Friends Cabin Fever Series is under way

The Friends of the Library hosts its popular Cabin Fever Series again this winter. The first program, featuring Wendy Perelman, will be on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Main 415. Cost of the program is $15. Registration information is available at the library. Ms. Perelman is a musical theater writer who will speak about writing and producing a musical.

Wendy is a graduate of the music theatre program at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She has appeared in New York at the Second Stage and Equity Library Theatres, The Triad, The Ballroom and Don’t Tell Mama. Regional work includes the world premier of Dear at the Syracuse Stage, Some Enchanted Evening at the Pennsylvania Stage, The Not Mikado at the Virginia Opera, Starting Here, Starting Now at the New American Theatre, Diana in A Chorus Line at the Lobero Theatre, Trina in Falsettos at the People’s Light & Theatre Company, Pam in Baby at the Corbett Theatre, Little Me at the Birmingham Theatre, and the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Wendy toured the U.S. with My One and Only and has performed in Korea and Japan. She co-produced and co-starred in the indie film Good Money, which won the 1997 New York Comedy Film Festival award for Best Feature. Having It Almost had its world premiere at the New York Musical Theatre Festival last September. It was conceived by Wendy, a 40-something woman living in Los Angeles, who had left New York and her career years earlier to get married, raise kids and be a housewife. The seeds of what would become Having It Almost grew out of Wendy’s need to express her creative self. She enlisted her TV producer-husband, Jeremiah Boggang, and with the help of ASCAP and BMI, canvassed the theatre community for trunk songs that addressed the issues she wanted to explore. Subsequently, in collaborating with her close friends David Goldsmith (co-book writer and lyricist) and John Kavanaugh (composer), what was once a musical revue of songs evolved into a full-fledged book musical.

The next Cabin Fever program, on March 14, features theatrical and film composer Jeanine Tesori (story inside).

Nautical Center exhibit features yacht clubs

Port’s Nautical History: The Role of Yacht Clubs in the Community will be on exhibit throughout February in the Community Gallery.

Did you know that Port Washington has a direct link to the Olympics and America’s Cup? The five yacht clubs that dot Manhasset Bay are over 100 years old and have contributed to the nautical history of our waterfront. Knickerbocker Yacht Club, Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, Mill Pond Model Yacht Club, North Shore Yacht Club and Port Washington Yacht Club have joined forces to present their unique contribution to our local history, as well as to sailing communities around the world.

Music Council welcomes Modigliani Quartet

The Music Advisory Council hosts the Amedeo Modigliani Quartet on Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m. Story inside.

Holiday schedule

The library will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day.

Tax help

Beginning February 20 and continuing on Tuesdays through April 10, trained volunteers from the AARP will be available to assist seniors with the preparation of their tax returns. Please bring last year’s return. No appointment necessary; no fee. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SoundSwap special

Video Killed the Radio Star: The History of Music Videos will be presented on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. See the Calendar of Events for details.

Once Upon a Mattress

Television producer Bob Waldman, who last visited the library with the 1956 premiere of The Steve Allen Show, will introduce our February 23 screening of Once Upon A Mattress. On March 6, 1964, Carol Burnett taped for CBS a 90-minute television version of the 1959 Off-Broadway musical that helped make her a star. This tuneful adaptation of The Princess and the Pea by Mary Rodgers and Marshall Barer stars Burnett as the Princess, along with original cast members Joseph Bova, Jack Gilford and Jane White.

Search party at the library

Navigating the Internet can be fun when you know how to get results. Learn how to make search engines like Google and Yahoo! run their best for you. See the Calendar of Events for a complete description. Classes at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on February 27.

Foundation supports preservation initiative

The Port Washington Library Foundation has made a gift to the Local History Center to support a digitization project. Story inside.

