Foundation announces honorees

The Port Washington Library Foundation’s Sixth Inspiration Gala will take place Saturday, September 12. This year, the library will be transformed for an arts festival, cocktail hour and dining reception honoring Patrick J. Foye and four women who have served on the library’s Art Advisory Council for more than 35 years. The Honorable Leonard Wurzel, mayor of Sands Point, is Honorary Chair.

Catherine Childs (Catchi), Marion Klein, Marion McManus and Ann Pellaton have been a part of the library family since 1970. All are working artists who have given their time to the group that evaluates, schedules and hangs exhibits in the library’s Main Gallery each month. Their dedication and tireless energy are a wonderful example of community service and service to our library.

As individuals, all four women have exhibited widely in galleries and museums. Each has received

Meet John McWhorter

English is full of inconsistencies and peculiarities, but many of them are explained by fascinating historical detail. “The real story of English shows us how English is genuinely weird — miscegenated, abbreviated, and interesting,” says bestselling author, linguist, and Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow, John McWhorter. In his new book, Our Magnificent Bastard Tongue: The Untold History of English (Gotham, 2008), McWhorter delves into our language’s past, explaining its quirks and quandaries. Drawing on genetic and linguistic research as well as a cache of trivia about the origins of sentence structure and words, McWhorter’s book demonstrates the arbitrary, maddening nature of English.

On Friday, June 19 at 12:10 p.m., the Friends of the Library invites you to meet John McWhorter, who will address any questions you may have. A contributing editor to The New Republic, he has taught linguistics at the University of California at Berkeley and has been widely profiled in the media. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Library schedule

Sunday, June 14 is our last Sunday opening for the season. The library will be closed Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Beginning July 11, the library will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Our full weekend schedule resumes after Labor Day.

Stay connected...

Are you on our e-mail list? Sign up for e-mail alerts by logging on to www.pwpl.org. Click on “receive e-mail alerts” and follow the prompts.

Join us on Facebook. Search “Port Washington Public Library” from your Facebook page, and become a fan. This is another tool that we’ll use to bring you news from the PWPL.

Roadwise Review

Now you can check your driving abilities conveniently and confidentially from the comfort of home. The Roadwise Review CD-ROM from AAA can be used on your home computer so that you can monitor your “driving health.” Copies are available in the Media Department.

Free notary service

... the library offers free notary service weekdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but call ahead to confirm availability.

Filmmaker visits

Filmmaker Ann Deborah Levy visits on Monday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. to present two of her films. Waterscape: Illusions captures compelling images of a mysterious wilderness lake and its elegant swans. The filmmaker films the antics of a family of swans, ponders the script she is writing, attempts the optimal light meter reading, and becomes frustrated when the swans’ activities make them difficult to film. Offscreen voices bring to life notable “expert” swan observers ranging from Aristotle to Samuel Taylor Coleridge. The short film Watercolors chronicles the surface of a pond over the course of a year.

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honors and awards and is affiliated with a number of professional organizations. Biographies will be available at the event.

Patrick J. Foye is a partner in Rivkin Radler LLP’s Corporate & Commercial and Real Estate, Zoning & Land Use Practice Groups. Mr. Foye’s practice focuses on corporate restructuring work and real estate projects from the firm’s Manhattan office.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Foye was appointed by Governor Spitzer and served as Chairman of the Empire State Development Corporation, where he played a leadership role in the Moynihan Station, Jacob Javits Convention Center, Long Island City redevelopment, Brooklyn Bridge Park, and Harriman Research Campus projects, in addition to a variety of other initiatives. There, he also oversaw various subsidiaries which managed economic and real estate development.

Mr. Foye was a corporate partner at Skadden Arps where he led the firm’s Brussels, Budapest and Moscow offices.

Patrick Foye previously served as Executive Vice President of Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), a NYSE-listed, S&P 500 component company. Mr. Foye has also served as Chief Executive Officer of United Way of Long Island.

Mr. Foye has served on a number of boards including the Long Island Power Authority, (Vice Chair 1995-2006), New York Public Asset Fund (Chair 2004-08), the Long Island Association, LIA Health Alliance, Long Island Community Foundation, Port Washington Library Foundation, Sands Point Board of Zoning Appeals (2000-2006), and the Port Washington Union Free School District (elected May 2006). He also served on the boards of public companies, mutual funds with over $40 billion under management and an equity money manager with approximately $2 billion under management.

