

SEAFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We anticipate that renovation of the Library's HVAC units will commence at the end of April or early in May. The work will not necessitate closing the library and will last for approximately a month. A large portion of the funding for this project will be financed through the New York State Construction Aid program.

Frank McKenna, Director

LIBRARY

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week (Sunday, April 6th–Saturday, April 12th)



Drawn to the Library: From young families stopping in for storytime, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, or trace your history with your library's genealogy resources.

In honor of National Library Week, check out any material in the library and visit the circulation desk to receive a FREE Seaford Library bookmark and a pen. While supplies last.



LONG ISLAND READS
One Island—One Book

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Long Island Reads Author Event: Jane L. Rosen

Sunday, April 6th 2:00pm

Long Island Reads will honor Jane L. Rosen in a hybrid ceremony at the Bay Shore–Brightwaters Public Library. Tickets will be available at <https://longislandreads.wordpress.com/>. Additional information for virtual attendance will be provided by the Library as it becomes available.

Storms, Shipwrecks, Lifesavers and Lightkeepers: The History of the Fire Island Lighthouse (In-Person)

Tuesday, April 8th 7:00pm



Please join Angela Reich, Fire Island Lighthouse docent and author of an historical novel "Shipwreck of Hopes" involving our Long Island Maritime history and local residents who manned our shores, responsible for maritime safety in the country's busiest shipping lanes. **Book sale/signing to follow.** Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.

***POSTPONED* BOOK DISCUSSION**

"On Fire Island" by Jane L. Rosen
Monday, April 28th 2:00pm

***This discussion was originally scheduled for Friday, April 11th.**



Join librarian Eric Wasserman for a lively discussion of this year's Long Island Reads book "On Fire Island." No one expects to die at thirty-seven. So when the unthinkable happens to Julia, rather than following the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, she chooses to spend one last summer near the ones she loves the most. As she follows her adoring novelist husband Ben to their home on Fire Island, she discovers the ripple effect her life has had on her neighbors. Register now at the Reference Desk. Copies of the book will be available when you register.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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.

HORTICULTURE

Flower and Vegetables for the Early Spring Garden (In-Person)

Friday, April 4th 1:00pm



Many of the early spring flowers need to be planted before the winter to start to bloom when the weather warms up, but you can still plant a few seasonal beauties as the garden begins to thaw. Horticulturist Paul Levine will share some great flowering plants that will welcome Spring to your garden. **At the conclusion of the program, plants will be raffled off.** Register now **ONLINE** at www.seafordlibrary.org.

DMV SERVICES

DMV-Real ID (In-Person)

Saturday, April 5th 12:00pm-4:00pm



The DMV will be here providing Real ID cards to patrons. Please bring: current, valid NYS non-driver ID or NYS Driver License; current U.S. Passport or Birth Certificate; original Social Security Card or current tax year W2 or 1099 with full Social Security Number; and two proofs of residence with same street address, such as utility bill and bank statement. **No registration required. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. PLEASE HAVE ALL THE PROPER DOCUMENTS READY BEFORE ATTENDING THE EVENT. PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN. For more information, please check our website at www.seafordlibrary.org.**

FILM

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry (In-Person)

Wednesday, April 9th 2:00pm

THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J. FIKRY



A.J. Fikry's wife has died, his bookstore is in trouble, and now his prized rare edition of Poe poems has been stolen. However, when a mysterious package appears, its arrival gives him the chance to start his life over and see things anew. Starring: Lucy Hale, Scott Foley and Christina Hendricks. Rated: PG-13; 105 Minutes. **IN ORDER TO RESERVE A SEAT, CALL THE LIBRARY AT 516-221-1334.** Registration begins Thursday, April 3rd. SPACE IS LIMITED! Refreshments and snacks will be served.

DISPLAY CASE:

Diana Fogarty- Calico Collection

ART EXHIBIT:

Kris Long - Bird Photography

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Drumming Away Stress (In-Person)

Presented by: Robert Lawrence Friedman, Ph.D., author, international speaker/trainer, and psychotherapist

Wednesday, April 9th 7:00pm



This unique stress management program utilizes hand drums and rhythm instruments to provide a physical release of stress, while calming guided imagery exercises that help release the anxiety passively. **All drums will be provided and no experience necessary.** Register now **ONLINE** at www.seafordlibrary.org.

