



SAVE THE DATES

SALTAIRE LIBRARY 2026 EVENTS:

*Registration information to follow on all events at www.saltairerecreation.com!

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Friday, July 3rd at 10:00am: *Civics for Kids with Ms. Jacqui*

* Join Ms. Jacqui for a fun, interactive introduction to civics! In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, children will explore the history, symbols, and values that shape our country through engaging games, stories, and hands-on activities. Kids will learn what it means to be a good citizen, how our government works, and how they can make a positive difference in their community. This welcoming, non-partisan program encourages curiosity, respect, and active citizenship for children of all backgrounds.

Thursday, July 9th at 7:00pm: *Adult Author Event with Melinda Blau, featuring her book The Wisdom Whisperers*

* Don't miss an inspiring conversation with Melinda Blau, an award-winning journalist and author of sixteen books who has spent her career exploring the power of human connection. Through her work, she's discovered a simple but profound truth: when you strengthen your relationships, you enrich every part of your life. Her latest book, *The Wisdom Whisperers*, invites us to rethink aging and embrace the limitless possibilities that open up when we refuse to see age as a barrier. Join us for an uplifting program that will leave you thinking differently about connection, growth, and what's possible at every stage of life.

Wednesday, July 15th at 6:30pm: *Bedtime with Books*

*Send your kid(s) to the Library in their favorite pajamas to have their bedtime stories read to them. Children will rotate between our volunteer readers to listen to a variety of books to end a busy day. Snacks will be provided!

*Teen and adult volunteers needed for this event! Email the Library if interested.

Sunday, July 19th at 10:00am: *Children's Event with "Not Ms. Rachel"*

* Ms. Rachel has become a beloved favorite in households everywhere, and while the original Ms. Rachel won't be joining us, we're thrilled to bring that same joyful spirit to our community! Join us at the Saltaire Library as Long Island based children's entertainer Gabrielle Freeman delivers a lively, Ms. Rachel-inspired performance full of music, movement, and fun. It's a perfect program for little ones and their caregivers to sing, play, and learn together.

Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30pm: *Bedtime with Books*

*See description from July event above.

Saturday, August 15th at 7:00pm: *Adult Author Event with Iman Hariri-Kia, featuring her book Female Fantasy*

*Join us for a special program featuring Iman Hariri-Kia, a New York City based writer and award-winning journalist whose work explores topics like relationships, identity, and growing up. Recognized as a Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree, her writing has appeared in major publications including *Vogue*, *The Cut*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Cosmopolitan*. She's also the bestselling author of *A Hundred Other Girls* and *The Most Famous Girl in the World*.

Thursday, August 20th at 7:00pm: *Adult Musical Performance with Kiley Latham & Co.*

*Join us in welcoming Kiley Latham & Co., an indie pop band based in Burlington, Vermont, led by singer-songwriter Kiley Latham. Known for turning heartfelt ideas and melodies into vibrant, full-band arrangements, the group brings a fresh and engaging sound to every performance. After releasing her debut EP in 2024, Kiley continues to build momentum with music that blends thoughtful songwriting and catchy indie pop energy. Come discover her sound, and if you can't get enough, you can also find her music on Spotify!

Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00am: *Kid Music Concert with the BenAnna Band*

*Location: Saltaire Yacht Club

* Get ready to rock with us as we welcome the BenAnna Band back to Saltaire! This high-energy, interactive concert is designed for kids of all ages and encourages everyone to sing, move, and join in the fun. The BenAnna Band is a nationally touring children's duo known for creating music that celebrates inclusion and welcomes kiddos of all ages, abilities, and identities. Their performances highlight the joy of individualized musical interaction, so come ready to participate, engage, and be part of the show!

Thursday, August 27th at 7:00pm: *Adult Author Event with Joshua Jelly-Schapiro, featuring his book Daylight Come: Harry Belafonte and the World He Made*

* Join us for a conversation with author Joshua Jelly-Schapiro about his newly released book Daylight Come, a vivid new biography of Harry Belafonte. From groundbreaking success in music and film to his lifelong civil rights activism alongside Martin Luther King Jr., Belafonte helped shape American culture and history. Author Joshua Jelly-Schapiro brings this remarkable story to life through the lens of music, activism, and American culture. A local Fire Island resident, Jelly-Schapiro is an acclaimed writer, geographer, and journalism professor at New York University. His work has appeared in publications including *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and *The New York Review of Books*.

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