

South Country Library Notes

<http://sctylib.org>

631-286-0818 January/February 2012

CONCERT: Matthew Fishteyn
Friday, January 13, 7 p.m.

A teenage prodigy who performs on both guitar and keyboard, Matthew Fishteyn's vast repertoire ranges from jazz and classical to rock and roll, ragtime and flamenco. Come listen to and be astounded by his outstanding musical skills with original pieces and standards.

Matthew, a gifted 17-year-old, began playing piano more than 10 years ago and more recently began studying the classical and flamenco guitar. A graduate of The Special Music School at the Kaufman Center in NYC where rigorous academic and music educations are combined, Matthew also composes music for piano and guitar and received 3rd place in the Young Musicians Competition in Wagner College in 2007. www.youtube.com/user/MatthewMatician
Library Board of Trustees Call for Nominations

Residents and registered voters in the South Country School District interested in running for the Board of Trustees of the South Country Library are invited to submit applications to the Director's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012.

Petitions will be available at the Reference Desk on Tuesday, January 3, 2012; they should be submitted with a minimum of 25 supporting signatures of voters registered in the district, and a brief biographical statement from the nominee.

Trustee elections coincide with the Library budget vote on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Three vacancies on the Board of Trustees will be filled by the three candidates receiving the largest number of votes. Recipients of the three highest vote counts will fill terms until 2015. Newly elected Trustees will be seated at the second Board meeting after the election, on May 17, 2012.

Absentee Ballots are available at the school district office and must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the date of the vote.

Zumba Classes

Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

January 9, 23, 30, February 6

Come to the Library and join the dance party with instructor Carol Klein! Have fun and get in shape as the hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves create a one of a kind fitness program. Zumba is calorie burning, energizing and just plain fun. There is a non-refundable fee of \$20 due at registration. In-person registration required. Non-refundable fee due at registration. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH


Check out the Library's African American bibliography web page


<http://sctylib.org/Goodbooks/africanamericanbibhome.htm>


See page 5 for information on Library AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH events.

Adult Programs


Registration is immediate and ongoing unless otherwise noted. Registered space is held for 10 minutes from the program's start then it is offered to a standby. Symbol after program denotes registration option/ requirement.

 = Telephone registration at 286-0818.

 = Online registration at
<http://sctylib.org/adultprograms.htm>

 = In-person registration required.

\$ = Non-refundable fee due at registration.

 = For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

Please let us know in advance if you require any special assistance due to a disability.

Help our Animal Friends!

During January and February, the South Country Library will collect supplies to send to the Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons. We will accept only new, unopened supplies. Please drop off donations in the Children's Department. (See page 2 for a list of needed items.)

[Wild and Injured? What Next?](#)

Saturday, February 18

11 a.m.-12 noon

If an animal is hurt, should you help or might your help unintentionally hurt the animal? In this program, meet wildlife injured through interactions with people and learn ways you can help. Open to independent adults and children in 4th grade or older (see page 4 for registration details).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM REGISTRATION POLICIES

<http://sctylib.org/Kids/ChildrensPrograms.htm>

“First day” in-person or online registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and telephone registration begins at 2 p.m. Registration “first days” are Monday, January 2, for January programs or Wednesday, February 1, for February programs.

Register during the first week for each month's programs; first week limit is two programs per child. Limit is lifted Monday, January 9 and Wednesday, February 8.

Once open, registration is available at <http://sctylib.org/Kids/ChildrensPrograms.htm>

A registered space in a program will be held only for five minutes from its start unless we receive a call from you that your child will be late.

Please remember: Parents are responsible to supervise their own children's library use and materials selection.

Help our Animal Friends!

For the months of January and February, the South Country Library will be collecting supplies to send to the Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons. We will accept only new, unopened supplies of toys, dry dog and cat food, treats, leashes, collars, towels (can be used, but washed), canned baby food (fruit or vegetable) gift cards to supermarkets or pet stores, wild bird seed, Cheerios and any size Rubbermaid totes with lids. Please drop off donations in the Children's Department.

