



SEAFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

YOUR DOORWAY TO THE PAST, THE PRESENT & THE FUTURE

JANUARY 2015

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

About a decade ago, I was attending a Nassau Library System annual meeting at which all library board trustees from the 54 public libraries in Nassau County and the county-wide service center gathered to listen about the current state of libraries and to exchange ideas. It was really not as boring as it may have seemed!

A fellow elected Trustee from one of the large towns in Nassau County, who I had known for quite some time, walked up to me during the opening reception and inquired of me "Well, how do you do it?" Not knowing for sure what this rather general question was about I instantly thought to myself that he must be referring to how well we manage the budget and property taxes each year or how we take care of the library building (Seaford, at that time, was the only library district wherein the library building is community owned and operated by the Library Board rather than by the school district; there are presently two, I believe).

However, not being that presumptuous I returned his question with a very, intelligent "Huh" and a matching facial expression and added, "What do you mean?" He continued, "You are one of the smaller library districts in the county, but you continually have the best and most well-attended children's programs in the County." "Now" I said to myself, "I know what he is talking about." Only two words, proper names for those English teachers in the audience, came to mind and I blurted out ---- "Cindy Schaaf"! And, I added very selfishly, "Don't even think about stealing her!"

For 42 years, Miss Cindy, as she is so affectionately called by young and old alike, has been involved in public libraries. For the past 33 years, Cindy has been the Children's Librarian at Seaford. No one knows how many programs Cindy has orchestrated or, much more importantly, how many Seaford children have been positively affected by her involvement and presence. As Theodore Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Suess, a true friend of all children stated "Children's reading and children's thinking are the rock-bottom base upon which this country will rise." For 33 years in our community Cindy Schaaf walked hand-in-hand with Dr. Suess. Now, it's time at the end of this month for a living chapter to close.

Let's be honest amongst ourselves. There is no way we, as a community, can satisfactorily express our appreciation to Miss Cindy for what she has meant to all of us. She is us; she is Seaford; she is part of almost every one of our children. So, very humbly and inadequately, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, our terrific staff, the residents and business owners and, most importantly, all the children of Seaford over the past 33 years, a heartfelt and teary-eyed THANK YOU!! We are a much better community for having Miss Cindy in our midst. To close with another quote from Theodore Geisel: "Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened."

Peter J. Ruffner

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

Long Island Italian Americans Presented by: Dr. Salvatore J. LaGumina
Tuesday, January 27th 7:00pm-9:00pm Free

Join Dr. Salvatore J. LaGumina, Professor Emeritus at Nassau Community College and author of 20 books as he discusses his latest book, *Long Island Italian Americans: History, Heritage and Tradition*. Discover the remarkable contributions and vibrant culture of Italians and Italian-Americans on Long Island. Book signing to follow. *Registration begins Friday, January 9th at the Reference Desk.*

Free Masons & U.S. Presidents Presented by: Saul Silas Fathi
Monday, February 9th 2:00pm -3:30pm Free

Who were the Free Masons? When and where did they originate? Which U.S. Presidents were affiliated with the group? Author Saul Silas Fathi will discuss these interesting questions and more on this topic. *Registration begins Friday, January 16th at the Reference Desk.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

SEAFORD SCHOOL/LIBRARY DISTRICT RESIDENTS ONLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF REGISTRATION



Film: The Hundred Foot Journey

Wednesday, January 14th 2:00pm Free

Rated: PG; 122 Minutes. **IN ORDER TO RESERVE A SEAT, CALL THE LIBRARY AT 221-1334.** *Registration begins Monday, January 5th.* Each person may register for one additional person. **NO WALK-INS.** 55 seats maximum. No admittance after movie begins. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Secrets of Slow Cooking

Wednesday, January 14th 7:00pm-9:00pm Free

Learn the wonders of slow cooking as Lee Perrotta shows you how to make delicious dishes without having to stay around and watch the pot all day. Of course, there will be scrumptious samples for you to taste and recipes to bring home and try as well. *Register now.*



Book Discussions

“The Burgess Boys” by Elizabeth Strout

Wednesday, January 21st 3:00pm Free

Join librarian Eric Wasserman for a lively discussion from Pulitzer Prize-winning Strout (Olive Kitteridge, 2008). *Register now.* Copies of the book will be available when you register.

