presented by: Sal St. George

Friday, February 21st 1:00pm

Godfrey Cambridge, Redd Foxx, Dick Gregory, Flip Wilson, Nipsey Russell, Richard Pryor, and Eddie Murphy! Sal St. George will celebrate the incredible contributions of these comedians. Each, in their own distinctive voice, introduced an incomparable style of comedy to the world, breaking racially prejudiced barriers along the way. Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.

NASSAU LIBRARY

Quest

JANUARY 25 - MARCH 3

#NassauLibraryQuest

Don't miss the #NassauLibraryQuest! Visit 10 participating #NassauLibraries from January 25 - March 3 to earn exclusive swag and a grand prize raffle entry! Learn more at quest.nassaulibrary.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Seaford Library/School District residents **ONLY** on the first day of registration. Non-residents may register the following day. For programs that require a fee, no refunds unless given 24 hour notice before program starts or a substitute can be found on the waiting list. To register online, please go to our website at www.seafordlibrary.org and click on Events & News.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Valentine Flower Arrangement (In-Person)

Tuesday, February 4th 7:00pm Cost: \$10.00

Join florist Irene Morgan as she shows you how to create this beautiful, flower arrangement to celebrate Valentine's Day! **Please bring scissors or shears to cut stems.** Registration begins **ONLINE** starting Saturday, February 1st.



Valentine Card Making (In-Person)

Wednesday, February 5th 7:00pm Cost: \$5.00

Learn how to create beautiful, hand-crafted greeting cards. Presenter Christina Del Piano will teach the basic skills of stamping and paper crafting, and guide us in creating two unique greeting cards per patron. Register now **ONLINE** at www.seafordlibrary.org.

COOKING CLASS



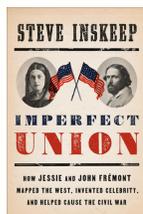
Valentine's Chocolate Fondue Tasting (In-Person)

Tuesday, February 11th 7:00pm Cost: \$5.00

Join Linda Johnson, Chocolate Curator at Chocology, for a chocolate fondue tasting and discussion. Register now **ONLINE** at www.seafordlibrary.org.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book Discussions are held in-person



"Imperfect Union: How Jessie and John Fremont Mapped the West, Invented Celebrity, and Helped Cause the Civil War" by Steve Inskeep

Tuesday, February 11th 2:00pm

Facilitated by Library Director Frank McKenna. Register now at the Reference Desk. Copies of the book will be available when you register.



"The Women" by Kristin Hannah

Monday, February 24th 2:00pm

Join Librarian Eric Wasserman for a lively discussion of this New York Times best seller. From the celebrated author of "The Nightingale" and "The Four Winds" comes Kristin Hannah's "The Women" – at once an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and the captivating account of the role of women in the Vietnam War. Register now at the Reference Desk. Copies of the book will be available when you register.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS



Estate and Asset Protection Planning (In-Person)

Monday, February 24th 7:00pm

Join Elder Law Attorney Angela M. Santorufo, Esq. of Kerley, Walsh, Matera & Cinquemani, PC, as she discusses the importance of basic estate planning documents. Register now **ONLINE** at www.seafordlibrary.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Sound Bath Meditation (In-Person)

Wednesday, February 19th 7:00pm-8:00pm

Join Instructor Judy Hausman Leff, a Vibrational Sound Therapy practitioner certified by the Vibrational Sound Association, for a Sound Meditation Session. Judy will use crystal bowls, metal bowls, chimes, gongs, other drone and overtone-emitting instruments and her voice to create these sound vibrations. **Participants will be lying down on the floor for this meditation session and need to bring a Yoga Mat or Blankets, Pillows or Cushions if desired.** *Registration begins ONLINE starting Saturday, February 8th.*



MOVIE

Conclave

Wednesday, February 26th 2:00pm

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church. Starring: Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci. Rated: PG; 120 Minutes. **IN ORDER TO RESERVE A SEAT, CALL THE LIBRARY AT 516-221-1334.** *Registration begins Thursday, February 13th.* Refreshments and snacks will be served.



VIRTUAL LECTURE

Monumental Core: The Evolution of the National Mall

Presented by: D.C. Design Tours

Thursday, February 27th 1:00pm

Over nearly 250 years, the National Mall has evolved as the center stage of our Nation's Capital. From pasture lands to military training grounds and from mud flats to grand monuments, hear the tumultuous and lesser known history of our most enduring national landmarks. Highlights will include: The L'Enfant Plan, United States Capitol Building, Washington Monument, The White House, National WWII Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Lincoln Memorial. *Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.*



COMPUTER CLASSES

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (In-Person)

Presented by: Sharper Training Solutions

Tuesday, March 4th 7:00pm

In this hands-on class, learn the basics of the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including creating, editing and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more. **Prerequisite: Basic computer knowledge.** *Registration begins ONLINE starting Tuesday, February 11th.*



Intermediate Microsoft Excel (In-Person)