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Mothers' Center

Programs for All Ages up to 12 with AN ADULT

This program offers parents an opportunity to talk parent to parent and share parenting concerns in a non-judgmental setting where they can learn, listen and be listened to. Children are welcome. Registration is required for this four-week program which will begin Tuesday, January 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Like us on Facebook: [South Country Library Children's Department](#). Look here for last minute museum pass offers, program registration information, pictures from programs, new books and fun places to visit.

[Make and Take Craft](#): Drop in anytime between 3-4:45 p.m. No registration necessary.

Party Penguin

Monday, January 9
Love Bug
Monday, February 13

[Vacation Art](#): All Ages up to Grade 5 AND an adult. Tuesday, February 21, 4-6 p.m. Need a winter break activity for your kids? Stop in for an art experience with play dough, crayons, coloring sheets and collage art. No registration necessary, just drop in! Parent supervision required.

[Family Magic Show](#): All Ages up to Grade 5 AND an adult. Wednesday, February 22, 7-8 p.m. Join us for an amazing night of magic and illusion. Magician Robert Austin and his assistant Linda will perform a magic show with live animals, comedy, music and lots of audience participation. He will float someone in mid-air and saw someone in half; maybe it will be you.

Family Programs for Children birth-Age 5

[Babies Boogie](#): Ages 3-24 months AND an adult. Monday, January 9, 10-10:45 a.m. This creative movement and music program uses multi-cultural music and instruments to encourage music appreciation and improve motor skills.

[Pre-Schoolers Craft-time](#): Build a Snowman: Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Thursday, January 12, 12:30-1 p.m. Hear one or two winter stories, then have fun making your own snowman.

[Snow Bunnies](#): Ages 4 through 3rd grade AND an adult. Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.-12 noon. Learn about rabbits and how important they are to our ecosystem. After meeting and interacting with tame and cuddly bunnies, the group will hear a story.

[Sleepy Rhyme Time](#): Ages Newborn- 18 months AND an adult. Tuesday, January 17 and/or Tuesday, February 7, 6-6:30 p.m. (sign up February 1) An evening version of Mother Goose for working families.

[Family Fun- E for Elephant](#): Ages 2-5 AND an adult. Wednesday, January 18, 6-6:30 p.m. Hear a story, sing a song and make a craft about elephants!

[A Ducky Craft and Story](#): Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Thursday, January 19, 11-11:30 a.m. Hear a story about a duck that did not fly south for the winter and then make a ducky craft.

[My Heart is Like a Zoo](#): Ages 3-5 AND an adult. Saturday, January 21, 11-11:30 a.m. Explore how your feelings are as varied as the animals in a zoo. Use hearts to make one of those animals, too.

[Movement and Music](#): Ages 1-4 AND an adult. Monday, January 23, 10-10:45 a.m. Come ready to dance, sing and have fun moving around.

[Silly Sally](#): Ages 3-5 AND an adult. Monday, January 23, 6-6:30 p.m. We'll read Sally's silly story and make a Silly Sally face craft you can make do anything "backwards upside down."

[Round Robin Story & Craft](#): Ages 3-5 AND an adult. Thursday, January 26, 10:30-11 a.m. Here the story of Round Robin and make a story-related craft. We will be using some paint; please dress accordingly.

[Mother Goose](#): Ages Newborn-18 months AND an adult. Saturday, January 28, 11-11:30 a.m. and/or Monday, February 6, 11-11:30 a.m. (sign up February 1) Sing, say and play along with Mother Goose rhymes. Siblings welcome.

[Shake, Rattle & Read](#): Ages 12-30 months AND an adult. Monday, January 30, 10:30-11 a.m. and/or Saturday, February 25, 10-10:30 a.m. (sign up February 1) Listen to a story, sing songs and explore musical instruments. Siblings welcome.

