Library Schedule
The library will be closed on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 20. June 13 will be the final Sunday opening until September 12.

Summer Saturdays:
open all day
The library Board of Trustees voted to keep the library open from 9 to 5 on Saturdays during July and August, beginning July 10. This summer will be viewed as a pilot. The board will look at usage and evaluate the results at its October meeting.

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.

Schreiber Talent
On June 2 at 7:30 p.m., the library and the Music Advisory Council will feature top music students of Schreiber High School in a special concert that will include both solo and ensemble performances.

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.

Living Library
“Living books” will be “read” on Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Port Washington Public Library.

Homework Help
The end of the school year is fast approaching. Use your library card to connect with a tutor for help with final projects and papers. Log on to www.pwpl.org between 2 & 10 p.m. Service is available in English and Spanish. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Bernard L. Fendrich Memorial Fund.
Asian Festival follow up

More than a thousand visitors to our recent Asian Festival enjoyed the culture, colors and traditions of Bangladesh, Burma, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea and Pakistan. Thank you to our many wonderful ESOL students and tutors who gave so much of themselves for this festival. Look for more complete coverage next month.

Goodbye, New York!

As ESOL Coordinator Peggy O’Hanlon is fond of saying, “Our ESOL program is so much more than learning English.” Improving speaking and reading is, of course, the primary goal of our students for whom English is a second language. What’s become evident, though, is that the bonds between teacher and student go way beyond language—friendships are formed, culture and traditions are shared. The informal becomes almost as important as the formal for our new residents as they assimilate to life away from home.

The following is excerpted from an essay by a Taiwanese student who looks forward to moving from the comfort of the library and beginning the next chapter of his life as a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University.

“It is snowing outside and I am sitting in the library with a cup of coffee in my hand. A library is always the place where I can concentrate on my study, be relaxed, and enjoy my free time. I can have some privacy even in a public place.

“The Port Washington Public Library has unwittingly become part of my life. At this cozy place, I prepared for my TOEFL and GRE exams, read many useful books, met many nice friends, and most important, met a great teacher who also had become one of my best friends. All of these were not what I expected. Because of my poor speaking of English, I thought no one would bother to talk to help me. However, the librarians and volunteers here are so amiable that I can speak to them at ease, which is difficult for me when I try to talk to someone else.

“I even sneered when my grandma first told me about the free English classes in the library. I doubted what I could learn from these classes, but I gave it a try and realized I could learn much at the library.

“I’m now convinced that the course of life is unpredictable; no one can write his autobiography in advance. Sometimes, things might be contrary to our expectations and we might begin to doubt ourselves, lose our confidence, and eventually lose our faith. However, we’ve got to believe what we’re doing will somehow be helpful in the future. I believe these experiences are both rare and precious.

“I’ve learned a lot and am ready to go for the next phase in my life. Studying English here is the best decision I’ve ever made. If I could go back in time one year, I would make the same decision.”

Sharing a concept: Books for Dessert

“Literacy from the library perspective is more than just the ability to read and write,” explained Library Director Nancy Curtin before an audience at the YAI National Institute for People with Disabilities conference in April. “It is the ability to understand and share ideas.”

“The library’s mission is to provide opportunities for lifelong learning,” she continued. “Every person deserves an intellectual life, a place to learn with others and share ideas. The library is the perfect place for a book club for adults with intellectual disabilities.”

Ms. Curtin was joined by Books for Dessert co-founder Nancy Comer, who has a 31-year-old son with Down syndrome. The pair teamed up with book club leader Evelyn Schonbrun to bring the Books for Dessert concept beyond Port Washington, with the hopes that other institutions around the country will model the program and serve a population that is often underserved.

“What does any parent wish for her child?” asked Nancy Comer. “A happy, relatively independent life in the community. A home, a job. All of this was happening, but then it slowly dawned on us that not only was his learning not increasing, but he was losing his academic skills a lot more quickly than he’d acquired them.”

Mrs. Comer’s son had learned a lot during his high school career, but because residence and day programs focus mainly on social and life skills, such as managing schedules, chores and money, the joys of ideas and intellectual stimulation take a back seat.

With the intention of making changes for her son and others like him, who age out of the educational system at age 21, Mrs. Comer formed a nine-member advisory board comprised of parents, library staff, advocates, fundraisers and session leaders. Books for Dessert was the outcome.

The library now hosts three separate club meetings for adults with intellectual disabilities each week, one each with a leader and in some cases an assistant.

Books for Dessert is supported by the Port Washington Library Foundation. For further information, contact Lee Fertitta at 883-4400, Ext. 135.

Art lecture by Mina Weiner

Edwin Howland Blashfield (1848–1936) was a celebrated painter and the preeminent practitioner and theorist of mural painting at the time when murals were a major element of important civic buildings.

Edwin Howland Blashfield: Master American Muralist, edited by Mina Rieur Weiner, is the first book in decades to focus on the renowned muralist, and covers the artist as defender of the classical tradition.

Ms. Weiner visits on Friday, June 11 at 12:10 p.m. She is a museum consultant who has organized exhibitions for numerous New York City museums, including the Museum of the City of New York (MCNY), the South Street Seaport Museum, and the New-York Historical Society.

