

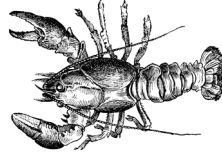
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## CELEBRATING OUR MARITIME PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

If it's September, it's Maritime Month at the Oak Bluffs Public Library. Thanks to the generous and ongoing support of the family of Gordon Goodwin, the library has been able to build its collection of maritime books and offer an annual festival of programs and events for adults and children. This year's events include, but aren't limited to:

- \* **A Tour of the Gannon & Benjamin Boatyard**  
Tour—preregister at library  
W Sept 11 3:30-4:30pm
- \* **Author Talk: Janet Messineo**  
"Casting into the Light"  
Th Sept 12—6:30-7:30pm
- \* **Tivoli Day Pirate Hat craft**  
Sa Sept 14—10am-1pm
- \* **Art Party: Seascape String art**  
Th Sept 19—6-8pm
- \* **Fishing with Jonathan @ the fish pier**  
All equipment supplied, pre-reg  
Fr Sept 20 1-2:30pm
- \* **Kayaking Safety lesson**  
@the little (first) bridge  
Must pre-register, ages 10+  
Sa Sept 21— 9:30am-12pm
- \* **Sail-in craft & movie, ages 3+**  
Sa Sept 21—10am-12pm
- \* **Cooking clam chowder with Jonathon**  
Sa Sept 21 — 11am
- \* **Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute**  
Field trip—must pre-register  
Tu Sept 24 9am-4:30pm
- \* **Pajama Pirates Storytime, ages 0-7**  
Tu Sept 24 — 6:30-7:30pm
- \* **Shellfish Show & Tell**  
Hold baby shellfish!  
Sa Sept 28— 11-12:30
- \* **Knot tying & splicing ~ William Mabie**  
Tu Oct 1 — 6-7:30pm
- \* **"Blue Mind: Changing the Way We Think Feel and Act Toward Water"**  
Movie & talk with Wallace "J" Nichols  
W Oct 9 — 6-8 pm; location TBA
- \* **Live Blue: The Seven Ages of Water"**  
Talk & Workshop w/ Wallace J Nichols  
Th Oct 10—10:30-12:30



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- \* **Cemetery Walk w/ Tom Dresser**  
Sa Sept 14 — 10-11
- \* **Library Strategic Planning Mtg**  
Share your vision over pizza  
Tu Sept 17 — 6-7:30
- \* **Electric Vehicle Day**  
Sa Sept 21 — 10am-1pm
- \* **Fiction Workshop**  
With Alexander Weinstein  
Fr Sept 27 — 12-2pm
- \* **Creepy Pasta PechaKucha**  
Th Oct 3 — 6-7:30pm
- \* **National Fossil Day**  
Th Oct 17—time TBA
- \* **Stranger Things Escape Room**  
Grades 7-12 only  
Sa Oct 19 — 2-3 pm
- \* **Halloween Party**  
Costumes, games, fun & food  
Sa Oct 26— time TBA
- \* **Fall Festival**  
Sa Nov 16 — Time TBA
- \* **Teen Bullet Journaling**  
Nov — day & time TBA
- \* **Art Party: "Spooky Ghosts"**  
Oct—day & time TBA
- \* **Art Party: Maple Leaf Jars**  
Nov — day & time TBA

## ISABEL ROBERTSON MAKES THE GRADE



When the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs established a scholarship in memory of Dick Brown, a founding member and long-time treasurer, members hoped to find students who would share his commitment to community service. We think he would be so pleased with our 2019 scholar, Isabel Robertson.

Isabel is entering her sophomore year at UMass-Dartmouth where she excels in her studies. Inspired by her experiences as a caregiver for a person with serious emotional and behavioral disabilities, Isabel hopes to become a neurological researcher with a goal of creating a drug that will cure or modify the brain chemistry of people with mental illness.

Isabel wants to help reduce the stigma around mental illness, dementia and Alzheimer's. Volunteering at Windermere, a local nursing home, convinced her that this was her career path.

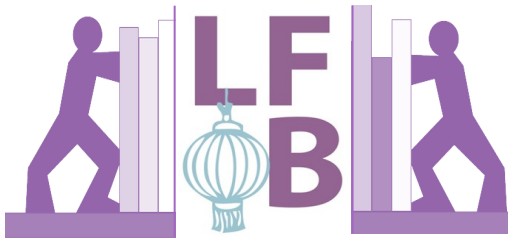
"The experience was enlightening. The residents also inspired me to help people who have neurological disabilities," she said, and added, "Many residents shared their wisdom with me. I considered that one of the best gifts I received while in their company."

Isabel's other volunteer activities include working at an animal shelter, Martha's Vineyard Museum and the Edgartown library while in high school. At college, she volunteered at the YMCA "Share the Harvest Community Farm and plans to volunteer at an animal shelter or a nursing home this year.

Isabel describes herself as an "artsy person" who likes painting, photography, writing poetry and composing music. She likes karate for the discipline and patience it teaches. She also tries to carve out time to read before going to bed.

"My favorite book is 'The Art of Racing in the Rain' by Garth Stein," she said. "It reminds [me] everyone serves a purpose ...to be motivated and think positively. There is also a melancholic touch that will make you reflect on life and its meaning."

Isabel has faced challenges in her life, but does not let them become an obstacle to realizing her dreams and goals. "I want to one day have the honor to make a difference in someone's life. For this reason, I decided to attend college so that what I imagine today can be my future tomorrow," she says.



## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

If the library is your go-to place for books and entertainment, consider joining or making a donation to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs. Every dollar we raise supports the programs, services & materials that make the library a vibrant center for our community. Details at: <https://oakbluffslibrary.org/about-lfob/>

## SWEET SUMMER DAYS & NIGHTS



### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- \* **Game Night @The Barn**  
M 7:30-9pm
- \* **Tai Chi**  
T & F 10:30-12
- \* **Face Yoga** returns Sept 10  
T & Th 4-4:30; Sa 3-3:30
- \* **ESL for beginners**  
T & W 7-8:30 through Oct 23
- \* **English Conversation Circles**,  
all languages & levels T 6:30-7:30,  
begins 11/5
- \* **Coffee Corner** W 10-11am
- \* **Story Time (3+)** W 10:30-11:30



- \* **Salsa Suelta Cubana** dance  
Th 9:30-11 (no partner needed)
- \* **OB Writers Group** Th 10-noon
- \* **Book Babies** Th 11-11:30am
- \* **Piano Parlor** Th 2-4
- \* **Toddler Time**—stories & songs  
Fr 10:30-11:30am
- \* **Tech Help—drop in or appt**  
Sa 10-12
- \* **Anime Club**, ages 12+ only  
Sa 12-1pm
- \* **All Ages Chess** Sa 1:30-3:30pm



### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

- \* **Library Friends of Oak Bluffs**  
1<sup>st</sup> Th — 2-4pm
- \* **Library Trustees**  
2nd Th — 3-4:30pm
- \* **Snail Mail Club**  
1st Th — 6-7pm
- \* **Magic: The Gathering** card game  
1st & 3rd F — 6-8pm
- \* **Sew Much Time** —all fiber arts!  
Sa Sept 14, then 1st Sa — 10-1pm
- \* **Dark & Stormy Book Club**  
4th Tu—6:30-7:30pm

Check for updates and additions @ [oakbluffslibrary.org/events/](https://oakbluffslibrary.org/events/)



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