Sign up for following programs begins February 1st.

[The Three Bears](#): Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Saturday, February 4, 11-11:30 a.m. Listen to a bear story and make a “beary” cute craft to take home.

[Pre-Schoolers Craft-Time](#): Giraffes Can’t Dance. Ages: 2½-5 AND an adult. Wednesday, February 8, 11-11:30 a.m. Hear the story of Gerald the clumsy giraffe, then make a story-related craft.

[Family Fun- How Do You Hug a Porcupine?](#) Ages: 2-5 AND an adult. Thursday, February 9, 6-6:30 p.m. Hear the story How Do You Hug a Porcupine, sing a song, and make an adorable porcupine craft!

[Bears and Berries](#): Ages 3-5 AND an adult. Saturday, February 11, 11-11:30 a.m. It takes lots of berries to fill up a bear’s belly for his long winter nap. Enjoy stories and fingerplays about the love affair between bears and berries.

[Froggy Gets Dressed Story & Craft](#): Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Monday, February 13, 12:30-1 p.m. Listen to a story about a frog who wants to play in the snow and then make a froggy craft.

[Valentine’s Day Butterfly](#): Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Tuesday, February 14, 10:30-11 a.m. Come hear a Valentine’s Day story, then make a Valentine’s Day butterfly.

[Toddlers Tango](#): Ages: 2-5 AND an adult. Thursday, February 16, 6-6:45 p.m. Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and wiggle to the beat!

[Moose Tracks Story & Craft](#): Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Wednesday, February 22, 11-11:30 a.m. Have you ever seen a moose? Come hear a story and make a story-related craft!

[Snow People Story & Craft](#): Ages 2½-5 AND an adult. Thursday, February 23, 11-11:30 a.m. Love snow? Come hear a cute story about building snow people and then make a related paper craft.

[Baby Games](#): Ages 3-12 months AND an adult. Monday, February 27, 10-10:45 a.m. Together we will enjoy singing, movement to music, fingerplays, bubbles, parachute time and more activities to encourage your child’s mental and physical growth.

[Sleepover Surprise](#): Ages 3-5 AND an adult. Wednesday, February 29, 6-6:30 p.m. Bring a stuffed animal (not the one you absolutely need to sleep with!) to a bedtime storytime and craft. Your stuffed animal will get to sleepover at the library, and have some adventures—including meeting characters from books! The next day you can pick up your animal and get pictures of the sleepover.

School Age Programs for Grades K-5

[Marshmallow Engineering](#): Grades K-5. Tuesday, January 10, 6:30-7 p.m. You won't believe what we are going to let you do with marshmallows! Join us for this awesome science program.

[Amazing Aliens!](#) Grades K-5. Thursday, January 12, 6:30-7 p.m. Hear an alien story and design your own out-of-this-world aliens! And do you dare to eat an alien finger?

[Chinese New Year Celebration!](#) Grades K-5. Thursday, January 19, 6:30-7 p.m. Come join us to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Enjoy stories, songs and create a colorful Chinese dragon.

[Slithery Snakes](#): Grades K-5. Tuesday, January 24, 6:30-7 p.m. Come design your own poisonous snake.

[Homeschoolers @ the Library](#): Grades K-5. Wednesday, January 25, 2-3 p.m. Homeschool families are invited to join us for a library tour, learn to use the catalog and participate in a scavenger hunt.

[Kids Only Bulletin Board](#): Grades K-5. Wednesday, January 25, 6:30-7 p.m. We had so much fun last time, we're doing it again! Come create a bulletin board display for everyone to see.

[Lego Club](#): Grades K-5. Thursday, January 26, 6:30-7:15 p.m. and/or Tuesday, February 21, 11:15 a.m.-12 noon (Sign up February 1) Use your imagination and skill to build with Legos. Meet other kids who love building, too. We'll supply the Legos.

