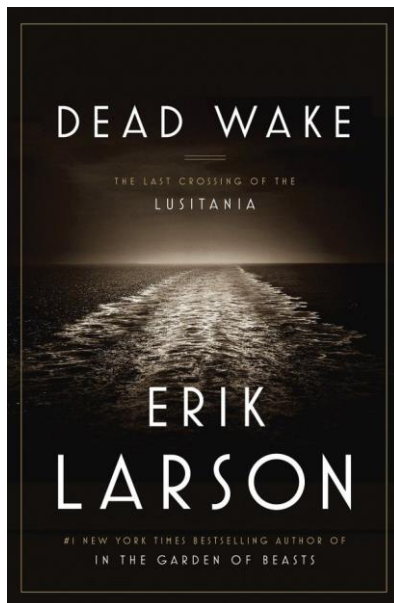




## Long Island Reads One Island — One Book

**Long Island Reads** is an island-wide reading initiative sponsored by the Nassau Library System and the Public Libraries of Suffolk County. Each year, a committee of librarians chooses a book that was written by a Long Island author and/or set on Long Island. Book lovers in Nassau and Suffolk come together to read the book, participate in discussions, and enjoy related events in their public libraries.

### 2017 Selection



On May 1, 1915, with World War I entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner as richly-appointed as an English country house sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. Erik Larson's *Dead Wake* is the true story of the submarine attack on the Lusitania, the lives and deaths of some of its passengers, and the sinking of the largest and fastest ocean liner of its time.

## EVENTS AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

These programs are open to all, but some require registration. Please contact the individual library with any questions.

### **Babylon Public Library**

**24 S. Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702**

**(631) 669-1624**

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. *Adult Book Discussion*. Book discussion of the 2017 Long Island Reads selection "Dead Wake" by Erik Larson.

### **Bellmore Memorial Library**

**2288 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore NY 11710**

**(516) 785-2990**

Tue, April 11, 7:00 p.m. *Dead Wake Radio Drama*. David Houston and Diana Heinlein perform an hour-long reading in the style of radio drama adapted from Erik Larson's spellbinding account of the 1915 sinking of the Lusitania. Registration is required.

Friday, April 21, 12:30 p.m. *Books Sandwiched In Discussion Group*. Librarian Martha DiVittorio will lead a discussion of Erik Larson's book "Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania." Feel free to bring your lunch!

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. *The Sinking of the Lusitania; the Disaster that Changed World History*. Local historian Jack Bilello traces the connection between the sinking of the Lusitania and America's involvement in World War I from a Long Island perspective.

### **Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center**

**95 Harbor Rd., Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724**

**(631) 692-6820**

Tuesday, April 18, 2:00 p.m. *Long Island Naval History in Wartime*. Historian and former Newsday writer Bill Bleyer will give a presentation on Long Island's maritime history, beginning with the country's first amphibious landing on Plum Island through U-boats dropping off spies and attacking commercial vessels during World War II.

### **Comsewogue Public Library**

**170 Terryville Rd, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776**

**(631) 928-1212**

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00p.m. *The Last Voyage of the Lusitania*. View the film The Last Voyage of the Lusitania. National Geographic presents a look at the disaster that shocked the world.

### **Elwood Public Library**

**1929 Jericho Tpke., Elwood NY 11731**

**(631) 499-3722**

Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. *Morning Book Discussion*. Participants will be discussing the book "Dead Wake," the true story of the submarine attack on the Lusitania in 1915.

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. *Evening Book Discussion*. Participants will be discussing the book "Dead Wake," the true story of the submarine attack on the Lusitania in 1915.

**Farmingdale Public Library**  
**116 Merritts Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735**  
**(516) 249-9090**

Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. *Long Island Reads: Erik Larson's Dead Wake - A Dramatic Reading*. Join actors Diana Heinlein and David Houston in an hour-long dramatic reading as a radio play from Erik Larson's *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*. No Registration Required.

**Franklin Square Public Library**  
**19 Lincoln Road, Franklin Square, NY 11010**  
**(516) 488-3444**

Tuesday, April 4, 10:30a.m.: *LI Reads-Dead Wake*. Come hear a dramatic radio style reading of Erik Larson's suspenseful bestseller, *Dead Wake*, as performed by David Houston.

**Freeport Memorial Library**  
**144 W. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 11520**  
**(516) 379-3274**

Friday, April 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m.: *An Evening with Erik Larson*. Enjoy an evening with 'Freeport's own,' author, Erik Larson, as he discusses his New York Times bestseller, "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania." Erik will also discuss growing up in Freeport and his books will be available for sale. Register online, by phone, or at the ASK Desk.

