

SEAFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall! Work on the Library's HVAC Renovation Project began on September 22, 2025 and is expected to be completed in the latter part of this month of October. As previously noted, a significant portion of the cost of this project will be financed by NYS Construction Aid. The new HVAC units will be more energy efficient and provide a more comfortable environment for our library users throughout the year.

Frank McKenna,
Director

GREAT GIVE BACK COAT DRIVE



The mission of The Great Give Back is to provide opportunities for the patrons of the Public Libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. To support this cause, the Seaford Public Library will be hosting a coat collection drive for The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless in Amityville. Used or new coats can be dropped in the box located in the main lobby of the Seaford Public Library beginning October 1st through October 18th. We encourage everyone to help our community by donating. Thank you for your generosity and lighting up the lives of people in need!

HALLOWEEN LECTURES

Hold That Ghost - the Funniest Haunted House Film Ever Made (In-Person)

Presented by: Lawrence Wolff

Friday, October 24th

1:00pm

Get ready for Halloween laughs with a film starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in the funniest haunted house movie ever made. Learn the backstory and then laugh yourself silly at "The Boys" in film highlights as they deal with ghosts, gangsters, disappearing rooms and missing money. Fun Halloween music is included as well as a large memorabilia and book display. *Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.*

Cemeteries and Graveyards of Long Island (In-Person)

Tuesday, October 28th

7:00pm

Historian Robert von Bernewitz will give a talk about the various historic cemeteries, types of burial sites and noteworthy people that are buried on Long Island. Come find out where Mae West, Jackie Robinson, Jackson Pollock, William Sydney Mount and Teddy Roosevelt are laid to rest. You will learn that the oldest burial ground in New York State is on Long Island. It has the largest Cemetery in the country as well. You will learn a lot of interesting facts about Long Island during this presentation. *Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.*

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.

VIRTUAL LECTURE

**Virtual Lecture: "Out of Rushmore's Shadow":
the Luigi Del Bianco Story**

Monday, October 6th 1:00pm

Join us for a captivating presentation as storyteller Lou Del Bianco brings to life the remarkable tale of his grandfather, Luigi Del Bianco, chief carver behind the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Through a compelling narrative enriched with authentic photographs, timelines, and primary source documents, Lou brings Luigi's story to life. Register now **ONLINE** at www.seafordlibrary.org.

CRAFTS

Halloween Wood Gnome (In-Person)
Tuesday, October 7th 6:30pm
Cost: \$15.00

Join Hammer and Stain L.I. and paint a Halloween Gnome, just in time for the spooky season. Registration begins **ONLINE** starting Saturday, October 4th at www.seafordlibrary.org.



Scarecrow Ceramic (In-Person)
Tuesday, October 14th 6:30pm
Cost: \$12.00

Join Rosemarie Attard and paint this Scarecrow Ceramic just in time for the Fall season. Registration begins **ONLINE** starting Saturday, October 4th at www.seafordlibrary.org.

COMMUNITY

**Mobile Office: Senator Steve Rhoads
(In-Person)**

**Wednesday, October 8th
6:00pm-8:00pm**



Senator Steve Rhoads wants to hear what local and state issues are most important to YOU - the people he represents in the New York State Senate. Please join Senator Rhoads for a one-on-one meeting to discuss a variety of topics and get to know your local Senator. **Please call Senator Rhoads' District Office at 516-882-0630 to make an appointment. Appointments required, but walk-ins are welcome if time permits.**

Medicare Made Easy (In-Person)

Presented by Marie Cantone,
Senior Health Plan Consultant
specializing in Medicare

**Wednesday, November 5th
7:00pm**



This seminar is designed to take the "confusion" out of all the options available, so you are able to make choices that are "RIGHT" for you. We will review the basics of Medicare, supplementary insurance, advantage plans, prescription drug plans, eligibility requirements and enrollment. Register now **ONLINE** at www.seafordlibrary.org.

Narcan Training (In-Person)

**Wednesday, November 12th
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.**

MYSTERY DATE WITH A BOOK

Escape the ordinary by having a mystery date...with a book, that is. Choose from among the books wrapped in brown paper located on the cart by the Reference Desk. You will not know the identity of your mystery date until you get it home. It may be fiction, non-fiction, funny, informative, a mystery, or heartbreaking. Give your date a chance. You may end up having a great time with something you would otherwise never ventured to read. After reading the book, fill out Rate-Your-Date questionnaire and enter your chance to win a "Mystery Prize." One winner will be awarded.



