Special Events

Holiday Open House, all ages:
Sat Dec 2, 12-2 pm
Glow Yoga, ages 4-7: Thu Dec 14, 6-7pm
Pre-register, space limited
Vineyard Fermenters: Holiday Shrubs:
Thu Dec 14, 6-7:30pm
Magic: The Gathering Tournament:
Fri Sat Dec 15, 6-9pm
Holiday Craft, adults: Sat Dec 16 2-3:30am
Rosemary Confalone Art Reception:
Fri Dec 22, 6-8pm
Singing/Songwriting Workshop:
Sat Jan 27, 10:30am-1pm
MV Collaborative Black History Program:
Sat Feb 3, 10:30am-1pm

Monthly Events

Library Friends: 1st Wed, 4-6pm
Sensory Storytime: 1st Sat, 10-11am
Move & Groove Storytime:
1st Sat, 11am-12noon
Computer Classes: 2nd Thu, 9-11am
pre-registration
Library Trustees: 2nd Thu, 3pm
Open Sewing Lab: 2nd & 4th Fri & Sat, 10-11am
Adult Book Club: Sat Jan 6, Feb 24, 3pm
MV Modern Quilt Guild: Sat Dec 9, Jan 6 & Feb 10, 10am-3:30pm

Weekly Events

Mondays:
Game Night at The Barn: 7:30-9:30pm
Wednesdays:
Coffee Corner: 10-11am
Sometimes I Feel...Storytime: 10:30-11:30am through Dec. 20
Crafty Storytime: 10:30-11:30am
resumes Dec. 27
Selections from the Collection Radio Show: 1-2pm
96.7 FM WVVY or www.wvvy.org

Thursdays:
OB Writers Group: 10am-12noon
Tai Chi & Tea: 10:30-11:30am
Book Babies: 11-11:30am
Fridays:
Lego Club, kids 6+: 3-4:30pm

Coming Attractions
Hot Cocoa Gift Craft (Dec)
Fairy Tale Day (Jan)
Valentine’s Day Craft (Feb)

Bring Your Books
The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs are on the hunt for gently used books. We'll turn your donations into library programs. For next book drive info email us at: LibraryFriendsOB@gmail.com.

It’s Ho-ho-Holiday Party Time Again

Every year, the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs throws a holiday party and invites the library staff, trustees, Friends and patrons who make the Oak Bluffs Public Library the vibrant centerpiece of our community. This year’s gala will be held Saturday, December 2 from 12 noon-2pm.

Please join us for food, fun & festivities. There will be craft activities and music to make us all merry. Good little girls and boys will find a grab bag of gifts and books. It’s a don’t-miss-it event for library lovers.

Changing of the Guard

When Colleen Morris announced her intention to step down as president of the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs at the end of her term earlier this year, Abe and Rachel Seiman immediately stepped up to volunteer. Those who know them weren’t surprised and their election as co-presidents was unanimous.

“Libraries are a part of our DNA,” Abe says, explaining that Rachel’s brother was a librarian, Abe’s college roommate went on to become a library director and their daughter became a library volunteer at the tender age of 13.

“We joined the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs as soon as we retired to our current home in Martha’s Vineyard 6 years ago and have enjoyed the new friends we have made as well as the chance to utilize some of our skills for an important cause.”

Their path to the library began as far afield as Cairo, Egypt, Rachel’s birthplace. She immigrated to the Bronx in 1950 with no working knowledge of English although she was fluent in French. Abe grew up playing stickball in the streets of the Bronx before moving to the bedroom community of Long Beach in his junior year of high school. They weren’t destined to meet until they entered graduate school at Rutgers University.

Rachel & Abe married after a whirlwind romance and settled down to raise a family and pursue careers in healthcare – she as director of social work and he first as a research statistician and later as an administrator and both as educators.

Rachel is also a medal winner — twice she has saved a life. Once it was someone drowning in a pool. The next time she rescued someone who had fallen on the train tracks.

Both are self-described avid readers with a preference for the works of John Steinbeck, J. D. Salinger, Ian Fleming, Alan Dershowitz and biographies of American presidents. Their goals for the Library Friends include promoting creativity through new technologies, including 3-D printing and coding.

“We also hope to participate in inspiring education, reading and learning skills through our library,” they promise.
Thanks to the creative staff at Oak Bluffs Library, we were all made merry and bright in 2017. Children motored to a drive-in movie in their cardboard cars, made monstrous masks, carved soap-y scrimshaw creations, checked out fossils and moved and grooved in countless story hours. And that was just the beginning of their year of wonders.

Meanwhile, adults celebrated literature and culture of African Americans, sailed off in search of the island’s maritime history, discovered talented artists, learned to sew, ferment, raise mushrooms and master technology.

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