COOKING CLASSES

Springtime Cooking Demonstration (In-Person)

Friday, April 25th 1:00pm

Cost: \$3.00



It's time to add some "Spring" to your luncheon and dinner gatherings with Mary Maguire. On the menu will be a luscious Carrot-Coconut Vichyssoise. This will be followed by an elegant Curried Chicken Salad. Topping it off will be a Blueberry - Cream Cheese Coffeecake. A totally scrumptious feast - and very easy to prepare. **Bring your appetite.** Registration begins **ONLINE** starting Saturday, April 5th.

Challah Bread Making (In-Person)

Tuesday, April 29th 7:00pm

Cost: \$5.00



Join us for a hands-on Challah-making experience! Debbie will guide you through making the dough and demonstrate how to create an impressive 6-piece braid. Each participant will receive their own dough to practice with. Registration begins **ONLINE** starting Saturday, April 12th.

CRAFT TIME

Cozy Book Sleeve (In-Person)

Thursday, April 10th 7:00pm

Cost: \$10.00



Sew your own custom book sleeve. These cute book protectors are great to keep pages from being crushed, folded and soiled. Toss your book safely in a tote bag, beach bag, or even in your car. **Sewing machines will be provided.** Registration begins **ONLINE** starting Saturday, April 5th.

Adult Spring Paint Night (In-Person)

Tuesday, May 6th 7:00pm

Cost: \$10.00



Join us for paint night! Learn how to paint a Spring theme on a canvas! **All materials are included.** Registration begins **ONLINE** starting Saturday, April 12th.

ADULT PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT

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



Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult

#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *By Any Other Name* and *My Sister's Keeper*

**Wednesday, April 2nd
at 7:00 PM EDT**

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Narcan Training (In-Person) Sponsored by Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin & Councilman Christopher R. Schneider

Thursday, April 24th 7:00pm

Learn what to do in case of an overdose and how to administer the life-saving, overdose reversal agent Naloxone (Narcan). Space is limited. Kits will be distributed. **To register, please call Councilman Chris Schneider's office at 516-812-3285. Walk-ins are welcomed.**



Passport Van (In-Person)

Monday, May 5th 10:00am-2:00pm

Apply or renew your passport at the library. Presented by Hempstead Town Clerk Kate Murray's Passport Office. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call Town of Hempstead Passport Office at (516) 812-3100 to make appointment. Be sure to specify Seaford Public Library.**



Smarter Social Security (In-Person)

Thursday, May 1st 7:00pm

Daniel Mazzola, CFA, CPA, will provide a broad overview of Social Security and show how married couples can maximize their collective payouts using two simple strategies. Bring your questions! Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.



CONCERT

"An Afternoon of Music with Singer/Entertainer Les Degen"

Saturday, May 3rd 1:00pm-2:30pm



With a background in musical theater (favorite roles include Tevye in *Fiddler*, Fagin in *Oliver*, and Applegate in *Damn Yankees*) Les performs a fun filled, interactive and engaging musical program of standards, show tunes, and rock 'n' roll. Registration begins Saturday, April 12th at the Reference Desk or by calling the Library at 516-221-1334.

PSYCHIC MEDIUM

Mediumship. What is it? (In-Person)

Wednesday, May 7th 7:00pm-8:30pm



Please join Winter Brook, Psychic Medium as she explains the various ways mediums use to connect with those who have passed over into the World of Spirit. During the program, she will give a demonstration of mediumship by bringing through loved ones from the other side to some of the attendees using the various methods discussed. Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.

Boating Safety Certificate Course (In-Person)

Presented by: United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Saturday, May 10th 10:00am-3:00pm

Cost: \$50.00 for Adults; \$35.00 under 18

Receive your certificate the same day. For boaters ages 10 and up. **Pay by check only.** Payable to U.S.C.G Aux. To save time, there will be no lunch break; bring your lunch/snacks. Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.



SEED LIBRARY

Starting on May 1st, we are happy to announce that we are officially a Seed Library!

• A Seed Library is a **FREE** resource for **Seaford Library cardholders ONLY. (AGES 18 and OVER)**

-LIBRARY CARD MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING

• A seed library helps both new and seasoned gardeners begin and/or add to their gardens.

• Experience is not necessary to begin planting; all a person needs is a valid library card and the desire to plant.

How does it work?

- Patrons present their Seaford Library card at the Reference desk.
- You can choose up to **3 packets** of seeds per month, per family.
- The seed packets are available across from the Reference Desk.
- Seed germination **cannot** be guaranteed by the library.
- Cardholders are limited to ONE packet of each variety of seed.
- **The Seed Library is first come- first served basis, while supplies last.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SEAFORDLIBRARY.ORG



APRIL 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.

Seaford T.A.G. Meeting Monday, April 7th

Help Jillian decorate the teen area for spring and help with the spring bulletin board. One hour of community service will be given for attending. Register now.

