**Special Events**

Author Jen Deaderick: She the People
Sa. Jun 1, 9:30am-1:30pm

Vineyard String Violin Concert
Sa. Jun 1, 2:30-4:30pm

Shellfish Talk with Dave Grunden
Tu. Jun 4, 6-7:30pm

Daryl Alexander Art Reception
Tu. Jun 4, 6:30-8pm

Author: Tom Dresser, Travel History of MV—Th. Jun 6, 6-7pm

Beginner Knitting Class, pre-reg
Sa. Jun 8 10am-1pm

Membership Down, variety game show
Sa. Jun 8, 7-9pm

Salsa Dance - Christina Montoya
Sa. Jun 15, 10:30am-12pm

Book Drive
Sa. Jun 15, 1-3pm

Author: Tony Horwitz
Sa. Jun 15, 6-8pm

Kids Summer Reading Kickoff
Tu. Jun 18, 12:30-2pm

Library Strategic Planning Listening
Th. Jun 20, 5-6pm

Art Party; Wine Cork Succulents
Th. Jun 20, 6-7:30

Knitting Classes, prereg—Sa. Jun 22, 10am-noon beginners
12-2:30pm intermediate

Concert: The Convertibles We. Jun 26

Poetry Drop In: read to write Th Jun 27

Children's Bubble Morning
Sa. Jun 29 10-11:30am

Author: Susan Bellincampi, Nature of MV
Tu. Jul 2, 6-8pm

Summer Symposium
We. Jul 3, 2-4pm

Galaxy Donuts, kids—Sa. Jul 6, time tba

Space Training Kid Fitness Workshop
Th. Jul 11, 10-11am

Author: Herb Foster on Jive & Yiddish
Sa. Jul 13, 10-11am

Music: Eric Mulhern
Sa. Jul 13, 4-5pm

Library Friends Book Sale
Th. Jul 18 & Fr. Jul 19, 10am-4pm
Sa. Jul 20, 10am-2pm

Tie Dyed T-shirt, kids & teens
Sa. Jul 20 & We. Aug 7, time tba

The Sister Circle, empowerment
We. Jul 24, 9:30-12

Author: Melina Mangal, The Vast Wonder of the World — Sa. Aug 3, time tba

Author: Skip Finley—Tu. Aug 6, 6:30-7:30pm

iRobot visit—We. Aug 7, 1-2pm

Space Training Kid Fitness Workshop
Th. Aug 8, 10-11am

Art Party: Illumination lanterns
Th. Aug 8 6-7pm

Paint with Sound, all ages—Sa. Aug 10, tba

Illumination Lantern craft
We. Aug 14 9am-12:30pm

Author: Shawn Rochester, The Black Tax
Th. Aug 15, 6:30-7:30pm

IMPROMPTU EVENT:

Rainy Day Crafts—Tu-Sa, whenever it rains

Celebrate!

The summer season is full of so much to do at the library, but don't miss the African American Culture and Literature Festival, now renamed Sankofa. The Sankofa symbol is a bird looking back, reflecting the importance of knowing and cherishing our roots in order to move forward in life. The programs are still being scheduled, but includes authors, music, art, a stunning exhibit of quilts made by Sisters in Stitches Joined by the Cloth and a procession of the kings and monarchs of Africa in full regalia followed by a reception. Children events, too! The festival runs from August 1-3.

**LEARNING ENGLISH AT THE LIBRARY**

How often have you read articles describing Martha's Vineyard as the playground of the rich and famous? Those of us who call the island home know it is so much more diverse than that. We're home to masons and musicians, teachers and tradespeople, fishermen and farmers. We also are a community that speaks many different languages. According to the local school district and census figures, nearly 20% of Oak Bluffs residents speak a language other than English at home, most commonly Brazilian Portuguese.

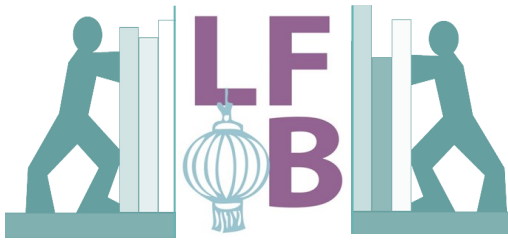
Many of our neighbors for whom English is not their native language want to learn or improve their English skills. Until recently, the adult education program at the high school was their only option, but the criteria for acceptance into the program is stringent and the requirements can be daunting. Even so, there is a wait list 100 people long. Now they have another option — a shorter, more flexible, beginners-level program to help with English language learning and becoming a citizen.

