Summer Saturdays
The library will be open Saturdays from 9 to 5 p.m. all month.

Have a question? Text us!
The library offers free text message services. Text us at 66746 and start your question with ASKPWPL. We will respond as soon as possible. This service is available during regular library hours. Note: messages should be less than 160 characters.

Rosetta Stone
The interactive language learning library is available for use in our Computer Center. Learn Chinese, French, Italian and Spanish. This immersion-based software includes listening, speaking, reading and writing modules. Headphones and microphones are available for the listening and speech recognition lessons.

Library at the LIRR
The library’s service to Long Island Railroad commuters continues through September 1. Library staff will be on-site at the Port Washington station on Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) from 7 to 9 a.m. A collection of popular paperbacks will be available for you to borrow. You don’t need a library card. When you’re finished, simply return the books to the library table at the station on Wednesday mornings or to the library. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library. For further information, contact Jean Bennett at (516) 883-4400, Ext. 119.

Library reaches milestone
The library recently celebrated 500,000 visitors to the library with cake and chocolates. Story inside.

Beat the heat!
Live at the library August 6
Join us on Friday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. as LIVE@PWPL presents Strange But Surf.
The cry goes out — “Surf’s up!,” and the boards and their boards race into the sea. This performance will make you feel like you are among them when Strange But Surf takes the stage. Barry Simon, Angelo Liguori, Greg Timm and Vincent Giovannantonio have played at venues across Long Island and appear regularly at Otto’s Shrunken Head, a renowned surf and tiki club in New York City. One of their original compositions, “Lobster Rock,” will be released this summer on a surf compilation CD called “Off the Deep End.” Over 5,000 fans on Myspace and Facebook agree that these talented musicians make every gig an event, surprising their following with a constantly inventive repertoire.
Meet Author Alix Strauss

Join us on Friday, August 13 at 12:10 p.m. to meet Alix Strauss, author of Death Becomes Them: Unearthing the Suicides of the Brilliant, the Famous, and the Notorious (Harper Paperbacks, 2009).

What could be more suitable for a hot Friday the 13th than Strauss’ chilling compendium of famous suicides? Kurt Cobain, Sigmund Freud, Anne Sexton, Mark Rothko, Ernest Hemingway, Adolf Hitler . . . all famous, some rich and powerful, some beloved, some abhorred.

These are the lonely personal nightmares behind celebrity suicides. The deaths and their causes are as diverse as the victims themselves. Strauss bids each one a final good-bye while examining the last days and the unbearable incidents that drove these notables to end their lives.

Alix Strauss is a lifestyle trend writer who appears on national morning and talk shows. Her articles have been published in The New York Times, Marie Claire, Time and Entertainment Weekly. Books will be available for purchase and signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Library partners with Manorhaven School for community read-aloud

Library program coordinator Jessica Ley was happy to once again be a part the annual community read-aloud at Manorhaven School. She’s pictured above, magic wand in hand, reading to a Manorhaven kindergarten class.

The library is proud to join forces with the schools and other community organizations that make Port Washington the wonderful place that it is.

See story above for an additional library-school collaboration.

PWEF dedicates plaque

Lee Aschenbrenner was a beloved principal and educator in Port Washington for many years. Even in retirement he gave his time to the children of our community as a volunteer in the Port Washington Education Foundation’s Education Support Center. The PWEF decided that a plaque in the Children’s Room would be an appropriate way to honor Mr. Aschenbrenner, who passed away in August 2009, and his commitment to children and education. The plaque was designed by the children who participate in the program and was dedicated at a ceremony earlier this year.

The library teams up with the PWEF to make this program a reality. On Tuesday afternoons during the school year, students enrolled use the library’s meeting room space and educational resources. The PWEF program serves third grade students for whom English is a second language or who benefit from extra reading and writing support. Students receive help with their homework and help in developing strategies for completing assignments. The Support Center, celebrating its fifth year, is funded by donations to the PWEF, and is staffed by adult and high school volunteers. The library is pleased to partner with the PWEF for this very successful program.

Pop Art Experience

Modern pop art collagist Michael Albert’s unique series of works made from cereal boxes are on exhibit in the Community Gallery throughout the summer. In addition, he taught his technique in hands-on workshops for children and teens on July 29.