Spring Gnome Decor Wednesday, April 16th

4:30-5:30pm
Gnome up your house this spring with a cute wood gnome you will paint and decorate for your room or anywhere in your house!.
Registration begins Tuesday, April 1st.

Personalized Tumbler for Mom Thursday, April 17th

4:30-5:30pm
In this class, you will pick a tumbler for mom and decorate it with beautiful water-safe stickers. In addition, you will make a unique beaded charm to hang off the handle. At the end of class, we will wrap the tumbler in tissue paper to keep it a surprise until May 11th! *Registration begins Thursday, April 3rd.*

Bird Feeder Wednesday, April 30th 6:00-7:00pm

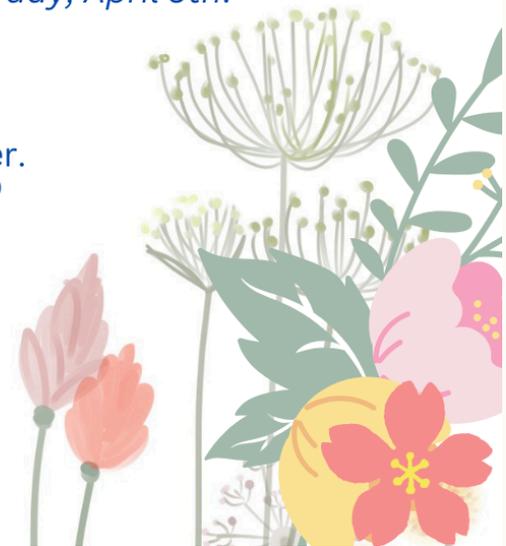
Each teen will paint and assemble a birdfeeder. They will be provided with birdseed as well so that they can put the birdfeeder outside to help feed the birds. One hour of community service will be given for this program.
Registration begins Monday, April 7th.

Butterfly Globe Thursday, April 10th

4:30-5:30pm
Step into a world of delicate beauty with Butterfly Globes. Craft stunning butterfly globes, each one a tiny, magical world filled with natural-looking butterflies with a little sparkle and soft, pastel hues. These enchanting globes create a peaceful and fascinating little space for your butterflies to "live," capturing the beauty of nature in a whole new way.
Register now.

Dungeons and Dragons: Madness of Music Monday, April 28th

6:30-8:30pm
Everyone's favorite event, the battle of the bands, is coming to Gariondale! The audience seems a little too zealous to see their favorite performers, what has overcome this crowd? Get a chance to experience the greatest role-playing game. Choose a character and beatdown on bad bards! The Dungeon Master will guide you on your quest for the adventure of a lifetime. *Registration begins Saturday, April 5th.*



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Want to know what's happening at the Library!

FOLLOW US!



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Happening this week:



National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025, is a celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

CELEBRATE WITH US THIS WEEK AND ENJOY THESE EXCITING ACTIVITIES!

GUESSING GAME

Come by the library and guess how many pom pom balls are in the jar. The person with the closest guess will win a small prize. One guess per child. Good Luck and Happy Guessing!



SCAVENGER HUNT

Have fun exploring the Children's Room! Once you have located all the pictures, come to the children's desk to submit your sheet and get a sticker!



NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

April is National Poetry Month and this is the perfect time to discover the beautiful art of poetry. Come by and check out some awesome titles and learn more about famous poets. Happy Reading!



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL US AT: CHILDRENS@SEAFORDLIBRARY.ORG OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS CONT.



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.

ELECTRICITY

Tuesday, April 1st
Grades 2-5 | 4:00-5:00pm

Learn how the build up of electrons can cause static electricity. Kids will take home a "Mad Science Static Stick". Registration begins Tuesday, March 25th.

JUNGLE FUN

Wednesday, April 2nd
18 mos.-5 yrs. old w/adult
6:00-7:00pm

Get wild with A Time for Kids in this family fun program all about jungle animals! Craft included. Registration begins Wednesday, March 26th.

BABY START

Thursday, April 3rd
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 Thursday, March 27th.

PRESCHOOL CRAFTS

Monday, April 7th
Ages 2-5 w/adult
10:15-11:00am or 1:00-1:45pm

Spring has sprung! Celebrate the warm weather and create some spring decorations. Registration begins Monday, March 31st.

PLAYHOORAY KIDS

Thursday, April 10th
0-5 yrs. old w/adult | 10:15-11:00am

Join Molly Mouse for music, dance and fun for your little one! Registration begins Thursday, April 3rd.