Save the date

The Friends of the Library will hold its annual Book & Author Luncheon on Friday, May 11. Save the date for this popular event that, as Friends president Amy Bass describes it, “is always exciting, and challenges our audience’s sensibilities and high intellect.” Information and announcement of authors will be in future issues of this publication.
In our circulating media collection

Action films on DVD

This month we screen Robert Aldrich’s Emperor of the North, an action classic from the 1970s. Here are some other action-packed movies from our circulating DVD collection:

Robert Aldrich: The Dirty Dozen • Flight of the Phoenix • The Longest Yard • Uzala’s Raid

Jackie Chan: First Strike • Legend of Drunken Master • Mr. Nice Guy • Rush Hour

Harrison Ford: Force 10 from Navarone • The Fugitive • Raiders of the Lost Ark

Mel Gibson: Braveheart • Lethal Weapon • Mad Max • Payback • The Road Warrior

Pam Grier: Arena • Black Mama, White Mama • Coffy • Foxy Brown • Sheba, Baby

Bruce Willis: Die Hard • Die Hard with a Vengeance • The Fifth Element • Home • Sin City • 12 Monkeys

John Woo: Broken Arrow • Face/Off • Hard Boiled • The Killer • Mission: Impossible 2

Zorro: The Legend of Zorro • The Mark of Zorro (2 versions) • The Mask of Zorro • Zorro Rides Again • Zorro’s Black Whip • Zorro’s Fighting Legion

More action films: Assault on Precinct 13 (both versions) • Bullitt • Charlie’s Angels • The Crimson Pirate • Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry • Duel • The Edge • El Mariachi • Heat • The Italian Job (both versions) • The Naked Prey • The River Wild • Romancing the Stone • Ronin • The Scorpion King • Speed • The 13th Warrior • To Live and Die in L.A. • The Transporter • the Zatoichi series

Looking to the future

A message from the director

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The Amedeo Modigliani Quartet

Barbier Bernhard, violinist • Loïc Rio, violinist
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Praised by Le Progrès for its “stunning technical expertise, outstanding ensemble and a particularly accomplished musical identity,” The Amedeo Modigliani Quartet won the 2006 Young Concert Artists International Auditions in New York. They were also awarded the Jerome L. Greene Foundation Prize, which sponsored their New York debut at Carnegie’s Zankel Hall, the Washington Performing Arts Society Prize, which sponsored their Washing- ton, D.C. debut at the Kennedy Center, the Gulbenkian Foundation Concert Prize for a concert in Paris, the Vancouver Recital Society Prize, the Princeton University Concerts Prize, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts Prize and the Sander Buchman Memorial Prize. The Quartet had previously won First Prize in the 2005 Young Concert Artists European Auditions in Paris.

The Quartet has already performed at renowned festivals and concert venues in Europe including Folle Journée (Nantes), Festival de l’Epan, Festival de Deauville, Théâtre de la Ville-Abesses, and Théâtre Mogador in France, the Royal Concertgebouw, the Nederlands String Quartet Festival and the Eindhoven Fris Philips Music Center in the Netherlands, and the International Festival Musica Musica in Bilbao, Spain. They have appeared with such artists as Jean-François Heisser, Vanessa Wagner, Roland Pidoux and Philippe Muller.

At the 2004 Eindhoven International String Quartet Tromp Competition, its first international competition, the Quartet was awarded First Prize, the Audience Prize, the Young Jury’s Prize and the Willem Vos Prize for the best interpretation of a contemporary work. They have received scholarships from the Forum Musical International de Normandie, the Cziffra Foundation and the FNAPCE European Chamber Music Competition. The Amedeo Modigliani Quartet is recipient of a grant from the Fondation Groupe Banque Populaire.

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A move to make unique library collections accessible

The Local History Center is pleased to announce an historic preservation project that will electronically capture thousands of photographs, postcards, maps, written documents and audiotaped interviews about life in Port Washington over the past 200 years.

With funding from the Library Foundation for this exciting pilot project, a digital scanning station will be set up in the Local History Center. Under the direction of Elly Shodell, archivists will prepare materials, enter data into a special database, caption, organize and digitize carefully selected examples from the library’s unique historic collections. The project will benefit genealogists, researchers, students, teachers, authors, and all those who are interested in past and present people, places and events of Port Washington.

Your library world

From A to Z, we’ve got you covered. While the following list is by no means comprehensive, it does give you a good idea of the range of services available at your library. Ask us! We’re here to help.