• **When: Starting: Thursday, October 2nd -Ends: Friday, October 31st**

• **Only the first 20 patrons will be able to participate.**

• **One book per patron.**

• **Registration is required and begins Thursday, October 2nd at the Reference Desk.**

Raffle box is located on the Reference Desk. Books must be returned at the Circulation Desk by Friday, October 31st.



ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Nassau County Department of Aging (In-Person)
Friday, October 17th 1:00pm-3:00pm

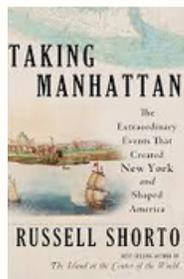
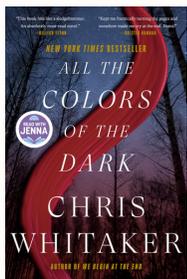
Join the Nassau County Office of the Aging and discover the wealth of resources available for seniors living in Nassau County. You'll learn: information about NY Connects, in-home assistance and support programs, services for caregivers, information on Nassau County Senior Centers, and more! Following the presentation, the OFA representatives will create Senior ID's. Register now *ONLINE* at www.seafordlibrary.org.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

"All the Colors of the Dark" by Chris Whitaker
Monday, October 20th 2:00pm

Join librarian Eric Wasserman for a lively discussion of this New York Times bestseller and Read with Jenna Book Club Pick. "All the Colors of the Dark" is a mystery thriller that follows Joseph "Patch" Macauley, a boy who is abducted at 13, and Saint Brown, his best friend who embarks on a decades-long search for him and the truth behind his disappearance. The story, set in the small town of Monta Clare, Missouri, explores themes of trauma, resilience, and the power of hope amidst darkness, as Patch and Saint navigate a web of secrets and a serial killer's shadow. Register now at the Reference Desk. Copies of the book will be available when you register.



"Taking Manhattan: the Extraordinary Events That Created New York and Shaped America" by Russell Shorto

Tuesday, November 18th 2:00pm
Facilitated by Library Director Frank McKenna. Copies of the book will be available when you register. Registration begins Tuesday, October 21st at the Reference Desk.

COOKING

Babka Cake Making (In-Person)
Tuesday, October 21st
6:30pm Cost: \$10.00



In this interactive session, learn how to create two mouthwatering variations of babka, sweet cheese and decadent chocolate Nutella. The step-by-step process will cover everything from making the dough to shaping and preparing the fillings, ensuring the babka is ready to bake at home. **Please note all ingredients will be kosher.** Registration begins *ONLINE* starting Saturday, October 11th at www.seafordlibrary.org.

FILM

The Ballard of Wallis Island
Wednesday, October 22nd
2:00pm



Follows Charles (Tim Key), an eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island and dreams of getting his favorite musicians, McGwyer Mortimer (Tom Basden & Carey Mulligan) back together. His fantasy turns into reality when the bandmates and former lovers accept his invitation to play a private show at his home on Wallis Island. Old tensions resurface as Charles tries desperately to salvage his dream gig. Rated: PG-13; 99 Minutes. **IN ORDER TO RESERVE A SEAT, CALL THE LIBRARY AT 516-221-1334.** Registration begins Monday, October 6th. **SPACE IS LIMITED!** Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Author Talk: "The Invisible Spy" by Thomas Maier (In-Person)
Wednesday, October 22nd
7:00pm



Author, television producer, and former Chicago Sun-Times journalist Thomas Maier visits the Seaford Public Library to discuss his new book *The Invisible Spy*. It is the untold WWII story of Ernest Cuneo, a former NFL player turned White House insider who worked with Churchill's undercover agents in New York City to conduct the biggest foreign spy operation ever within the US and how Cuneo later helped inspire Ian Fleming's James Bond. **Copies of The Invisible Spy will be available for purchase and Maier will sign them following the program.** Register now *ONLINE* at www.seafordlibrary.org

ADULT PROGRAMS

SAFE DRIVING



A.A.R.P. Mature Driving

Saturday, October 25th 10:00am-4:30pm

OR

Saturday, December 6th 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.