[Girls Night Out](#): Grades 1-5. Tuesday, January 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sometimes you need a night out- just us girls! Enjoy a snack, books, games and more!

Sign up for following programs begins February 1st.

[There was an Old Monster](#): Grades K-5. Monday, February 6, 6-6:30 p.m. Roar through a book of monsters and make your own monster to use as a bookmark in any book.

[Valentine Extravaganza](#): Grades K-5. Wednesday, February 8, 6:30-7 p.m. Make a beaded heart garland and your own special Valentine's cards.

[A Card for Valentine's Day](#): Grades K-5. Monday, February 13, 6-6:30 p.m. Make a Valentine's Day card for a loved one.

[Wild and Injured! What Next?](#) Grade 4 and up. Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m.-12 noon. Should you help an animal you think is hurt, or might you unintentionally injure it? Meet non-releasable wildlife, injured through interactions with people, and learn some of the ways you can help. Independent adults may attend and must register through the Children's Department.

[Traveling Science Museum](#): Grades K-5 AND an adult. Thursday, February 23, 7-8 p.m. Enjoy this hands-on traveling science museum with more than 40 exhibits and experiments set up in the library. Spark your interest in science and see how much fun science can be.

Young Adults

Online registration is available with your library card at: <http://sctylib.org/YATeens/yapage.htm>

ALL YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS ARE FOR GRADES 6-12

DIY and Craft Programs

[No-Knit Scarf](#): Wednesday, January 4, 3-4:30 p.m. Create a cozy scarf to keep you warm all winter long. No knitting or sewing required.

[Dragonfly Light Bulb](#): Tuesday, January 10, 3-4:30 p.m. Using a recycled light bulb, create an adorable dragonfly magnet.

[Clay Figures](#): Wednesday, January 18, 3-4:30 p.m. Use Sculpey Clay to create your very own sculpture.

February DIY & crafts programs will begin to register on January 25.

[Metal Tooling Wall Hanging](#): Tuesday, February 7, 3-4:30 p.m. Using aluminum and metal tooling techniques create a unique and interesting piece of art!

[Chocolate Covered Treats](#): Wednesday, February 15, 3-4:30 p.m. Make a special treat for Valentine's Day by dipping strawberries and pretzels in chocolate!

Films and Video Games

[Super Smash Bros Wii Competition](#): Friday, January 27, 3-4:30 p.m. Are you the best brawler? Show your skills on the big screen.

[Kinect Adventures](#): Friday, February 10, 3-4:30 p.m. Jump, dodge, and kick your way through pulse-pounding adventures with your friends.

[FRIDAY FILMS](#)

Kick back and watch a film with your friends after school, 3-5 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Abduction:
Friday, January 20

Smurfs:
Friday, February 17

Volunteer

[Teen Advisory Group](#): Wednesday, January 25, 3-4:30 p.m. Help us decorate the teen department, eat pizza and let us know what programs and materials you would like to see at the Library.

Reading and Writing Programs

[Book Discussion](#):

Come join us in a lively discussion about some of today's latest and greatest teen titles. First ten people to sign up will receive a copy of the following book. Snacks will be served!

[Advanced Division Battle of the Books](#):

Weekly Meetings will begin

Tuesday, February 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

No meeting on Tuesday, February 21st.

Do you like to read and answer trivia questions? Are you in grades 9-12?

Then the Advanced Division Battle of the Books may be for you!

We will read three books:

Dairy Queen

by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

Monday, February 27

3-4 p.m.

Marcelo in the Real World

by Francisco X. Stork

The Sky is Everywhere

by Jandy Nelson

Fat Cat

by Robin Brande

Final Competition:

Sachem Public Library

Friday, March 16

6-9 p.m.