Books will be available for purchase and signing after the talk. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
**Men’s Book Group**

A new book discussion group for men will meet for its first session on Wednesday, June 23 at noon. Men of all ages are invited to discuss books that are geared to their interests, covering topics of current events, history, science and sports.

The first book is *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara. Documenting the three days at Gettysburg during the American Civil War, Shaara creates an astounding piece of historical fiction by documenting the generals who lead both the Union and Confederate soldiers into battle.

For more information contact 883-4400, Ext. 136 or send an e-mail to kklang@pwpl.org

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**Stacks/reference re-design**

In an effort to maximize study and browsing space in the reading room and stacks wing, and to better organize our browsing collections, we’ve re-arranged some of our most popular materials as follows:

- Circulating travel books (910 – 919), circulating health books (610 – 618) and circulating career books (331 and 650) are now in the reference room. Rest assured these may still be borrowed!

For greater visibility, art books (709 – 760) will be in a separate section. Cookbooks, do-it-yourself books, and gardening books will be shelved against the back wall of the circulating book stacks.

We hope these changes will allow for greater flexibility, and we hope the public will bear with us, and ask for assistance, until these changes are complete.
June Library Kids

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.

Early Childhood

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

A Time for Kids
Monday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m., 12 or 1:15 p.m.
Educational activities combine preschool concepts and fun. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins June 1.

Pajama Story Time
Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m.
Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. Ages 2 ½ to 6 with an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

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

Tweens’ Night Out
Friday, June 11 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.
Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited for an evening get together at the library. Have fun and help the Children’s Room prepare for the Summer Reading Club 2010. Registration begins June 1. Light refreshments will be served.

Children’s Garden
Tuesday, June 15 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Children in grades K to 6 with an adult are invited to help plant flowers and vegetables in the Gordon Helman Garden (weather permitting). No registration required.

Summer Junior Volunteer Program
Children entering 5th and 6th grades are invited to attend a one-hour training session after which they will be eligible to participate in the Junior Volunteer program. Once trained, participants will volunteer two hours each week from July 6 through August 13. Responsibilities include assisting with the summer reading club, as well as various activities in the Children’s Room. Limited registration for training begins June 7. Prospective volunteers must register to attend one of the two training sessions: Monday, June 14 at 4 p.m. or Wednesday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Family Film: Ponyo
Friday, June 25 at 7 p.m.
(2009 – Running time 101 minutes)
Five year old Sosuke embarks on a fantastic journey of friendship with a goldfish named Ponyo. An animated feature from Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, written and directed by Hayao Miyazak. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and we’ll supply the popcorn! No tickets or registration required. Rated G for general audiences.

Summer Programs

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Early Childhood

Play Pals - Session I: Tuesdays, July 6, 13 & 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Book discussion for children entering grades 3 and 4. Learn about a picture book. Booklist will be compiled for participants to take home at the end of the three week session. Registration begins June 28.

Wacky Waves: Saturday, July 10 at 10 a.m.

Let’s Do A Show: Wednesday, July 21 at 7 p.m.
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Fourth Grade Favorites: Mondays, July 19 & August 2, 16 at 7 p.m.
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Entering K through Sixth Grade

Walk Then Talk: Thursdays, July 8, 22 and August 5 at 4 p.m.
Book discussion for children entering grades 3 and 4. Listen to stories and make a craft. For children entering grades K to 2. Registration begins June 28.

First Grade Thinkers: Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26 at 4 p.m.
Listen to stories and make a craft. For children entering grades K to 2. Registration begins June 28.

Second Grade Thinkers: Wednesdays, July 14, 21 & 28 at 4 p.m.
Listen to stories and make a craft. For children entering grades 1 to 2. Registration begins June 28.

Third Grade Thinkers: Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26 at 4 p.m.
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Crafts Corner – Session I: Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26 at 4 p.m.
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Robert De Niro in multiple formats

This month we screen Bang the Drum Slowly, a baseball drama starring Robert De Niro. The son of painters Virginia Admiral and Robert De Niro, Sr. was born on August 17, 1943 in New York City. Winning the role of the Cowardly Lion in an elementary school staging of The Wizard of Oz started him on his acting career. Filmmaker Brian De Palma gave De Niro his first movie roles, and Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola gave him his best movie roles. View these De Niro performances from our circulating DVD and VHS collections:

De Niro on DVD: Analyze This and Analyze That (anxious mobster Paul Vitti) • Akwardings (catatonic patient Leonard Lowe) • Brazil (plumber Harry Tuttle) • A Bronx Tale (De Niro directed and plays bus driver Lorenzo Anello) • Cape Fear (vengeful psychopath Max Cady) • Casino (casino manager Sam “Ace” Rothstein) • City by the Sea (police officer Vincent LaManna) • Cop Land (internal affairs investigator Moe Tilden) • The Deer Hunter (soldier Michael Vronsly) • 15 Minutes (Detective Eddie Flemming) • The Godfather, Part II (the role of Vito Carleone earned him a Best Supporting Actor Oscar) • The Good Shepherd (De Niro directed and plays General Bill Sullivan) • GoodFellas (mobster Jimmy Conway) • Heat (master thief Neil McCauley) • Hi, Mom! (would-be pornographer Jon Ru-bin) • Jackie Brown (arms dealer Louis Gara) • The King of Comedy (pschoptic comedian Rupert Pupkin) • The Last Tycoon (movie producer Monroe Stahr) • Mad Dog and Glory (mid-millenium copped Wayne “Mad Dog” Dobie) • Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (the Creature) • Mean Streets (hoodlum Johnny Boy Civello) • Meet the Parents (father of the bride)