Oak Bluffs librarian Nina Ferry applied for a two-year, \$15,000 grant from the Library Services and Technology Act to establish the Citizenship Corners and Expanded English Language Services. The library partners with Martha's Vineyard Adult Learning Program, Juliana Germani, the ELL coordinator in the Superintendent's Office, and other community members and groups to facilitate outreach and instruction. The library also relies on its translator/interpreter, Edil Barbosa Jr to translate library flyers and materials, help build the foreign language collection and, together with his wife Akia, serve as culture and language ambassadors to the Brazilian-Portuguese speaking community.

The new program, with additional funding from the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs, began offering the first of four 8-10 week ESL classes in March. It met twice a week in the evening with instructor Amy Westburg, a teacher at the West Tisbury School and featured instruction in speaking, reading and writing skills. Students were also able to participate in the library's long-standing Conversation Circle program at the library and an online program to practice their skills.

Eight students graduated from this first class in May. Although all of the first participants were Brazilian, the program is open to all who need and want to learn English. The next class begins in the fall and there is already a wait list for participation which is limited to 10 students per class. The US Citizenship component features programs on the basic requirements for immigration and naturalization. Attendees learn how to use the USCIS website tools to learn about immigration and green card requirements, study for naturalization and check on their application status.

Although the grant is not renewable, Nina hopes to develop a cadre of volunteers and the materials and resources to ensure that the program will continue long after the grant monies run out and for as long as it is needed.



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SPRING FLING!



Monthly Programs

- Library Friends:** 1st We, 3-5pm
- Snail Mail Club:** 1st Th., 6-7pm
- Library Trustees:** 2nd Th, 3-4:30pm
- Friday Night Magic: the Gathering**
1st/3rd Fr., 6-8pm
- Scup Fishing @ the Fishing Pier:**
2nd Fr. 10am-12pm starting Jul 12
- Teen Lock-in:** 2nd Fr., 5:15-7:30pm—prereg
- DANCE! w/ Christina Montoya**
2nd Sa., 12-1pm starting Jul 6
- MV Vegan Society Healthy Food giveaway**
2nd Sa., 3-5pm
- Cemetery Walk with Tom Dresser:**
Sa. Jun 15, Jul 13 & Aug 10; 10-11am



BOOK IT TO THE LIBRARY

Do you have books in good to excellent condition that you aren't going to read again? Donate them to the Library Friends for its annual book sale. The next book drive is Saturday, June 15 from 1 to 3pm at the library.

Then fill those empty spots with new-to-you books at the Book Sale. The doors will open Thursday and Friday, July 18 & 19 from 10am to 4pm and Saturday, July 20 from 10am to 2pm. This is the Library Friends major fundraiser so bring your family & friends, too!

Weekly Programs

- Mondays**
Game Night @The Barn: 7:30-9:30pm
- Tuesdays**
Bilingual Storytime, ages 0-8: 11-12
- Tuesdays & Fridays**
OB Tai Chi: 10:30-12
- Wednesdays:**
Coffee Corner: 10-11am
Alphabits Storytime: 10:30-11:30
- Thursdays:**
OB Writers Group: 10am-12noon
Book Babies: 11-11:30am
Piano Parlor, sign up to play: 2-4 pm
Pen & Paper Teen Writers: 3-4pm
Roaming Reader, all ages: 3-4pm
- Fridays:**
Toddler Time: 10:30-11:30
French with Mango: 3:30-4:30
- Saturdays:**
All Ages Chess: 1:30-3:30
Lego Club, ages 8+: 2-3:30

A Universe of Reading

Every summer, the Oak Bluffs Library hosts a children's summer reading program for year-round and seasonal residents and visitors, too. This year's program is A Universe of Stories. Participants can earn prizes, a T-shirt and a grand prize winner gets a backpack full of books chosen just for him or her.

The program kicks off with an ice cream social Jun 18 from 12:30-2pm. The out-of-this-world fun continues with a Galaxy Donut party on July 6 and a Space Training Fitness workout on July 11. More fun is being scheduled so visit the library soon and often—And be a reading star!