Adult Programs

AARP Tax Assistance Program

South Country Library is pleased to partner with AARP in offering their free Tax Assistance Program again this year. This is a free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service, available to seniors (age 60 and over) and to low- and middle-income taxpayers. The service is intended to provide basic tax help and is by appointment only.

Again this year due to a continued shortage of volunteers, a very limited number of appointments will be available. For this reason, South Country Library patrons with valid library cards only will be permitted to participate. If you do not have a card, or your card has expired, please obtain one at the Library's Circulation desk before registering. Counselors will be at the Library on Tuesdays between 10 a.m.–2 p.m. by appointment only. Beginning Monday, January 9th you may call or visit the Reference Desk at 286-0818 to make an appointment.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Poetry Event: Deborah La'Sassier

Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m.

“The best way to describe my poetry is: I write about reality – not always with a happy ending, just real life. My poetry is also about healing. In order for colors to fade, we have to learn to swim above the rain.” Deborah La'Sassier is a wife, mother, author, poet, winner of the 2001 International Poet of Merit award, East Patchogue resident, and Bellport High School graduate. On Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m., Deborah will discuss and present her work for the South Country community. Refreshments will be served following the event.

Concert: Shenole Latimer & Friends

Friday, February 17, 7 p.m.

In celebration of 2012's African American History Month, the Library welcomes back acclaimed saxophonist Shenole Latimer and his 3-piece backing band. Shenole has been touring up and down the east coast for the last year to rave reviews. Led by his fantastic signature sound, the group will play an up-tempo and eclectic mix of jazz classics. A dessert buffet will be served.

www.shenolelatimer.com

Concert brochures available in the Library or at <http://sctylib.org/concerts.htm>

BOOKS & LITERATURE

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Room by Emma Donoghue

Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m.

Book available Jan. 2 In-person registration required.

Baking Cakes in Kigali

by Gaile Parkin

Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Book available Feb. 9. In-person registration required.

Writing Workshop: Tuesdays, 7 p.m. February 14, 28, March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8, 22, Bill Reynolds, formerly of the Writing Program at SUNY Stony Brook is back to facilitate this popular workshop. Join fellow authors to write, and constructively criticize your own work and the work of others. A piece of writing is due at the beginning of each session. Your first assignment will be given at the time of registration which begins on Monday, January 2nd. In-person registration required. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

CLUBS

Bridge Club: Tuesdays, 1-3:30 p.m. Will not meet on Tuesday, January 3. Meet and play. Join the fun and bring a friend! No registration is required.

Mah-Jongg Club: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon No meeting Wednesdays, January 4 & 11. Enjoy this ancient Chinese game with friends using our two sets or your own. No registration is required.

Fireplace Literary Club: Does not meet in January and February. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 14 at Brookhaven Free Library.

COOKING and CRAFTS

Valentine's Truffles: Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m. Lee Perrotta, also known as "The Chocolate Lady," will be here to show you how to make delicious truffles. You will get to sample them and take home recipes to make them on your own. Come enjoy five different types of truffles including simply belgium truffles, curried coconut truffles and more! A non-refundable fee of \$7 is due at the time of registration. In-person registration required. Non-refundable fee due at registration.

Soul Food Cooking: Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m. To help celebrate African American History Month, the Library will have back Lee Perrotta to show you how to make some delicious soul food! You'll learn how to make good, southern comfort food such as oven baked, buttermilk chicken with a black peppered paprika sage crust and side dishes like collard greens and mulled sweet potatoes. A non-refundable fee of \$7 is due at the time of registration. In-person registration required. Non-refundable fee due at registration.