Professor Germano lectures

Professor Thomas Germano visits on Thursday, June 18 at 3 p.m. for a stimulating slide-illustrated lecture, The Battle of Anghiari: Leonardo’s Lost Masterpiece. In the early 1500s, the Florentine Republic commissioned Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci to paint two battle scenes to commemorate the heroic victories of the Republic. Da Vinci created numerous sketches before setting brush to wall. While neither artist completed this commission, it is currently believed that beneath the frescoes in the Palazzo Vecchio in the Sala Cinquecento, Leonardo’s incomplete “Battle of Anghiari” might be found. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Seniors exhibit artwork

Artists from Port Washington Senior Citizens, Inc. in Manorhaven will exhibit their work in the library’s Community Gallery throughout June. Barbara Silbert and Barbara Stein volunteer their time each week to teach and guide the class in their artistic endeavors. Exhibitors include Ed Balcourt, Anne Marie Bischoff, Nick Capobianco, Joan Masi, Socorro Roman and Llewellyn Simpkins.
Online resources: Homework Help & Live Librarian

Cramming for exams? Need help with those end-of-school-year projects?
Homework Help provides tutors for both English and Spanish-speaking patrons. Live Homework Help is available daily between 3 and 9 p.m. Tutors offer assistance to students in grades K through 12, college preparatory and adult learners.

Live Librarian offers Nassau County residents real-time communication with a reference librarian who can assist with your Internet search or answer questions about our electronic resources. The services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Log on to our website at www.pwpl.org to make use of either of these online resources.

These services are made possible by the Friends of the Port Washington Public Library, and both are available year round.

Library at the LIRR

Popular service to resume in July

The library’s service to Long Island Railroad commuters resumes July 8. The Port Washington Public Library will be on-site at the Port Washington station Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) from 7 to 9 a.m. through August 26. To help make your commute enjoyable, a collection of popular paperbacks will be available for you to borrow.

You don’t need your 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.

Bollywood Musicals on DVD

The success of Slumdog Millionaire (screening here on June 12) has raised interest in Bollywood cinema, the Mumbai-based industry that produces a thousand movies a year for an audience of 3.6 billion viewers worldwide. Bollywood cooks up a “masala” of music, dance, comedy and melodrama involving unlucky lovers, intolerant parents, crooked politicians, crusading policemen and courtseans with hearts of gold. Here are some of our recent releases:

Aamir (2008). A London-based doctor (Rajeev Khandelwal) must confront the choices he has made in his life as he wanders the crowded streets of a Muslim neighborhood in Mumbai. Amit Trivedi and Amitabh composed the songs for writer/director Raj Kumar Gupta.

Chai Chala Chai (2009). When simpleton Deepak (Govinda) wins a school bus in a court case, he follows his father’s advice and decides to run it. Anand Raj Anand, Anu Malik and Sunil Jha supplied the music for director Rajiv Kumar.

Dasvidaniya (2008). A doctor’s grave diagnosis inspires Amar Kaul (Vinay Pathak) to create a list of things to do before he dies. Arshad Sayed scripted, and Kailash Kher wrote the songs, for director Shantanu Moitra.

Heroes (2008). Sohail Khan and Vatsal Seth travel a thousand miles to deliver three letters as part of their film school assignment. Saajid and Waajid Ali supplied the tunes for writer/director Samir Karnik.

Jodhaa Akbar (2008). The marriage of alliance between Muslim Emperor Jalaluddin Mohammad Akbar (Hritihik Roshan) and Hindu Princess Jodhaa (Aishwarya Rai) leads to true love. Director Ashutosh Gowariker co-scripted. A.R. Rahman penned the songs.

Mere Khwabon Mein Jo Aaye (2009). When a woman (Raima Sen) discovers that her husband is having an affair, she conjures an ideal fantasy man who helps rebuild her self-confidence. Lalit Pandit wrote the music for scenarist/director Madhu- reeta Anand.

Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! (2008). Lucky (Akhil Deol), a gawky young man from the lower middle classes, becomes one of the most wanted thieves in India. Director Dibakar Bannerjee co-scripted. Sneha Khanwalkar composed the songs.

Traffic Signal (2008). Director Madhur Bhandarkar explores the complex society of eunuchs, handicapped beggars, lepers, street kids, drug addicts and prostitutes that forms around the traffic signals on the streets of Mumbai. Raju Singh and Sameer Tandon supplied the melodies.