WELLNESS

Sound Bath Meditation (In-Person)

Monday, October 27th 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. Experience with meditation is not needed!

Participants will be lying down on the floor for this meditation session and need to bring:

- Yoga Mat or Blankets
- Pillows or Cushions if desired



Registration begins ONLINE starting Saturday, October 11th at www.seafordlibrary.org

Shredding Event

**Saturday, November 1st
10:00am-12:00pm**



Bring any important papers you want to shred. Time Shred Services Inc. will have a truck on site **in the parking lot behind the library.** No registration required.

MUSIC LECTURE

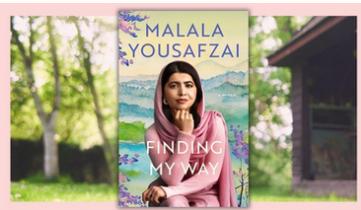
Beatles Exploitation Albums from 1964 (In-Person)

Monday, November 3rd 7:00pm

Bob Koenig will discuss the numerous copycat albums that were released in 1964, the year the Meet the Beatles album came out in the U.S., which all attempted to cash in on Beatlemania with mop-top covers, similar group names, and various configurations of the same songs. Register now ONLINE at www.seafordlibrary.org.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISITS

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

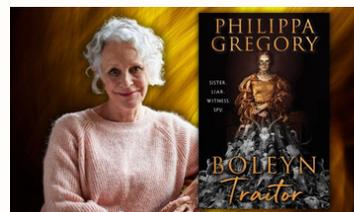


Finding My Way with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Malala Yousafzai

Bestselling Author and Education Activist

Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM EDT



**Courtly Intrigue and Whispers as Weapons with
Historical Fiction Queen Philippa Gregory**

*Bestselling Author of The Other Boleyn Girl and
Leading Voice in Historical Fiction*

Wednesday, October 29th at 2:00 PM EDT

ART DISPLAY

"A Reimagining of Sea Life"

by Frank Donato

DISPLAY CASE

"Autograph Baseball Collection"

by Rose Robinson

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LEGO BUDDIES

Wednesday, October 8th and 15th

4:00-5:00pm | Grades K-4

Join us for an exciting LEGO and block-building adventure at the library! Unleash your creativity. Build, imagine, and explore with friends! Registration begins Wednesday, September 24th.



CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, October 14th and October 28th
4:30-5:30pm | Grades 1-5

Challenge your mind! Play the game of Kings and Queens with Joel Salman. No prior chess knowledge is required. Registration begins Tuesday, October 7th.



MS. RACHEL EXPERIENCE

Monday, October 6th

10:15-11:00am | 6 mos.-5 yrs. w/adult

Get ready to sing, dance, and giggle! The Ms. Rachel Experience is a 45-minute musical adventure packed with fun, perfect for little ones who love to move and groove! Registration begins Monday, September 29th.

JUNIOR REACTORS

Thursday, October 16th
4:00-5:00pm | Grades 2-5

Explore atoms, molecules, and cool reactions through hands-on experiments. Learn the difference between physical and chemical changes and take home your own Mad Science Atomic Coins Kit! Registration begins Thursday, October 9th.

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

Monday, October 6th or

Tuesday, October 7th

1:00-1:45pm | Ages 2-5w/adult

Celebrate the spooky season and make creepy crafts. Registration begins Monday, September 29th.



BOO!



UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

PLAYHOORAY FAMILIES

Thursday, October 16th

6:00-6:45pm | Birth-5 yrs. w/adult

Join Miss Molly Mouse in this interactive music and movement class. Come ready to dance, sing and play with all of your friends! Registration begins Thursday, October 9th.



GIGGLES & GROOVES

Monday, October 27th

10:15-11:00am | Birth-4 yrs.
w/adult

Join Miss Rebecca as she teaches parents and kids how to fall in love with music through instrument, movement, sensory and imaginative play. Registration begins Monday, October 20th.



BABYJAM

Saturday, October 18th 10:15-11:00am | 9
mos.-4 yrs. old w/adult

Sing, shake, and move along to the beat with Miss Andrea on guitar. Registration begins Saturday, October 11th.



DRAWING LABUBU

Monday, October 20th

4:00-5:00pm | Grades 2-5

Step into the world of Labubu! This hands-on workshop with Key to My Art lets young artists sketch and create their own version of this lovable character. Registration begins Tuesday, October 14th.