- Absentee Ballots
- Adult Programs
- Antiques Research
- Archives
- Art Exhibitions
- Audio Books
- Babysitter List
- Book Discussions
- Book Reviews
- Books
- Bus & Train Schedules
- Career Information
- CDs
- Children’s Books
- Children’s Audio & Video
- Children’s Programs & Workshops
- College Information
- Community Information
- Computer Classes
- Computers
- Concerts
- Consumer Information
- Defensive Driving Classes
- Downloadable Audiobooks
- DVDs
- E-Books
- E-mail
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Exercise Classes
- Family Place
- Feature Films
- Film & Video Programs
- Financial Aid Forms
- Financial Information
- Foreign Language Books
- Friends of the Library
- Genealogy Research
- Government Documents
- Health Information Center
- Historical & Traveling Exhibitions
- Historical Photographs
- Homebound Service
- Information & Referral Service
- Information Experts
- Interlibrary Loan
- Internet Access
- Job & Career Center
- Large-Type Books
- Lectures
- Legal Information & Forms
- Library Foundation
- Library Publications

Faces in the news

Master Sitan Chen, who has won over 32 gold medals and the title of Champion in national and international Tai Chi competitions, presents a Tai Chi Demonstration and Workshop on Thursday, February 8 at 8 p.m. Developed in China a few hundred years ago, Tai Chi is a type of martial art that is known for its health benefits. Audience participation follows the demonstration.

Friends welcomes Jeanine Tesori in next month’s Cabin Fever

Theater and film composer Jeanine Tesori will be the guest of the Friends of the Library at its March 14 Cabin Fever program. Cost of the program, to be held at 9:30 a.m. at Main 415, is $15. Registration brochures have been mailed to Friends’ donors and are available to the general public at the library.

Jeanine Tesori was born and raised in Port Washington, and graduated from Schreiber High School in 1979. She studied music at Columbia University and graduated magna cum laude from Barnard College in 1983. Ms. Tesori, the Daughter of Gilda and Joseph Tesoriero, started her career as a Broadway conductor and arranger. She is now a full-time composer for theater and film. Original theater scores include Violet (Winner, NY Drama Critics Award for Best Musical 1997), Thoroughly Modern Millie (Tony Award Winner for Best Musical, 2002), Caroline, or Change (Tony nomination for best score), Mother Courage, Shrek: The Musical (opening on Broadway in 2008) and a Metropolitan Opera and Lincoln Center Commission for a new work with playwright Tony Kushner. Film work includes Shrek 3, Mulan 2, Lilo and Stitch 2, Kronk’s New Groove, Little Mermaid 3 and Rapunzel Unbraided.

Jeanine lives in New York City with her husband, Michael Rafter, and their 9-year-old daughter Siena.
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.

**Vacation Week Programs**

**Pinkalicious**
Tuesday, February 20 at 2:30 p.m.

The Vital Children’s Theatre presents a musical production about a little girl who loves the color pink, especially pink cupcakes. Based on the children’s book by Elizabeth and Victoria Kann, Pinkalicious eats so many cupcakes that she turns pink from head to toe. For children ages 4 to 10 accompanied by an adult. Tickets required and will be available in the Children’s Room beginning Tuesday, February 13 at 9:15 a.m.

**Winter Theme Corkboard**
Thursday, February 22 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Join art designer Shirley Ruby and decorate a wooden corkboard using markers, foam pieces, pine needles, snowflakes and lots of shiny trims. For children in grades K to 4. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, February 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Workshop fee: $3.

**No-Sew Pillow**
Thursday, February 22 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Join Shirley Ruby and make a colorful and fluffy pillow without any stitches. Lots of patterns and colors to choose from. For children in grades 5 and 6. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, February 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Workshop fee: $3.

**Erik’s Reptile Edventures**
Friday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Meet Godzilla, a green iguana; Fendi, a blood python; and Blueie, a blue tegu! With an ongoing love for nature and 10 years veterinary and teaching experiences, Erik Callender presents a live show with 12 animals from turtles and frogs to lizards and snakes and much more. For children in grades K and up accompanied by an adult. Tickets required and will be available in the Children’s Room beginning Tuesday, February 13 at 9:15 a.m. Parents: Due to the nature of this program, please comply with the age guidelines.