COMPUTER CORNER

Computer Kindergarten for Adults: Wednesday, February 1, 2-4 p.m. For first-time computer users. Learn all the basics including turning on the computer, the desktop, using the mouse, opening and closing programs, understanding Windows elements, getting out of trouble, and turning off the computer. All versions of Windows will be addressed. Telephone registration at

286-0818. Online registration available. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

Computer 1st Grade for Adults: Wednesday, February 8, 2-4 p.m. Learn how to work with text including inputting, inserting, moving, and erasing; learn basic word processing skills, and understand files and commands. Telephone registration at 286-0818. Online registration available. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

Computer 2nd Grade for Adults: Wednesday, February 15, 2-4 p.m. Learn how to work on the computer with numbers including inputting, inserting, moving, erasing and simple mathematical operations. Receive an introduction to spreadsheets providing an understanding of basic techniques, creating a workbook, inputting and working with data, formulas and functions, formatting and spreadsheet design. Telephone registration at 286-0818. Online registration available. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel '07: Thursday, February 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn the basics of the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including creating, editing and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more. Telephone registration at 286-0818. Online registration available. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel '07: Thursday, February 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn more about the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including functions, working with ranges, columns and rows, and much more. Telephone registration at 286-0818. Online registration available. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

Book a Librarian: The Library now offers one-on-one technology help with a Reference Librarian. Call to schedule a 30-minute appointment (limit of one per person) for basic technology help: to use your library account online; to search the online catalog; to place holds for materials; to download materials free from Live-brary.com; to use your e-reader (Nook, iPad, Kindle, etc). Other topics include: basic computer help; basic internet help; e-mail; introduction to Microsoft Office programs; social networking (primarily Facebook). Open to South Country Library cardholders only. Telephone registration at 286-0818.

Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 11

1:30-7:30 p.m.

Donate blood! Anyone between the ages of 17 and 76, in good health and weighing at least 110 lbs. can donate (age 16 with parental permission). Healthy individuals over 76 can donate with written permission from their physician dated within two weeks of the blood drive. Call the Long Island Blood Services at 1-800-688-0900 with medical eligibility questions. Walk-ins will be accepted.

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies

We are now showing a film every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Cookies will be served. No registration required.

Keep in mind that the films scheduled could change based on availability.

January Films 2012

January 5

The Help

(PG-13), 146 minutes

In Mississippi during the 1960s, a southern society girl, Skeeter, returns from college and turns a small Mississippi town, and her friends' lives, upside down. Determined to become a writer, she decides to interview the black women who spend their lives taking care of prominent white families. Aibileen, Skeeter's best friend's housekeeper, is the first to open up, to the dismay of friends in the tight-knit black community.

January 12

Rise of the Planet of the Apes

(PG-13), 105 minutes

During experiments to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, a genetically enhanced chimpanzee uses its greater intelligence to lead other apes to freedom.

January 19

Midnight in Paris

(PG-13), 94 minutes

A romantic comedy about a family traveling to the French capital for business. The party includes a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better.

January 26

The Tempest

(PG-13), 110 minutes

This modern retelling of William Shakespeare's final masterpiece is an exciting, mystical, and magical fantasy. Exiled to a magical island, the sorceress Prospera conjures up a storm that shipwrecks her enemies, and then unleashes her powers for revenge.

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies

February Films 2012

February 2

Warrior

(PG-13), 139 minutes

An ex-Marine haunted by his past, Tommy Riordan returns home to Pittsburgh. Enlisting his father to train him for a mixed martial arts (MMA) tournament, Tommy blazes a violent path toward the title prize and the biggest purse in the sport's history. His brother, Brendan, returns to the amateur ring and the two brothers must finally confront forces that tore them apart, while waging the winner-takes-all battle of their lives.

February 9

Moneyball

(PG-13), 133 minutes

The story of Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane's successful attempt to put together a baseball club on a budget by employing a Yale economics graduate and his computer-generated analysis to draft his players.

February 16

Contagion

(PG-13), 106 minutes

A thriller centered on the threat posed by a deadly disease and an international team of doctors contracted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to deal with the outbreak.