“Henry Clay: The Essential American”

by David S. Heidler

Monday, January 26th 2:00pm Free

David Heidler presents Henry Clay in his early years as a precocious, witty, and optimistic Virginia farm boy who at the age of twenty transformed himself into an attorney. This book discussion will be facilitated by Frank McKenna. *Register now.* Copies of the book will be available when you register.

ATTENTION LOCAL AUTHORS!

The Library is hosting a meet and greet for local authors on **Thursday, January 22nd** from 1:00pm-5:00pm. If you are a published author who would be interested in participating or have any questions please contact Cindy or Kristen at 516-221-1334.

St. Francis Hospital Outreach Van

Monday, January 26th 10:00am-2:00pm Free

St. Francis Hospital’s new, state-of-the-art Community Outreach Van will be at the library to provide free health screenings for individuals above the age of eighteen. The screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure testing and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes screening.

Please note: The Community Outreach Van will be parked in the back parking lot of the Library. For general information, call the Outreach Department at 516-629-2013. *No Registration Required.*

ABC’s of Medicare

Tuesday, January 27th 2:00pm Free

Join Carol Kaplowitz and learn about Medicare A & B: who is eligible, what a Medicare Advantage plan is, and how the part D prescription plan works. Medicare booklets will be available. *Registration begins Thursday, January 8th at the Reference Desk.*

eBooks & Audiobooks Online

Wednesday, January 28th 2:00pm-4:00pm Free

Learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks from the library’s website. You will learn how to access the books, create a username and password, maneuver around the website, download books, and more. *Registration begins Friday, January 9th at the Reference Desk.*

Brown Bag It

Monday, February 2nd 11:00am-1:00pm Free

Join Pulse of New York in partnership with St. John’s University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions for a Brown Bag it event. Participants are encouraged to bring their medications, vitamins, and supplements and be seen by a pharmacist or pharmacy student from St. John’s University who will then review the medication and answer your questions. *Registration begins Monday, January 12th at the Reference Desk.*

Elder Law

Tuesday, February 10th 1:00pm-3:00pm Free

Attorney Christopher Petillo will tell you everything you need to know about Medicare, Medicaid and estate planning for seniors and their loved ones. *Registration begins Friday, January 16th at the Reference Desk.*

Fresh Mozzarella & Bruschetta

Tuesday, February 10th 7:00pm-9:00pm Cost: \$5.00

On toasted garlic crostini – Join the Baking Coach to create the bruschetta and crostini at the library and enjoy them at the library. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. *Registration begins Thursday, January 15th at the Reference Desk.*

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••••• ****REMINDER: Please register for the Adult** •••••
••••• **Winter Reading Program beginning Thursday,** •••••
••••• **January 8th.** •••••
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Jolly January

Creative Playtime

Mondays, January 5th & 12th

&

Thursdays, January 8th & 15th

10:00am-3:00pm



Join us for hours of fun-filled activities. Choose from board books, puppets, toys, music, tunnels, ball pits, tents and a play-dough table. Meet new friends, reacquaint yourself with the library or just come in to get out of the cold. Stay for as long as you want. All ages. Infants welcome. Registration not required.

Storyhour

Storyhour lets your child join other children in the imaginative world of stories, songs, and finger plays.

Developing a love of stories helps your child take a giant step toward becoming an independent reader.

Preschool storyhour is intended for children ages 3-6 years of age. The child must be 3 by March 1st, 2015.