**February 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 11:15 to 12:30 p.m.**

Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational and creative environment. Each week a different resource professional is on hand to discuss speech and hearing, physical fitness, nutrition and behavior. For children ages 18 to 29 months and a parent or caregiver – siblings welcome. In-person registration begins Thursday, February 15 at 9:15 a.m. Proof of age required; families must be Port Washington residents; priority given to first time registrants. Co-sponsored by the Port Washington Public Library Family Place.

**Bilingual Story Time**
Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m.

Takes place the second Tuesday of every month. Join local resident Mayra Cruz-Vazquez and children’s librarian Rachel Fox for stories and fingerplays in English and Spanish from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 6 accompanied by an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

**Pajama Story Time**
Tuesday, February 20 at 7 p.m.

Takes place the third Tuesday of every month. Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For children ages 2½ to 5 accompanied by an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

**Page Turners**
Tuesday, February 27 at 7:15 p.m.

Takes place the last Tuesday of every month. Fifth and sixth grade members in this monthly book group will meet from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. For availability call 883-4400, Ext. 150.

**Mother Goose Rhyme Time**

*In-person registration begins in the Children’s Room Thursday, February 15 at 9:15 a.m.*

For children ages 9 to 17 months accompanied by an adult – siblings welcome. Three Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Session I – March 1, 8 & 15; Session II – April 12, 19 & 26; Session III – May 10, 17 & 24. Proof of age required; registrants may sign up for only one session.

**Our Monthly Display**

Visit the Children’s Room throughout the month to view a display of artwork created by the children of the St. Peter of Alcantara Elementary School.

**Preschool Valentine Craft**

*Bee My Valentine – Monday, February 12 from 1 to 1:45 p.m.*

Jeanne Hall will tell stories, sing songs and show you how to decorate a large heart with an adorable buzzing bee. For children ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and begins Thursday, February 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

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Library’s collection enhances TNH project

Near the beginning of the Town of North Hempstead’s Manhasset Bay Trail at the Town Dock, is a kiosk that details points of interest along the trail, including Bayview Colony, the A & R Marshall Shipyard, the John Philip Sousa Memorial Band Shell, the Baxter Homestead, the Ike Smith Boatyard, the Dodge Homestead, the Mill Pond Model Yacht Club, the site of Cock’s Grist Mill, the Manhasset Bay Sportsmen’s Club, the Pan Am site, the Old Ferry Dock, regional sand mining sites and yacht clubs.

Historical photos from the library’s collections are used on the kiosk, and Elly Shodell, the library’s oral historian, contributed her editing skills to the project. The section of the kiosk titled “The Way We Worked,” highlights baymen, boat building, sand mining and the era of aviation. Ms. Shodell has produced exhibits/books on each of these areas. Books are available in our circulating and reference collections, as well as for sale in the lobby.

The Town of North Hempstead’s BayTrail Waterfront Park is designed as a continuous 1.7 mile promenade extending from the south end of the North Hempstead Town Dock, along the shoreline of Sunset Park, through the waterfront of the Villages of Baxter Estates, Manorhaven and Port Washington North, past Sheets Creek and ending at the west end of Manorhaven Park.

The Bay Trail is designed to introduce residents and visitors to Manhasset Bay, provide a safe path for walking, jogging and bird watching, and create public access to the water for canoeing and kayaking. The trail is also a walk through four centuries of history.

Online Databases

Available from Home 24 Hours a Day — visit the Library’s Web Site!

Port Washington Public Library card holders can access information on business, health, technology, art, education, science, literature and more from home. Just follow these easy steps:

1. Point your browser to http://www.pwpl.org/vrr, or from our home page at http://www.pwpl.org, click “Research”

2. Select from the following searchable databases (this is only a partial list):
   - ALISWeb — Card Catalog, Place Reserves, Renew Items
   - AP Photo Archive — Photographs from the Associated Press
   - Britannica Online — Encyclopedia Britannica, Dictionary
   - Career Cruising — Career Guidance, College Information
   - Community Resource — Directory of LI organizations
   - Granger’s — Index of Poetry, Biographies
   - Heritage Quest — Genealogy, Census Data
   - Legal Forms — Popular legal forms and Dictionary
   - LitFinder — Poems, Short Stories, Essays, Speeches
   - Magazine & Newspaper Resources
   - Business & Company Data