Welcome to Sajjanpur (2008). Mahadev’s (Shreyas Talpade) ability to write letters makes him popular with the largely non-literate populace of Sajjanpur. Director Shyam Benegal scripted with Ashok Mishra. Shan-
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June Programs

PlayHooray / Monday, June 1
A preschool music and movement program. PlayHooray for Babies for ages birth to 18 months with an adult at 12:15. PlayHooray for Toddlers for ages 18 months to 2½ years with an adult at 1 p.m. PlayHooray for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult at 1:45 p.m. Registration began Monday, May 18 – for availability call the Children’s Room at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Page Turners / Tuesday, June 2 at 7:15 p.m.
Fifth and sixth grade members in this monthly book group will meet from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. For availability call the Children’s Room at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Tummy Time
Thursdays, June 2, 9 and 16 from 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Babies are spending more time on their backs than ever before due to the recommendations set by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Babies need lots of Tummy Time to develop their muscle strength and coordination. You and your child will be led in song, rhymes, and simple stories. There will be time for playing with rattles, soft blocks, and other developmentally appropriate toys. This program is for parents/caregivers with babies between the ages of 3 months to pre-crawlers. Registration began Monday, May 18 — for availability call the Children’s Room at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Children’s Garden
Saturday, June 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Children in grades K to 6 are invited to help plant flowers and vegetables in the Gordon Helman Garden (weather permitting). No registration required. Co-sponsored by the friends and family of Caroline Mary Smith.

Pajama Story Time / Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.
Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

Tweens’ Night Out / Friday, June 19 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.
Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited for an evening get-together at the library. Registration is limited and begins Monday, June 8 at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Workshop topic to be announced.

A Time For Kids
Mondays, June 15, 22 & 29 at 10, 11:30 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.
Educational activities combine preschool concepts and fun. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins Monday, June 1 at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Family Film:
The Tale of Despereaux
Friday, June 26 at 7 p.m.
An animated adaptation of Kate DiCamillo’s book — in the kingdom of Dor lives a brave and virtuous mouse. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and we’ll supply the popcorn. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. No tickets required.

Summer Fun

In-person registration for the following activities begins on Friday, June 19 at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Room. Registration by phone begins Monday, June 22 at 9 a.m. by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Babies and Toddlers
Baby and toddler workshops are for children ages birth to 29 months with an adult.

Book Babies / Session I: Wednesdays, July 8, 15 and 22 at 11:30 a.m. Session II: Wednesdays, July 29 and August 5, 12 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy books, songs, music, fingerplays and more. For ages birth to 17 months with an adult.

Play Pals / Session I: Tuesdays, July 7, 14 and 21 at 10:30 a.m. Session II: Tuesdays, July 28 and August 4, 11 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 1.

A Time For Kids / Thursday, July 9 at 10, 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Preschool concepts and fun for ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Children must be 18 months old by July 1.

PlayHooray for Babies / Thursday, July 23 at 10 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays for ages birth to 18 months with an adult.

PlayHooray for Toddlers / July 23 at 10:45 a.m. Stories, songs and movement for ages 18 months to 2½ years with an adult.

A Time For Kids / Thursday, August 6 at 10, 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Preschool concepts and fun for ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Children must be 18 months old by July 1.

Preschoolers
Workshops for preschoolers are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Wednesday morning workshops are for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. Children must be 30 months old by July 1. Limit 3 workshops per child.

A Time For Kids / Thursday, July 9 at 10 or 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Preschool concepts and fun.

Jump For Joy / July 16 at 10 or 11:15 a.m. Music, dance and creative movement.

PlayHooray / July 23 at 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Stories, songs and movement.

Musical Animal Rattle / July 30 at 10 or 11:30 a.m. Create a craft based on the book Fiddle-I-Fee by Will Hillenbrand.

A Time For Kids / Thursday, August 6 at 10 or 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Preschool concepts and fun.

Lively Little Locomotive Puppet / August 13 at 10 or 11 a.m. Sing songs, listen to a story and create a cute train puppet.
Junior Aide Program

Children entering 5th and 6th grade are invited to volunteer two hours each week from July 7 through August 15 to assist with the summer reading clubs and various activities in the Children’s Room. Registration is limited and begins Monday, June 15 at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Registration is limited and begins Monday, June 15 at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Room. Registration by phone begins Monday, June 22 at 9 a.m. by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Parents: Please be aware of your child’s summer schedule — at the time of registration you will be asked to select a two hour time slot.

School-Age Kids

Workshops for school-age kids are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Saturday morning workshops are for children entering grades K to 6. Limit 3 workshops per child. In-person registration begins on Friday, June 19 at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Room. Registration by phone begins Monday, June 22 at 9 a.m. by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Edible Sandcastle / July 11 at 10 a.m. (Grades K to 3). Create an edible sandcastle. Workshop fee: $3. Parents: If your child has food allergies, please be aware that this workshop uses a variety of products.

Tile Quilt Trivet / July 11 at 11:30 a.m. (Grades 4 to 6). Decorate and grout a tile trivet that can be used as a paperweight. Workshop fee: $3.

Lost Aliens / July 18 at 10 a.m. (Grades K to 3). Create a craft based on the book Alistair in Outer Space by Marilyn Sandler.

Art Museum Diorama / July 18 at 11:30 a.m. (Grades 4 to 6). Create a craft based on the book You Can’t take a Balloon Into the Metropolitan Museum of Art by Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman.