Jack Byrnes) • Men of Honor (Navy diving instructor Billy Sunday) • Midnight Run (bounty hunter Jack Walsh) • The Mission (slave trader Rodrigo Mendoza) • Once Upon a Time in America (mobster David “Noodles” Aaronson) • Raging Bull (De Niro earned an Oscar portraying boxer Jake La Motta) • Ronin (intelligence-agent-turned-thief Sam) • The Score (thief Nick Wells) • Shark Tale (gangster shark Don Lino) • Showtime (police detective Mitch Preston) • Stardust (flying ship commander Captain Shakespeare) • Taxi Driver (psycho cabbie Travis Bickle) • This Boy's Life (sadistic step-father Dwight Hansen) • Wag the Dog (spin doctor Conrad Bream) • The Wedding Party (Cecil, the groom’s best friend)

De Niro on VHS: The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle • Backdraft • Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam • Flawless • Great Expectations • Marvin's Room • One Hundred and One Nights • Simon Cinema • Sleepers • Stanley & Iris • The Untouchables

DeNiro on CD: Robert De Niro in Conversation


Meet author Barbara Strauch

Meet Barbara Strauch, author of The Secret Life of the Grown-up Brain, on Wednesday, June 23 at 2 p.m.

Most of what we think we know about middle age is wrong. Cultural myths such as the midlife crisis and empty-nest syndrome just don’t hold up under scrutiny. Long-held assumptions that our brains are in a state of gradual decline from a youthful peak have been proven untrue. Fears that memory lapses, forgotten names, and distracted thoughts are the beginnings of dementia are unfounded. In fact, what we have learned from studying the time we call “middle age” is that the changes that take place as we age give us the best brains of our lives, at their strongest in a whole range of cognitive areas.

Barbara Strauch is health and medical science editor and a deputy science editor at The New York Times and the author of The Primal Teen: What the New Discoveries About the Teenage Brain Tell Us About Our Kids. She previously covered science and medical issues in Boston and Houston and directed Pulitzer Prize-winning journalism at Newsday.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Health Advisory Council, with private donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation.
What’s new in TeenSpace this month?

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB: “Make Waves @ Your Library.” Students (entering grades 7-12) are invited to participate in this year’s Teen Reading Club. Read books, write mini-reviews, win prizes! Register in-person at TeenSpace or online at www.pwpl.org/teenspace beginning June 21. Pick up a complete packet of reading club materials, including a sign-up prize (while supplies last).

TEEN WORKSHOPS: Register in-person, in TeenSpace, beginning June 21. Workshops are open to teens entering grades 7-12 as of September 2010. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of our Summer Programs brochure and check out our display case in the lobby for craft samples. All teen summer programs are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Books on the Terrace: Summer Discussion Series. Wednesdays (grades 7-12), July 7 & 28, August 18 at 7 p.m. Take advantage of the beautiful summer weather, the book group will meet on the library’s terrace (weather permitting). The first book will be available for pick-up at time of registration. Refreshments will be served. Register in-person or call 883-4400, Ext. 148. FREE

Picture Port Photography Workshop: Tuesday, July 6 at 7 p.m. Join photojournalist 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 during August. Cameras must be returned to TeenSpace no later than 9 p.m. on July 20. Workshop fee: $5.

Guitar Hero Night: Thursday, July 8 at 7 p.m. No experience necessary. FREE, but pre-registration is required either in-person or by calling TeenSpace at 883-4400, Ext. 148.

Malibu Tile Workshop: Tuesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. Learn about the history of this ceramic art form and learn to translate and recreate patterns into cool art jewelry that both guys and girls want to wear. Workshop fee: $5.

CSI: “Who Done It” Workshop: Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. Explore the science of crime scene investigation techniques such as fingerprinting. Workshop fee: $5.

Teen Project Runway: Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Create your own portfolio of fashion sketches while taking on a designer challenge. Workshop fee: $5.

Video Game Tournament: Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Play against other teens in this exciting gaming event. Workshop fee: $5.

The Alchemist’s Kitchen: Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. Explore the science of crime scene investigation techniques such as fingerprinting. Workshop fee: $5.

Pop Art Collage Workshop: Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. Join us for a unique collage workshop with artist Michael Albert. The library will provide space for teens who wish to display collages produced in the workshop. Workshop fee: $5.

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

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

“Make Waves @ Your Library” is the theme of this year’s Teen Summer Reading Club. Register in person or online at www.pwpl.org/teenspace. Read books, write mini-reviews, win prizes!!