3. To login, you must enter your valid full Port Washington Library card number without spaces.

4. For complete database descriptions see the library’s web site.

Upcoming concerts

The Music Advisory Council’s 2006-07 Season continues with these fine performers. Please join us on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m.
Dora Seres, Flute

Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.
Adam Neiman, Piano

Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m.
Smolens Swingtet

“Worked Papers” on exhibit

Joan R. Rogers exhibits her “Worked Papers” in the Main Gallery February 1 through 26. The Art Advisory Council hosts a reception on Saturday, February 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

“My antennas go up when I see a quilt,” says the artist. “The direct imagery, the juxtaposing of colors, the space divisions and patterns, all have strong appeal for me. These works start with those elements and go beyond, to achieve more than what just fabrics can do. Using bits and pieces of patterned papers and my own prints and printed papers, I have created both three-dimensional and two-dimensional collages. In some instances the use of the strip quilting technique further enhances the image.”

Ms. Rogers earned a B.F.A. from the Rhode Island School of Design and studied with Will Barnet at the Art Students League and Robert White at SUNY Stony Brook. She has participated in many juried and invitational shows and has received numerous awards for her work, which is in many private and public collections.
What’s new in TeenSpace?

February 22 at 7 p.m.
Bedazzling Beaded Bookmark Workshop for Teens

Beautiful your books with your own homemade beaded bookmark. This one-of-a-kind beaded gem is a great way to save your page. Registration (in-person only) begins February 1, in TeenSpace. Materials fee $5.

Love is in the Air
Romantic Novels for Teens
Check out some of these romance novels that celebrate love with stories of crushes, lost loves, misguided infatuations and of course, romance!

Scrambled Eggs at Midnight by Brad Barkley. Calliope and Eliot, two 15-year-olds in Asheville, North Carolina, begin to acknowledge some unpleasant truths about their parents and form their own ideas about love. (YA FIC Barkley)

When It Happens by Susane Colasanti. High school seniors Sara and Tobey attempt to figure out what is important in life as they try to balance their preparations for their futures with their enjoyment of the present. (YA FIC Colasanti)

Romeo’s Ex: Rosaline’s Story by Lisa Fiedler. In a story based on the Shakespeare play, 16-year-old Rosaline, who is studying to be a healer, becomes romantically entangled with the Montague family even as her beloved young cousin, Juliet Capulet, defies the family feud to secretly marry Romeo. (YA FIC Fiedler)

Cyrano by Geraldine McCaughrean. Ashamed of his ugliness, long-nosed Cyrano de Bergerac, a brilliant 17th-century poet and expert swordsman in the French army, helps a rival woo and win Roxane, the beautiful cousin Cyrano loves in silence. (YA FIC McCaughrean)

Gay Crazy by Melissa Schorr. With the help of her opinionated grandmother, her annoying neighbor and her social-climbing best friend, Rachel Lowenstein must decide whether to follow her heart and turn her back on her religion, or listen to her family and find a nice Jewish boy. (YA FIC Schorr)

Enthusiasm by Polly Shulman. Julie and Ashleigh, high school sophomores and Jane Austen fans, seem to fall for the same Mr. Darcy-like boy and struggle to hide their true feelings from one another while rehearsing for a school musical. (YA FIC Shulman)

Accidental Love by Gary Soto. After unexpectedly falling in love with a “nerdy” boy, 14-year-old Marisa works to change her life by transferring to another school, altering some of her behavior and losing weight. (YA FIC Soto)

Friday, February 16 at 12:10 p.m.
HIDDEN NEW YORK: Despite its innumerable tourist attractions, New York City still has many secrets hidden in the most unlikely places. Author Steve Zeitlin will show you what’s there, what used to be there, and why it will be there for years to come. As a guide to the New York City that is less traveled, this unique book shows that some of the best places to visit are ones that you never knew existed. Steve Zeitlin is the director and cofounder of City Lore, and received his Ph.D. in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to arriving in New York, Steve served for eight years as a folklorist at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Hidden New York will be available at a special price courtesy of the Friends of the Library.