Albert has been creating art since his college days at New York University, where he studied business. His art has evolved from doodles to serious wax oil drawings to the cubist mosaic cereal box collages he has become known for.

In the past several years he has been creating large scale “epic” collage works on various themes including historical, biblical, literary, musical, lyrical, mathematical and geographical.

Albert can be found staging his traveling Modern Pop Art Show at a variety of venues including stores that sell the Sir Real juices and on the streets of New York City, where he gives away prints and shares his story with random passers-by, or as he describes them, “perfect strangers.”

One of Michael Albert’s pop art creations. Do you recognize the store label?
Port Washington resident Jocelyn Panameno had an unexpected welcome when she came into the library on June 23. She was presented with a tote bag full of library "treats" and cheers from library board and staff. It turns out that we were celebrating a milestone — more than 500,000 visits to the library since July 1, 2009.

Jocelyn, a Schreiber High School student was recognized as our ceremonial 500,000th visitor. She's shown here with Library Director Nancy Curtin and trustees Myron Blumenfeld and Lee Aitken.

Library visitors enjoyed cake and chocolates, and many shared feelings about the library's place in their lives. Patron Harold Cohen even called the library his "second home.”

Thank you, Port Washington, for your support.

**More than 500,000 visitors to the library this year!!**

**Exercise for Over 50 Lottery begins August 3**

The Exercise for Over 50 Lottery begins August 3 at 9 a.m. and ends August 24 at 9 p.m. Tuesday classes are at 9 a.m. beginning September 14 and ending November 16, Thursday classes at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. beginning September 16 and ending September 18. Payment for each class is $35. Remember to note on your check the day and time of class, your phone number or email address, and place it in the ballot box at the Information Desk. Checks will be drawn, and notifications will begin, on August 25.

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 25**

**The Library Foundation’s Seventh Inspiration Gala**

**Theme:**

“Growing up with the Library”

**Honoring:**

Julie Geller
Ayhan Hassan
Hal Spielman
Zelik Ziegelbaum

**Library receives high marks from performers**

The following correspondence was sent to library program coordinator Jessica Ley and media technician Jeff Zeh:

We wanted to thank you again for having us perform in your wonderful venue. What an absolute honor. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication it takes to make a successful environment for us musicians. You have succeeded beyond words.

I'm sure you'll see us in the audience watching another show. Have a wonderful summer and wishing you all happiness, health and lots of music.

Warmest regards,

Marci Geller, Cathy Kreger and Diane Garisto

**An ESOL celebration**

The library’s ESOL Program recently celebrated with an end-of-year certificate ceremony and party. Volunteer tutors were recognized for their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching English.

Top left: Longtime tutor Maria Scotti with ESOL Coordinator Peggy O’Hanlon. Top right: ESOL tutor Julie Geller was honored at the event. She is shown here with her adoring students.


Photos courtesy of Peter Bengelsdorf and Julie Geller. This celebration was sponsored by a generous grant from the Friends of the Library.
Welcome to the page for Children’s Services. Be sure to look here for upcoming exhibits, programs and articles relating to Children’s Services and the Parenting Information Center. Parents: Please comply with the age guidelines for these programs and be prepared to show proof of local residency.

Parent Child Home Program

The library’s Parent-Child Home Program had a wonderful year with six children graduating. The PCHP is an innovative home-based literacy and parenting program serving families of diverse populations. The library has participated in this program, which prepares children for academic success, since 1998. We currently serve 16 families in the Port Washington community. PCHP is a proven tool to prevent high school dropouts. Eighty-four percent of students who complete the Parent-Child Home Program graduate from high school. Congratulations to our recent graduates! Co-sponsored by the Port Washington Public Library Family Place and funded with private donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation, the Judith C. White Foundation and United Way.

To register and/or inquire about availability for the following programs, please call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext.150.

Play Pals - Session II: Tuesdays, July 27 and August 3, 10 at 10:30 a.m. Play together, create a craft together and meet new people in a fun, creative environment. For ages 18 to 29 months with an adult - children must be 18 months old by July 27. Registration began July 19 - call for availability.

Book Babies - Session II: Wednesdays, July 28 and August 4, 11 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy books, songs, music, fingerplays and more. For ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Registration began July 19 - call for availability.