February 23

Footloose

(PG-13), 113 minutes

Ren MacCormack moves from Boston to small town Bomont and experiences a heavy dose of culture shock. In response to a tragic accident a few years prior --five teenagers died after a night out-- a shaken community, Bomont's councilmen and the beloved Reverend Shaw Moore invoked ordinances to prohibit loud music and dancing. Ren challenges the ban, revitalizes the town, and falls in love with the minister's troubled daughter Ariel.

Adult Programs continued

EDUCATION and ENTERTAINMENT

Intermediate Mah-Jongg Lessons: Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17. Local expert Carol Castagnaro will expand on the basics for people who know how to play Mah-Jongg in this six-week class. Join us for lessons then apply all you learn at our Mah-Jongg club on Wednesday mornings. A non-refundable fee of \$10 is due at registration. In-person registration required. Non-refundable fee due at registration.

Defensive Driving: Saturday, January 21 OR Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Course completion entitles you to insurance discounts and point reduction on your driving record. There is a fee of \$27. Check or money order only, payable to Empire Safety Council. In-person registration required. Non-refundable fee due at registration. For South Country Library card-holders. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior to program, space permitting.

Simple Happiness: Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m. Do you want to start off the New Year happier and with a positive outlook? Jim Ryan will be here to discuss the eight characteristics of happy people. You'll learn about what things too often keep us from being happy and ways to overcome them. This uplifting and inspiring program includes anecdotes, quotes, humor and song that will leave you feeling empowered by the possibilities that exist for a happier, more fulfilling life. Telephone registration at 286-0818. Online registration available.

2012: Fact or Fantasy? Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m. Are we all doomed come December 21, 2012? Is the calendar kept by the ancient Maya of Mexico and Guatemala correct? Much of the conjecture about the end of the world is astronomical in nature from the alignment of our planet on that date to the possibility of an asteroid. Come hear Dr. Kevin Manning separate fact from fiction with regard to astronomical predictions for December 21, 2012. Weather permitting, a powerful telescope will be set up outdoors following the presentation to view craters on the Moon, the rings of Saturn and other beautiful objects in the night sky. Telephone registration at 286-0818. Online registration available.

ESL Conversation Group "Survey" Are you, or is someone you know, looking to practice speaking English as a Second Language (ESL)? Would an English Conversation Group that meets at the Library be useful? This informal group would meet exclusively to practice conversational English and would be offered for intermediate level students age 18 and over. If you are interested, contact Patrick through email at sctyref@sctylib.org or at 286-0818.

HELP and INFORMATION

Child/Family Health Plus: Wednesdays, January 11 and February 8, 3-6 p.m. Low- or no-cost health care coverage is available through NY State. A representative will help you learn about and enroll in any of the managed care plans that participate in these programs, or Medicaid if eligible. For information about what you need to bring in order to enroll, please call 631-656-9783 or 631-435-3000. No Registration Required.

Senior Advocate: Thursday, February 23, 10 a.m.-12 noon Jacqueline Fleming of the Suffolk County Office for the Aging is back to help you with questions about services and programs for seniors, paperwork for Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, HEAP, and senior ID cards. No Registration Required.

Library will be OPEN

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31, 2011 until 1 p.m.

Monday, January 2, 2012

Library will be CLOSED

New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1, 2012

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16, 2012

Presidents Day
Monday, February 20, 2012

Library offers e-book readers

The South Country Library circulates Kindle e-readers, NOOK™ e-readers and SONY® Readers to adult patrons with a valid South Country Library card. Loaded with bestselling titles, any of our e-book readers can be checked out for seven days.

Board of Trustees Meetings

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

On October 17, 2011, New York State Assemblyman Dean Murray presented South Country Library with a State of New York Legislative Resolution in recognition of National Friends of the Library Week. Accepting on behalf of the Friends of the Library, pictured right, were library staff members, including Director, Mary Haines, along with Assemblyman Murray.

On Display

January
Photographs by Daniel Askaripour
5 Percent Stories group

February
African American History Month Exhibit

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