Presented by: Sharper Training Solutions

Thursday, March 6th 7:00pm

In this hands-on class, learn more about the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including functions, working with ranges, macros, charting and much more. **Prerequisite: Basic computer knowledge.** *Registration begins ONLINE starting Tuesday, February 11th.*

ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

GAME TIME

Beginners Canasta (In-Person)

Mondays: March 10th, 17th, 24th

11:30am-1:30pm



Join Jacqui Palatnik for a beginner or refresher course on this stimulating card game. *Registration begins ONLINE starting Friday, February 21st.*

IRISH MUSIC CONCERT

"An Irish Song Celebration"

Saturday, March 15th 2:00pm



Get ready for some Music, Movement and Mirth this St. Patrick's Day. Songs such as "Danny Boy", "The Wearing of the Green", "Harrigan" and many more! Francine and Joel perform your Irish favorites in the lively, engaging style that they do best. *Registration begins Saturday, February 22nd at the Reference Desk or by calling the Library at 516-221-1334.*



2025 ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM "WALKING INTO A READING WONDERLAND"

There is still time to register for our tenth annual "Walking into a Reading Wonderland" Adult Winter Reading Program at the Seaford Public Library! Register now ONLINE or at the Reference Desk. Lots of Raffles and Prizes to give away!

PREDICT THE OSCAR WINNERS!

This year we are taking the plunge and we will try to guess who will win an OSCAR. But we need your help! Grab a ballot anytime at the Library and submit your predictions STARTING Thursday, February 6th. One ballot/entry per person please. All submissions will count towards an Academy Award Raffle. One winner will be awarded. Don't forget to watch the 97th Annual Academy Awards on Sunday, March 2nd to see if your predictions came true!

Virtual Author Visits All Year Long!

For more information and to register for these events, visit our website at <https://libraryc.org/seafordlibrary>



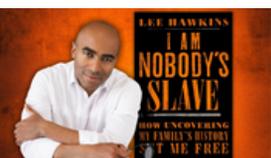
How We Create Pandemics, From Our Bodies to Our Beliefs with Smithsonian Curator Sabrina Sholts

A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration
Tuesday, February 4th at 2:00 PM EST



Dystopian Tropes from an Indigenous Perspective: In Conversation with Waubgeshig Rice

Award-Winning and Bestselling Author of Moon of the Crusted Snow
Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 PM EST



I Am Nobody's Slave: An Author Talk with Pulitzer Prize Finalist Lee Hawkins

Award-Winning Journalist and Creator and Host of the podcast "What Happened in Alabama?"
Tuesday, February 18th at 2:00 PM EST

CHILDREN'S Programs



Registration: The first day of registration is for Seaford Library/School District Residents ONLY with valid library card. Non-residents may sign up the following day. **Registration must be ONLINE @ www.seafordlibrary.org.**

Valentine Preschool Crafts

Monday, February 3rd **or** Tuesday,
February 4th | Ages 2-5 w/adult |
1:00-1:45pm

Roses are red, violets are blue, kids love to craft and you will too. Join us and make some Valentine crafts.

Registration begins Monday, January 27th.

Tots Night Out

Monday, February 3rd
18 mos.-5 yrs. old w/adult |
6:00-7:00pm

Join a Time for Kids for some fun at the library featuring music, moving, stories and a craft. *Registration begins Monday, January 27th.*

Presented by Time for Kids

Chess Club

Tuesdays, February 4th, 11th, 18th &
25th
Grades 1-5 | 5:00-6:00pm

Learn to play chess and practice your skills. No experience required!

Registration begins Tuesday, January 28th.

Presented by Joel Salman

Playhooray Families

Wednesdays, February 5th | 1:15-
2:00pm **or** February 26th 6:00-6:45pm |
0-5 yrs. old w/adult

Join us for a delightful program of music, movement, and rhymes.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 29th.

Harry Potter Escape Room

Friday, February 7th
Grades 2-5 | 4:45-5:45pm

Children will be challenged to solve puzzles, decipher clues, and use their magical abilities to unravel the mystery and escape the room!

Registration begins Friday, January 31st.

Presented by Susan Garcia

Dry Ice Capades

Monday, February 10th
Grades 2-5 | 4:00-5:00pm

Manipulate matter in all of its three states! Melt metal in boiling water and freeze water with just a breath of dry ice! Children will take home a "Mad Science Thermocolor Cup". *Registration begins Monday, February 3rd.*

Presented by Mad Science

CHILDREN'S

Programs cont.