**Glen Cove Public Library**  
**4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, NY 11542**  
**(516) 676-2130**

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00p.m. *Long Island Shipwrecks*. Diver, researcher and author Adam Grohman provides an in-depth look at the shipwrecks and maritime disasters in the waters of Long Island. Mr. Grohman will discuss the demise of these ships and the exploration of them by divers and explorers. Free and all are welcome.

Tuesday, April 18, 2:00p.m. *Book Discussion: Dead Wake, by Erik Larson*. Librarians Jan Angliss and Elizabeth Hogan lead a dynamic discussion of the New York Times bestseller, *Dead Wake*, a true story of the submarine attack on the Lusitania and the sinking of the largest and fastest ocean liner of its time.

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00p.m. *Long Island's Naval History in Wartime*. Journalist, author and historian Bill Bleyer discusses the naval history of Long Island throughout the centuries. Learn about the patriot whaleboat raids, the first amphibious landing of troops in American History - at Plum Island, the sinking of the HMS Culloden off Montauk as well as the sinking of the USS San Diego by a German mine off Fire Island in WWI.

**Hauppauge Public Library**  
**601 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788**  
**(631) 979-1600**

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. *Movie: The Last Voyage of the Lusitania*. View this National Geographic documentary which relates to the Long Island Reads book selection, *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson. Join

explorer and scientist Dr. Robert Ballard as he relives one of the century's most mysterious maritime tragedies and probes the sunken liner in a two-person sub for clues that could rewrite history.

**Henry Waldinger Memorial Library**  
**60 Verona Place, Valley Stream, NY 11582**  
**(516) 825-6422**

Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. *Book Discussion*. Local teacher Joanne Bergbom facilitates a discussion of "Dead Wake" for Valley Stream Book Club. All invited to attend; registration requested.

**Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library**  
**1125 Broadway, Hewlett, NY 11557**  
**(516) 374-1967**

Thursday, April 6, 1:00 p.m. *Radio Show*. Actor David Houston and a co-performer will present a dramatic adaptation of "Dead Wake."

**Huntington Public Library**  
**338 Main St, Huntington, NY 11743**  
**(631) 427-5165**

Wednesday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. *Book Discussion*. Participate in a librarian-led discussion of Erik Larson's *Dead Wake*. Open to all, registration required.

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. *The Last Voyage of the Lusitania*. Join us for a screening of the National Geographic documentary *The Last Voyage of the Lusitania*. Martin Sheen narrates this 60 minute film which includes commentary from famed maritime explorer Dr. Robert Ballard as well as interviews with survivors of the tragic voyage. Open to all, registration required.

**Jericho Public Library**  
**1 Merry Lane, Jericho, NY 11753**  
**(516) 935-6790**

Friday, April 14, 2:00 p.m.: *A Dramatic Reading from Dead Wake*. David Houston and Diana Heinlein will give dramatic readings from the LI Reads 2017 selection.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 2:00 p.m.: *Book Discussion of Dead Wake by Erik Larson*. Fran Cohen will lead a discussion of this year's Long Island Reads selection. Listeners are welcome!

**Lynbrook Public Library**  
**56 Eldert Street, Lynbrook, NY 11563**  
**(516) 599-8630**

Wednesday, April 5, 7:30p.m.: *Book Discussion*. Lynbrook Library's book discussion leader Michelle M. Young leads a compelling discussion on Erik Larson's "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania." Books are available for check-out at the Library's Circulation Desk. Free.

**North Babylon Public Library**  
**815 Deer Park Avenue, North Babylon, NY 11703**  
**(631) 669-4020**

Tuesday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. *Morning Book Discussion*. Come join our Morning Book Discussion. New members always welcome.

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. *Evening Book Discussion*. Come join our Book Discussion. New members always welcome.

**Northport-East Northport Public Library**  
**151 Laurel Avenue, Northport, NY 11768**  
**(631) 261-6930**

Friday, April 7, 7:00p.m.: "Dead Wake." Actors Diana Heinlein and David Houston will perform a dramatic reading in the style of a radio play from Erik Larson's suspenseful bestseller, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*. Sound effects and music will add to the narrative and character voices.

Monday, April 17, 7:00p.m.: *Long Island History: Stories of Tragedy and Rescue*. Join Eco-Photo Explorers for a look at the maritime history of Long Island, from the early colonial days to modern times. Tales of tragic shipwrecks, heroic rescues, and unbelievable courage will be featured, as well as a look at the Life Saving Services here on Long Island.