Mask Creations / July 25 at 10 a.m. (Grades 1 to 3) or 11:15 a.m. (Grades 4 to 6). Learn about masks from around the world and create your own with the LI Children’s Museum.

Action Cartooning / August 1 at 10 a.m. (Grades 4 to 6). Learn the art of cartooning with local resident and former Marvel Comic Book artist Ben Caldwell. (Ben’s artwork will be on exhibit in the Children's Room and the Library’s Community Gallery during July and August.)

Dinosaur Stomp / August 8 at 10 a.m. (Grades K to 2). Create a small dinosaur puppet (complete with scenery).

Dragon Windsock / August 8 at 11:15 a.m. (Grades 3 to 4). Design a dragon patterned windsock.

Book Discussion Groups

In-person registration for the following groups begins on Friday, June 19 at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Room. Registration by phone begins Monday, June 22 at 9 a.m. by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Book titles to be announced and will be available at time of registration.

Third Grade Thinkers / Mondays, July 6, 20 and August 3 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. For children going into third grade.

Fourth Grade Favorites / Mondays, July 13, 27 and August 10 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. For children going into fourth grade.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Page Turners / Wednesdays, July 8, 22 and Tuesday, August 4 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. For children going into fifth and sixth grade.

Walk and Talk / Thursdays, July 16, 30 and August 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. For children going into fifth and sixth grade. Children will take a short walk (weather permitting) while sharing their favorite books.

Port resident exhibits paintings

Port Washington resident Eleanor Himel exhibits her paintings in the Main Gallery June 2 through 30. The Art Council hosts a reception for the artist on Saturday, June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. “The moods and colors of the ocean beaches and bays of Long Island are a constant source of inspiration. Summer vacations spent in the parklands of Ontario with its peaceful flat landscape and uninhabited lakes have also been favorite subjects of my paintings.” Eleanor received the Firehouse Plaza Gallery’s 2009 Award of Excellence. She is a member of The Art Guild of Port Washington, The Pen and Brush, NYC and the Stamford Art Association. Exhibits sponsored by the Art Advisory Council are privately funded by donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation.

Homemade Hollywood

Join Clive Young on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m., for an exciting look at the history of “fan films.” Regular people are making films based on their favorite movies, books, TV shows and even video games, using consumer video cameras and computers. Many of these films are high-quality efforts, sometimes with a price tag of as much as $30,000. They feature Batman, Harry Potter, Superman, Indiana Jones, Darth Vader and more of the world’s most famous characters. Most films have only been seen on the internet, but we’ll screen them in full-quality video. We’ll also discuss the history of the growing fan film movement and explore what compels budding filmmakers to invest so much.

Clive’s recently published Homemade Hollywood is a fascinating study of this overlooked corner of the filmmaking world. He is senior editor for Pro Sound News and has written for MTV, VH1.com and American Songwriter. This program is sponsored by the FOL.
Summer in TeenSpace for grades 7 - 12

TEEN SUMMER JOBS: Beginning July 1, the library will host the Port Washington Youth Council’s Teen Employment Bulletin Board of summer job listings for teens. Employers looking for student help this summer should contact Marianne Hart at 944-7025.

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB: “Express Yourself @ Your Library.” Students (entering grades 7-12) are invited to participate in this year’s Summer Reading Club for teens. Read books, write mini-reviews, win prizes! You can even send reviews from camp or vacation via mail or e-mail. Register in-person or online at www.pwpl.org/teenspace beginning, June 12. Come into TeenSpace to pick up a complete packet of reading club materials, including a sign-up prize, (while supplies last). Call 883-4400, Ext. 148 for information.

TEEN WORKSHOPS: Register for these workshops in-person beginning June 12, in TeenSpace, unless otherwise noted. These workshops are open to teens entering grades 7-12 as of September 2009. Complete information is in the Teen Summer Programs brochure at the library. Check 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, July 8 & 29 & August 19 at 7 p.m. Register in-person or by calling TeenSpace at 883-4400, Ext. 148. Free.

Point and Shoot Photography Workshop: Tuesday, July 7 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Italic Calligraphy Workshop: Thursday, July 9 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Decorate Your Denim Workshop: Tuesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Fondue — It’s Hip to Dip Workshop: Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Teen Video Game Tournament: Tuesday, July 21 at 6 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Kickin’ Quesadillas — A Cooking Workshop: Thursday, July 23 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Skateboard Design Workshop: Tuesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Graphic Novel/Manga Drawing Workshop: Thursday, July 30 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

i-Pod Case Craft Workshop: Tuesday, August 4 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

Teen Yoga Workshop: Thursday, August 6. Workshop fee: $5.

Express Yourself Poetry and Journaling Workshop: Tuesday, August 11 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: $5.

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