

### 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

preregistration

**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:** 10:30-11:30

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](http://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)

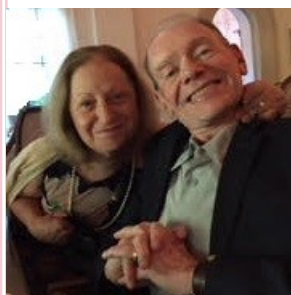
## It's Ho-ho-Holiday Party Time Again

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.

### Bring Us 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](mailto:LibraryFriendsOB@gmail.com).



## Stuff Our Stocking

Shop on Amazon and support LFOB! Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Select Library Friends of Oak Bluffs from the drop-down menu. Then every dollar spent earns LFOB 0.5% of your purchase — at no additional cost to you!

## It Was the Best of Times

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.



## Tote this

In the dumps over the plastic bag ban? Fear no more. Carry an Oak Bluffs Library Friends' tote and you'll (a) be in style, (b) be eco-conscious, (c) be donating to the Oak Bluffs Library programs and (d) all of the above. Buy them at the library for a mere \$2.00.



## Library Opens the Book on New Storytimes

### Sensory Storytime

This story hour is designed for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues and other developmental disabilities as well as their typically developing peers. It will be held the first Saturday of the month from 10-11am.

### Sometimes I Feel ... Storytime

The library is partnering with MV Family Center to offer a special weekly story hour through Dec. 20 that helps children explore feelings. Each week from 11am-12 noon, the storytime will focus on a different emotion with an activity to increase children's ability to identify their feelings.

## Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving

The Library Friends appreciate your support and rely on your donations to fund programs, services, and collections. Please send your tax-deductible gift to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs, Inc., PO Box 1421, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557. Kindly include your postal and email addresses. Email will be kept confidential. If your employer offers a **Matching Gift Program**, you can name the Library Friends as a recipient of a matching gift. LFOB is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, our federal tax ID is 27-4169263.

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