**Oceanside Library**  
**30 Davison Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572**  
**(516) 766-2360**

Thursday, April 20, 2:00 p.m. *World War I As Seen Through the Lens of Hollywood*. Through vintage clips of silent screen and early sound films, Keith Crocker examines the use of propaganda and the power of imagery used to depict war and its aftermath, depending on the producer's agenda or intended message.

**Patchogue-Medford Library**  
**54-60 East Main Street**  
**Patchogue, NY 11772**  
**(631) 654-4700**

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00p.m.: *Long Island Maritime History: Stories of Tragedy and Rescue*. Learn about the maritime history of Long Island from early colonial days to modern times in this multimedia presentation by Eco-Photo Explorers Michael Salvarezza and Christopher Weaver. The story of the Pelican, a fishing boat lost off Montauk in 1951, other tales of marine rescues and shipwrecks and a history of the Life Saving Services will be discussed. Call 654-4700 to register beginning April 1, 2017.

**Port Washington Public Library**  
**One Library Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050**  
**(516) 883-4400**

Friday, April 21, 12:15 p.m.: "*Dead Wake*," *A Dramatic Reading*. Performers David Houston and Diana Heinlein read excerpts from the novel, accompanied by music from the film "Last Voyage of the Lusitania."

**Rogers Memorial Library**  
**91 Coopers Farm Rd, Southampton, NY 11968**  
**(631) 283-0774**

Monday, April 10, 5:30p.m.: *Fifteen Shades of Grey: The Lusitania, the Sussex & America's Ambivalent Road into World War I*. Join Michael A. Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History at Stony Brook University,

for a discussion about America's intervention in the First World War, which was by no means inevitable. Dr. Barnhart will focus on the many variables, both political and diplomatic, within the British, German and American governments that, in the end, led to Woodrow Wilson's decision to go to war.

**Sachem Public Library**

**150 Holbrook Road, Holbrook, NY 11741**

**(631) 588-5024**

Monday, April 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m. *Long Island Naval History in Wartime*. Journalist, author, and historian Bill Bleyer will discuss the naval history of Long Island through the centuries.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m. *Floating Palaces: The Great Atlantic Liners*. Bill Miller, an international authority on the subject of ocean liners and cruise ships, will present a romantic, history-enriched photographic overview of the great Atlantic liners, the mechanical marvels of their time.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 7:00 p.m. *Book Discussion - Dead Wake*

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 12:00 p.m. *Book Discussion - Dead Wake*

Friday, April 21, 2017, 7:30 p.m. *Book Discussion for 20 & 30-Somethings*. Dead Wake book discussion.

**Seaford Public Library**

**2234 Jackson Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783**

**(516) 221-1334**

Wednesday, April 12, 3:00p.m.: *Book Discussion*. Join librarian Eric Wasserman for a lively discussion of this year's Long Island Reads selection "Dead Wake" from critically acclaimed author Erik Larson. Registration for Seaford residents begins Wednesday, March 15. Non-residents may register starting on Thursday, March 16. Space is limited.

**The Smithtown Library - Commack Branch**

**3 Indian Head Road, Commack NY 11725**

**(631) 360-2480**

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. *World War I from Sarajevo to the Armistice*. This presentation covers the clash and demise of empires, the late entry of the United States into the conflict, propaganda, personalities and movies of the World War I era. Registration required.

**The Smithtown Library - Smithtown Main Building**

**1 North Country Road, Smithtown, NY 11787**

**(631) 360-2480**

Saturday, April 8, 2:00 p.m. *Songs of World War I*. The music of the World War I era was vital to boost morale, mourn and rally support. Playing the guitar, ukulele and dulcimer, Linda and Company will sing the marches, humorous ditties, pensive ballads and patriotic anthems that saw us through that dark time.

**The Smithtown Library - Nesconset Branch**

**148 Smithtown Boulevard, Nesconset, NY 11767**

**(631) 360-2480**

Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. *Fifteen Shades of Grey - The Lusitania, the Sussex, and America's Ambivalent Road into the First World War*. Michael A. Barnhart, Professor of History at Stony Brook University, will

discuss America's intervention into the First World War. He will explore the many variables, both political and diplomatic, within the British, German and American governments that led to Woodrow Wilson's decision for war.