FAMILY MOVIE

Monday, April 14th
All ages | 10:15am-12:15pm

Get ready to roar with us for the timeless classic, The Lion King. It's the epic tale of a lion cub's wild adventure to grow up and embrace his royal destiny. Rated PG. No registration required!

Registration must be ONLINE @ www.seafordlibrary.org

BUDGET INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

BUDGET HEARING

Monday, May 12, 2025
at 7pm
Valentine Meehan
Community Meeting Room

REGISTRATION

Any School Day from 9am to
3pm until May 13, 2025
at the Seaford School District
Clerk Office

BUDGET & TRUSTEE VOTE

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Through Seaford School District

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There will be one vacancy on the Board of Trustees as follows: Election of one member for the 5-year term commencing July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030. The incumbent for the seat to be filled is Catherine DiPietro.

QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING IN LIBRARY ELECTION

Any Seaford School District resident - 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States and resident of the school district for 30 days prior to the date of voting who has registered or voted within the previous four years in a general or school district election.

REGISTRATION

You may register any school day, between the hours of 9am to 3pm at the office of the District Clerk (Seaford Manor School, Washington Avenue) until May 13, 2025. Please contact the Seaford School District Clerk Office (516-592-4003) for more details.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Please contact the Seaford School District Clerk Office (516-592-4003) for more details.

AUDIENCIA DE PRESUPUESTO

Lunes, 12 de Mayo de 2025 a las
7pm Sala de Reuniones de
Valentine Meehan

REGISTRO

Cualquier día escolar de 9am a
3pm Hasta el 13 de mayo de
2025
En la oficina del secretario
del distrito escolar de Seaford

PRESUPUESTO Y VOTO FIDUCIARIO

Martes, 20 de Mayo de 2025
A través del distrito escolar de
Seaford

CANDIDATOS AL CONSEJO DE FIDUCIARIOS

Habrà dos vacantes en la Junta Directiva de la siguiente manera: Elección de un miembro por el periodo de 5 años a partir del 1 de julio de 2025 hasta el 30 de junio de 2030. El titular del puesto a cubrir es Catherine DiPietro.

CALIFICACIÓN PARA VOTAR EN LA ELECCIÓN DE LA BIBLIOTECA

Cualquier residente del distrito escolar de Seaford: mayor de 18 años, ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y residente del distrito escolar durante 30 días antes de la fecha de la votación que se haya registrado o votado en los cuatro años anteriores en un distrito escolar o general elección.

REGISTRO

Puede inscribirse cualquier día escolar, entre las 9 a.m. y 3:00 p.m. en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito (Escuela Seaford Manor, Washington Avenue) hasta el 13 de mayo de 2025. Comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito Escolar de Seaford al: 516-592-4003

BOLETAS DE AUSENTE

Comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito Escolar de Seaford al: 516-592-4003 para obtener más detalles.

Please look for more budget information in the May Newsletter

BUS TRIP



Whitney Museum of American Art, Chelsea Market, High Line & Hudson Yards

Wednesday, May 14th

Bus leaves at 8:15am

Cost: \$82.00



Join us as we visit the Whitney Museum of American Art in the Meatpacking District for a self guided tour. See cutting-edge exhibitions featuring today's most celebrated artists alongside a collection of masterworks by Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, Jacob Lawrence, and many others. Immerse yourself in the Whitney's inspiring architecture with breathtaking skyline views on the Museum's terraces. Afterwards, along with a guide, we will walk on a portion of the High Line, an elevated linear park created on a former New York Central Railroad spur. Lunch will be on your own at Chelsea Market, the former home of the National Biscuit Company, or at one of the many restaurants in the Meatpacking area. On our last stop, we will visit Hudson Yards to admire the Vessel, browse the many shops or get some dessert. Please note: This trip requires a lot of walking so please wear comfortable shoes. **Registration begins Tuesday, April 8th at the Circulation Desk.** Seaford School District residents only on the first day of registration. First come, first served. Space is limited. No refunds unless a substitute can be found from the waiting list.

SAFE DRIVING

A.A.R.P. Mature Driving (In-Person)

Saturday, May 17th 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 (In-Person)

Saturday, June 7th 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.*



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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

10am-9pm

Wednesday

1pm-9pm

Friday

10am-6pm

Saturday

10am-5pm

The Library will be CLOSED on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday.

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

*Please note: The public can view and comment on policies that the Board of Trustees has tentatively approved by going to our website at www.seafordlibrary.org and clicking on the About Us tab. Please contact Library Director Frank McKenna at 516-221-1334 ext. 3207 with any questions or concerns.

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