HAUNTED MANSION

Wednesday, October 29th

4:30-6:00pm | Grades 2-5

Dive into an exciting gaming adventure! Jump, climb, and escape the haunted mansion! Make potions, fight witches, and build your own witch's hut.

Laptops will be provided.

Registration begins
Wednesday, October 22nd.



Registration must be ONLINE @ www.seafordlibrary.org

October 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.



Community Service Programs



Bedazzled
Wednesday, October 15th
5:30-6:30pm

For the Great Give Back create bracelets and necklaces with words of encouragement for donation. Registration begins Wednesday, October 1st.

Thank Our Veterans
Tuesday, November 4th
6:30-7:30pm

Decorate a wood plaque with patriotic papers and craft supplies to thank a veteran. Registration begins Tuesday, October 14th.

Dungeons and Dragons: The City of the Well
Monday, October 20th
6:30-8:30pm

In the vast Desert of Ka'shama lies a city that appears like a mirage. There are many strange tales of this green land in the lifeless sea. Will be lost to the sand? Get a chance to experience the greatest role-playing game. Choose a character and surveil secret societies! The Dungeon Master will guide you on your quest for the adventure of a lifetime. Registration begins Saturday, October 4th.



Turkey Tea Light
Friday, November 7th
4:00-5:00pm



Get cozy and creative with our Turkey Tealight craft! In this festive workshop, layer cardstock and vellum to create a colorful turkey whose feathers glow with the soft light of a tealight that lets the warm autumn colors shine through, giving your turkey a luminous look—just in time for Thanksgiving! Registration begins Friday, October 17th.



Community Service Opportunity

Earn community service by creating bookmarks for the patrons of the Seaford Public Library!

Interested teen volunteers must come to the Teen Desk to pick up bookmark sheets to color. Teens may use crayons, markers, gel pens, and colored pencils to color in the bookmarks. Bookmark sheets must be neatly colored in order to receive community service credit. If they are not the teen will not receive the community service hours.

For each bookmark sheet handed in, teen volunteers will receive 1 hour of community service. Teen volunteers will be limited to 3 bookmark sheets/3 hours of community service per month. Please return the bookmark sheet to the Teen Desk when finished AND return the sheets whole.

Please **DO NOT** cut out the bookmarks! Finished bookmarks will be made available to library patrons at Circulation.

Halloween Fun

Edible Haunted House
Friday, October 24th
4:30-5:30pm

\$6.00 per person
This tutorial will be a hands-on workshop focusing on expression and creativity. Each student will go over, step by step, the procedure of creating themselves into a zombie using latex, face paint, and tissue paper. Registration begins Monday, October 6th.



Zombie Makeup
Wednesday, October 29th
7:00-8:00pm

Join teaching artist Stephanie as she shows you how to use gory special-effects makeup techniques to transform yourself into the living dead! Allergens Alert: Latex will be used. Registration begins Tuesday, October 7th.



BUS TRIP



Tour of Fonthill Castle & Shopping at Peddler's Village

Tuesday, November 18th

Bus leaves at 7am

Cost: \$90 per person



Come join us as we take a tour of Fonthill Castle in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Built between 1908-1912, Fonthill Castle was the home of archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramist, scholar and antiquarian Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930). Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his home and as a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Note: Fonthill Castle is not recommended for those with limited mobility, issues with stairs, or those who cannot stand for long periods of time. After our tour, we'll head over to Peddler's Village which will be decorated for the Holiday season. You'll have time to get lunch on your own as well as visit the quaint little shops around the village. At about 4 p.m., we'll begin our journey back home.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are back!

The Friends of the Library will be holding a meeting on Thursday, October 23rd at 2:00pm upstairs in Suite 204. All are welcome!

PUZZLE SWAP

Starting October 1st, the Seaford Public Library will have an ongoing "Puzzle Swap". Come browse our puzzles, take one home and keep it till you are done. Then return it and take another. **ONE PUZZLE PER HOUSEHOLD. SEAFORD LIBRARY/SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS ONLY.** If you have puzzles that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Reference Desk.

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Wednesday,
October 15th at
7pm. The public
is welcome.

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LIBRARY HOURS:

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

The Library will be CLOSED Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.

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