Park Story Time: Mondays, August 2, 9, 16 at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 5 and under with an adult. Meets at The Blumenfeld Family Park (adjacent to the landmark) If weather is inclement, story time will be held in the Children’s Room at 10:45 a.m. No registration required.

Beach Story Time: Fridays, August 6, 13 at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 5 and under with an adult. Meets at Manorhaven Beach weather permitting. No registration required.

Pajama Story Time: Tuesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. For children ages 5 and under with an adult. Meets in the Children’s Room. No registration required.

Programs for School-Age Kids

To register and/or inquire about availability for the following programs, please call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext.150.

Crafts Corner
Session II: Mondays, August 2, 9 & 16 at 4 p.m.
Listen to stories and make a craft. For children entering grades K to 2. Registration began July 19 - call for availability.

Fourth Grade Favorites: Mondays, August 2, 16 at 7 p.m.
Book discussion for children entering grade 4. Registration began June 28 - call for availability.

Walk Then Talk: Thursday, August 5 at 4 p.m.
Book discussion for children entering grades 5 and 6. Children will take a short walk (weather permitting) while sharing their favorite books. A booklist will be compiled for participants to take home at the end of the three week session. Registration began June 21 - call for availability.

Third Grade Thinkers: Monday, August 9 at 7 p.m.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Page Turners:
Tuesday, August 10 at 7:15 p.m.
Book discussion for children entering grades 5 and 6. Registration began June 21 - call for availability.

Let’s Do A Show: Wednesday, August 11 at 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Join Port resident Elise May and have fun using theater games, role-play and improvisation. For children entering grades 5 and 6. Registration began July 19 - call for availability.

Family Film

Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and we’ll supply the popcorn! No tickets or registration required.

Fantastic Mr. Fox – Friday, August 27 at 7 p.m.
(2009 – Running time 87 minutes)
Angry farmers, tired of sharing their chickens with a sly fox, look to get rid of him once and for all. But Mr. Fox is busy plotting the greatest chicken heist the animal world has ever seen. A Twentieth Century Fox film based on the book by Roald Dahl and directed by Wes Anderson. Rated PG for parental guidance.
Singer/songwriter Glenn McCready as ‘Glenn Squared’

Glenn McCready is a Port Washington-based singer/songwriter who has been writing and performing for 30 years. For the past 16 years, Glenn has been a part of Hell or Highwater, a mainstay on the New York City circuit.

On August 5 at 7:30 p.m., he’ll play songs from two CDs recorded under the Glenn Squared banner — Tell Me Truth and Tell Me Lies, as well as the recently completed, As It Seems. McCready says, “There are love songs and lost love songs, among others,” and they will be presented in their barest form; stripped down to either solo piano or guitar. Glenn is looking forward to performing a cross-section of his material in this mode at a hometown venue.

McCready feels that As It Seems “is meant to show how our perceptions can convince us. What may seem like the truth to one may not seem so to others. The songs being stripped down to the two acoustic instruments allows for nothing more or less than the listener to perceive the songs themselves, sans fancy instrumentation or production (neither of which is on either disc) to influence them.”

Recent animated features on DVD

This month we screen Wes Anderson’s Fantastic Mr. Fox, a puppet animation feature that appeals to adults and children alike. Here are some other recent animated films in our circulating DVD collection:

- Coraline (2009). A girl (voiced by Dakota Fanning) crawls through a door into an alternate version of her world. Director Henry Selick also scripted this adaptation of Neil Gaiman’s book.


- Igor (2008). In Tony Leondis’s feature, an evil scientist’s hunch-backed lab assistant (John Cusack) has big dreams of becoming a mad scientist himself.

- Kung Fu Panda (2008). Out-of-shape panda bear Po (Jack Black) learns that he has been chosen to become the next Dragon Warrior. Mark Osborne and John Stevenson directed.

- Monsters vs Aliens (2009). The government calls on a team of monsters (Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett) to combat an invasion from outer space. Directors Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon supply the voices of Secret Service Man #1 and #2, respectively.

- 9 (2009). In the aftermath of an apocalypse that has wiped out all of humanity, burlap dolls (Elijah Wood, Christopher Plummer, John C. Reilly, Jennifer Connelly, Martin Landau, Crispin Glover) come to life to change the course of history. Shane Acker directed.

- Ponyo (2009). A female goldfish (Noah Cyrus) falls in love with a little boy (Frankie Jonas) and wills herself to become human. Director Hayao Miyazaki also scripted.

