Shakespeare Fan?
Join Us

at The Long Island Great Books Council's
Annual One-Day Fall Discussion, which includes
Shakespeare's King Lear

on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
at the Commack Public Library, 18 Hauppauge Road, Commack, NY

Who is this for? Anyone who wants to read and discuss thought-provoking literature.
What do you get? Books, participation in two discussions; food (continental breakfast, beverages, lunch);
an opportunity to present your ideas, listen to, and explore the ideas of others.
Cost: $65 per person

Summer Storm, a novel of ideas by James A. Warren, 396 pages 10:00 AM to 12 noon
An American college professor of literature, teaching a summer seminar on Shakespeare’s plays, encounters disturbing ideas on the authorship of the plays and poems attributed to William Shakespeare of Stratford-on-Avon. While privately exploring some of the issues around authorship, he conducts his Shakespeare seminar like Great Books discussions, with fascinating insights into (at least) half a dozen great plays. Eventually advocating a professional conference on campus to explore questions on the authorship of these great works, his politically incorrect attitude helps get him fired. Also, his “quiet” academic life gets further confused by an “illicit” romance. Another parallel, but much subdued, politically incorrect controversy is explored in another arena. A thoroughly interesting and enjoyable story, there are many “scholarly” references at the end of the book for us to further explore many issues. This novel contributes to a multi-century “discussion” of significant ideas.

“King Lear” by William Shakespeare - Intro. 18 pages; text 340 pages 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Among the finer of Shakespeare’s great tragedies, this play covers a range of characters caught in a conflict between good and evil, experiencing love, hatred, greed, loyalty, family solidarity, diminished mental capacity, scheming, and for many, death. We will read and discuss the 2015 updated edition of Folger Shakespeare Library’s King Lear, which contains biographical comments on “William Shakespeare, the Stratfordian,” providing interesting counterpoint to “the Oxfordian William Shakespeare” offered in our companion reading, Summer Storm. This Folger edition renders the Shakespearean text accessible to modern-day readers. On adjacent pages, arcane words are defined and contemporary-language interpretations of on-stage actions are suggested. First reading or tenth, King Lear becomes greater as we age!
REGISTRATION FORM

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Warren & Shakespeare
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at Commack Public Library
18 Hauppauge Road
Commack, NY 11725
Registration Deadline: August 31, 2019
Fee: $65 per person

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Books will be mailed upon receipt of registration and payment.
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