Stitches the Bear

Wednesday, February 12th
Ages 2-4 w/adult | 4:00-5:00pm

Build a stuffed animal, make a wish, decorate its T-Shirt and choose a name for the Birth Certificate. *Registration begins Wednesday, February 5th.*

Presented by, Fun Stuff Express

"LOVE" Art

Thursday, February 13th
Grades 2-5 | 4:00-5:00pm

Join Miss Maria and learn how to draw and paint "LOVE" for Valentine's Day. Supplies will be provided. *Registration begins Thursday, February 6th.*

Presented by Le Petit Picasso

Pinata Filled Cupcakes

Tuesday, February 18th
Grades K-5 | 11:00am-12:00pm

Join Chef Rob and create pinata cupcakes filled with colorful sprinkles and topped with delicious frosting! *Registration begins Tuesday, February 11th.*

Presented by Chef Rob Scott

Minecraft Gaming

Thursday, February 20th
Grades 2-5 | 1:00-2:30pm

Get creative and design a dazzling miniature world! Collaborate to survive while trapped inside a snowglobe. Laptops will be provided. *Registration begins Thursday, February 13th.*

Presented by Innovative Gaming

Baby Start

Monday, February 24th
0-17 mos. w/adult | 10:15-10:45am

Join a Time for Kids in this fun and interactive program! Activities include music, movement and more.

Registration begins Monday, February 17th.

Presented by Time for Kids

Hidden Pictures

Monday, February 24th
18 mos.-5 yrs. old w/adult | 5:30-6:30pm

Join this fun program featuring music, movement, storytelling and fine and gross motor activities! Craft included.

Registration begins Monday, February 17th.

Presented by Time for Kids

Tiny Songbirds

Thursday, February 27th

0-24 mos. w/adult | 11:30am-12:00pm **or** Ages 2-5 w/adult | 12:15- 12:45pm

This music class will have you and your little one singing, moving, playing instruments, and creating musical moments together! *Registration begins Thursday, February 20th.*



February Teen Programs

Grades 5-12. To register for teen programs, go to www.seafordlibrary.org and click on the Teens Tab. If you need assistance, please email Teen Librarian Jillian at teens@seafordlibrary.org.

Umoja Bracelets
Wednesday, February 12th
6:00-7:00pm
Through a recycled bead bracelet activity, help raise funds and awareness for Umoja. The class promotes social action, awareness as well as supporting educational opportunities for primary and secondary students. One hour of community service for this program. *Register now.*



Dungeons and Dragons: The Letters of Cyrano
Tuesday, February 18th
6:30-8:30pm

A secret code has been found in a series of old love letters that hints at a great treasure! Will you be able to crack this cipher and claim the prize? Get a chance to experience the greatest role-playing game. Choose a character and ponder perilous puzzles! The Dungeon Master will guide you on your quest for the adventure of a lifetime. *Registration begins Saturday, February 1st.*



Winter Sports
Thursday, February 20th
3:00-4:30pm

Compete in a friendly game of ice hockey on a rink and practice your best moves to get the puck into the net. Using laptops and the Minecraft game. *Register now.*

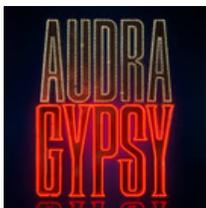


Seaford T.A.G. Meeting
Monday, March 3rd
4:00-5:00pm

Help decorate the teen area for St. Patrick's Day along with helping with the teen bulletin board. *Register now.*



BUS TRIP



Gypsy on Broadway

Wednesday, March 12th

Bus leaves at 9:00am Cost: \$220 per person



Join us as we head to the Majestic Theater in NYC to see Gypsy starring Audra McDonald! Gypsy tells the captivating story of a domineering mother in the early 20th century who will stop at nothing to transform her daughters into Vaudeville stars. Inspired by the early life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, this new production, features timeless hits such as "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," and "You Gotta Get a Gimmick." Run Time: 2 hours and 30 minutes, including one 15 minute intermission. Lunch is on your own before our 2pm matinee. **Register Tuesday, January 28th at the Reference Desk.** No refunds unless a substitute can be found from the waiting list. Each person may register for one other person.

SAFE DRIVING

A.A.R.P. Mature Driving

Saturday, February 22nd 10:00am-4:30pm

Cost: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members

PAYMENTS BY CHECK ONLY -ONE CHECK PER PERSON - PAYABLE TO A.A.R.P. - PROOF OF A.A.R.P. MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED.

Take this course to reduce your insurance rates and enjoy your driving privilege longer. Each person on line may register for one additional person. Space is limited. NO REFUNDS. Register now at the Reference Desk.



Defensive Driving

Saturday, March 29th 10:30am-5:00pm

Cost: \$25.00 (for ages 60 and older);

\$35.00 (for ages 59 and younger)

Save 10% on your auto insurance and reduce up to 4 points on your driver's license. Make checks payable to Safe Trips, Inc. Register now at the Reference Desk.



ART EXHIBIT: Acrylic Paintings by Sherrie Papayanopoulos
LOBBY DISPLAY CASE: Valentine's Day Extravaganza

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The next meeting
of the Board of
Trustees will be
held on Monday,
February 10th at
7pm. The public
is welcome.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am-9pm
Wednesday 1pm-9pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm

The Library will be closed on Monday,
February 17th in observance of
Presidents' Day.

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