**The Smithtown Library - Smithtown Main Building**

**1 North Country Road, Smithtown, NY 11787**

**(631) 360-2480**

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. *Preparing Long Island for War*. In 1917, as the United States prepared to enter World War I, there was an urgent need to mobilize troops and train them for battle. To meet this need, military bases were erected throughout the country. On Long Island, Camp Upton, located in Yaphank, was used to train soldiers from the New York area, among them, beloved American songwriter, Irving Berlin, who composed the military-themed musical "Yip! Yip Yaphank!" while stationed there. Learn more about the history of Long Island's Camp Upton as Paul Infranco, retired Longwood Central School District social studies teacher and volunteer at Brookhaven National Lab, discusses the important role it played in training United States servicemen during World War I, as well as its functions during World War II and its eventual conversion to the lab in 1947. Registration begins on March 1, 2017.

**South Country Library**

**22 Station Road, Bellport, NY 11713**

**(631) 286-0818**

Thursday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. *Exploring Long Island's Shipwrecks*. In the spirit of this year's Long Island Read's book, Erik Larson's *Dead Wake*, Eco-Photo Explorers will explore different shipwrecks from all eras and show what some of these wrecks look like today. There will also be a discussion about the marine life that inhabits these artificial reefs. Attendees must register for this program.

**Uniondale Public Library**

**400 Uniondale Ave, Uniondale, NY 11553**

**(516) 489-2220, ext 204, 205---Reference**

Saturday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Perspectives of Brooklyn: Past and Present Bus Trip*. First a tour of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Building 92 entitled: "Brooklyn Navy Yard: Past, Present and Future." Second, we will listen to a step-on tour guide as they describe the neighborhoods of Brooklyn and the many Brownstone houses which the borough is known for. Lastly, we will cap a fascinating day spent in Brooklyn at the world famous Junior's for its signature cheesecake and coffee. Sign up starts on Tuesday, February 21. Cost is \$66.00 (Includes Bus Driver's Gratuity, Lunch is on Your Own).

**Wantagh Public Library**

**3285 Park Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793**

**(516) 221-1200**

Wednesday, April 19, 2:30 p.m. *Book Discussion*. Historian and former Newsday writer Bill Bleyer will give a presentation on Long Island's maritime history, beginning with the country's first amphibious landing on Plum Island through U-boats dropping off spies and attacking commercial vessels during World War II.

**West Babylon Public Library**

**211 Route 109, West Babylon NY 11704**

**(631) 669-5445**

Thursday, April 27, 2:00 p.m. *Dramatic Reading of Dead Wake by Erik Larson*. Join us as actors David Houston and Diana Heinlein read excerpts from Erik Larson's thrilling, imaginatively written book, *Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, presented as a radio drama with music from the symphonic work and film scores of Erich Wolfgang Korngold. Registration for West Babylon School District residents begins on Thursday, March 9. Non-residents may register 14 days prior to the program.

**West Hempstead Public Library**

**500 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, NY 11552**

**(516) 481-6591**

Tuesday, April 4, 7p.m. *Book Discussion*. Books will be available in February.

Tuesday, April 25, 8:15a.m.-5:30p.m. *BUS TRIP to the Brooklyn Navy Yard*. For over 150 years, the Brooklyn Navy Yard churned out America's most famous fighting Naval ships, from the USS Maine to the USS Missouri. This guided tour explores the vast 300-acre property along Brooklyn's industrial waterfront and offers opportunities to take a closer look at the Yard's most intriguing sites. After the tour there will be time to visit the museum and gift shop on your own. Lunch served family style at IL Porto Restaurant. Registration Required \$81.

Thursday, April 13, 7:00p.m. *LI Naval History in Wartime*. Beginning with the country's first amphibious landing on Plum Island through U-boats dropping off spies and attacking commercial vessels during World War II, author and historian, Bill Bleyer covers it all! This lecture includes the wreck of HMS Culloden during the British blockage, whaleboat raids; submarine warfare, the War of 1812 and the sinking of the only American capital warship during World War I off Fire Island. Free.

**West Islip Public Library**

**3 Higbie Lane W. Islip, N.Y. 11795**

**(631) 661-7080**

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. *Long Island Maritime History*. Join Eco-Photo Explorers for a fascinating look into the Maritime History of Long Island, featuring the story of the Pelican, a fishing boat lost off Montauk in 1951.

**Port Washington Public Library**

**One Library Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050**

**(516) 883-4400**

Friday, April 21, 12:15 p.m.: *"Dead Wake," A Dramatic Reading*. Performers David Houston and Diana Heinlein read excerpts from the novel, accompanied by music from the film "Last Voyage of the Lusitania."