Sessions begin Tuesday, February 10th and end Friday, May 1st. Choose one of three sessions: Tuesday, 10:45-11:45am; Thursday, 1:30-2:30pm; Friday, 1:30-2:30pm. Registration begins Friday, January 23rd.

A library card and the child's birth certificate are required to register.

Tinytot

This program has been designed to introduce your child to a rich variety of books and to aid your child in adjusting to group listening and participation. Tinytot is intended for children ages 2-3 years of age. The child must be 2 by March 1st, 2015. Sessions begin Monday, February 9th and end Friday, May 1st. Choose one of four sessions: Monday, 10:15-10:45am or 11:00-11:30am; Tuesday, 10:15-10:45am; Friday, 10:15-



10:45am. Registration begins Friday, January 23rd. A library card and the child's birth certificate are required to register. An adult must remain with the child during the program.

Mother Goose

An interactive program for children 18 months-2 years featuring nursery rhymes, finger plays, stories, and crafts. Child must be 18 months by March 1st, 2015. Sessions begin Thursday, February 12th and end

Friday, May 1st. Choose one of two sessions: Thursday, 10:15-10:45am or Friday, 11:00 -11:30am.

Registration begins Friday, January 23rd. Proof of birth date and parent's library card required. An adult must remain with the child during the program.



Mini-Movies

Tuesday, January 6th 10:15-11:15am

or

Wednesday, January 7th 1:15-2:15pm

Come enjoy an hour of Caillou movies. Make a Caillou craft. Refreshments will be served. Registration not required.

Time for Chess

Mondays, February 2nd, 9th, 23rd & March 2nd

4:30pm-5:30pm



Come and enjoy another round of chess with Joel Salman. Grades 2-up. Registration begins Monday, January 12th.

TEEN ZONE WINTER HAPPENINGS



Pet Preparedness Program

Friday, February 6th 4:30-5:30pm Free

Come & join Tatyanna Soliwoda in earning her Gold Star Award for the Girl Scouts. Tatyanna will give an informative session on how to prepare your pet in time of emergencies. Participants are asked to bring a few items from home that they believe would help their pet in an emergency. One community service hour will be awarded to teens who attend this program. Grades 5 & up. Come out and support! *Register now at the Reference Desk.*

Tree of Heart Valentine Project

Friday, February 13th 4:30pm-5:30pm Free



Bring in some old magazines along with your imagination as we make a Valentine's Day craft with card stock! Grades 5 & up. *Registration begins Monday, January 12th at the Reference Desk.*

Videogame Design Part 1 & Part 2



Part 1: Friday, February 20th 12:00pm-2:00pm

Part 2: Friday, March 6th 3:30pm-5:30pm

An introduction to the basics of video game creation. Learn how to design a video game and create a program. Construct rooms, add players, objects, textures, colors, lighting and more. Compile the finished program and learn how to make changes and correct errors. Grades 5 & up. *Registration for both classes begin Friday, January 30th at the Reference Desk.*



MUSIC PROGRAM

Jimmy Moore Show: Valentine's Day Music

Wednesday, February 4th

2pm Free

Jimmy and pianist combine the very best of the standards and show tunes with a theme of LOVE. The heartwarming numbers include: *My Funny Valentine, My Romance, You Make Me Feel So Young* and many more! *Registration begins Tuesday, January 13th at the Reference Desk*

A.A.R.P. SENIOR CITIZEN TAX HELP



Tuesdays
February 3rd through April 14th
10am-2pm

***By appointment only**

Register (in person) beginning Tuesday, January 13th at the Reference Desk.
Preference will be given to Seaford Library/School District residents. Space is limited.

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LIBRARY HOURS:

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

The library will be closed Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day and Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King Day.

Display Case: 2015 Adult Winter Reading:
Hot Reads For Cold Nights

Art Exhibit: Tom Stock –Collage/Mixed Media

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees:
Monday, January 12th, 2015 at 7pm. The public is welcome.