- The Princess and the Frog (2009). A New Orleans lass (Anika Noni Rose) kisses a frog (Bruno Campos), hoping to turn him into a prince, but instead she transforms into a frog herself! Ron Clements and John Musker scripted and directed, and Randy Newman composed the songs.

- Sita Sings the Blues (2009). Filmmaker Nina Paley combines the music of 1920s torch song singer Annette Hanshaw, Mughal paintings and Indonesian shadow puppets and to tell the story of princess Sita, who must spend her life and afterlife trying to prove her loyalty to her husband.


- WALL-E (2008). A lonely trash-compacting robot falls in love with a sleek search robot who has arrived from outer space. Director Andrew Stanton also co-scripted.

- Waltz with Bashir (2008). Filmmaker Ari Folman meets up with former Israeli army comrades to discuss how war has affected their lives, and to puzzle out his own forgotten past.

Safia Fatimi: Glimpses

Port Washington resident Safia Fatimi is a bio-medical photographer graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology. Upon graduation, she worked for eight years as a commercial photographer in New York City. Her clients included Sony Music, Universal, Elle, New York Magazine and People.

In addition, Ms. Fatimi has won numerous industry awards for her website, self-promotions and portfolio. More recently, Ms. Fatimi received a Masters degree in Art Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and is currently teaching photography at the high school level. She continues to photograph commercially for Getty Images and is taking on more personal photography projects.
Summer fun in TeenSpace

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB: “Make Waves @ Your Library.” It’s not too late to participate in the Summer Reading Club. Register in-person or at www.pwpl.org/teenspace. Pick up a packet of reading club materials. Call 883-4400, Ext. 148 for information. FREE.

TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT: Visit TeenSpace late in the month to view our Picture Port Photography Gallery. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for co-sponsoring our event.

TEEN WORKSHOPS: Registration is in progress and space is limited. Workshops are open to Port teens in grades 7-12 as of September. All teen summer programs are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Button Boards: Tuesday, August 3 at 7 p.m. Recycle loose buttons and fabric scraps to display photos, notes and artwork brilliantly! Fee: $5.

Cool Corksters and Painted Glass: Saturday, August 7 at 11 a.m. Personalize your own photo-coasters made of cork. Fee: $5.

Wok and Roll: Tuesday, August 10 at 7 p.m. Savor the flavors of Asian cuisine by creating a classic stir-fry and vegetable spring rolls. Fee: $5.

Picture Port Photography Workshop: Thursday, August 12 at 7 p.m. Join Michael Ach for a beginners workshop. Receive a disposable camera to shoot your own photos. Selected photographs from each participant will be displayed in TeenSpace. Workshop fee: $5.

Teen Books on the Terrace: Wednesday, August 18 at 7 p.m. The book group will meet on the library’s terrace, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served. Register in-person or call 883-4400, Ext. 148. Pick up your book at registration. FREE.

ARE WE THERE YET? Pick up an audio book and turn up the volume. Here are some new titles to shorten the car ride.

- Split by Swati Avasthi; read by Joshua Swanson. A teenager thrown out of his house by his abusive father goes to live with his brother, who ran away years ago to escape the abuse.
- Lock and Key by Sarah Dessen; read by Jodi Dick. Abandoned by her alcoholic mother, Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she hasn’t seen in ten years, and learns what makes a family.
- Incarceron by Catherine Fisher; Read by Kim Mai Guest. To free herself from an arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the warden of a futuristic prison, decides to help a young prisoner escape.
- Jerk California by Jonathan Friessen; Read by Andy Paris. Plagued by Tourette’s and a stepfather who despises him, Sam meets an old man in his small town who sends him on a road trip designed to help him discover the truth about his life.
- Muchacho by LouAnne Johnson; Read by Ozzie Rodriguez. Living among drug dealers and gangs, high school junior Eddie Corazon falls in love with a girl who inspires him to rethink his life.
- Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick; read by James Colby. While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital after a brain injury, 18-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened.
- This World We Live In by Susan Beth Pfeffer; read by Emily Bauer. When the moon’s gravitational pull increases, causing massive natural disasters on Earth, Miranda and her family struggle to survive in a world without cities or sunlight.

There’s still time to register for the Teen Summer Reading Club.