

The Port Washington Public Library

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its programs and services

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Library Foundation announces Jackie Spielman Storytelling Festival and Story Circle

In a move to refurbish, renew, and make technological upgrades to the Children's Story Circle and create an endowment to support programming in the art of storytelling, the Port Washington Library Foundation announces the establishment of the "Jackie Spielman Storytelling Festival" as a living and ongoing memorial to Jackie's consummate interest in children's literacy. Her husband, Hal Spielman, has provided the funding for this program as well as for the renovation of the story circle in the Children's Room.

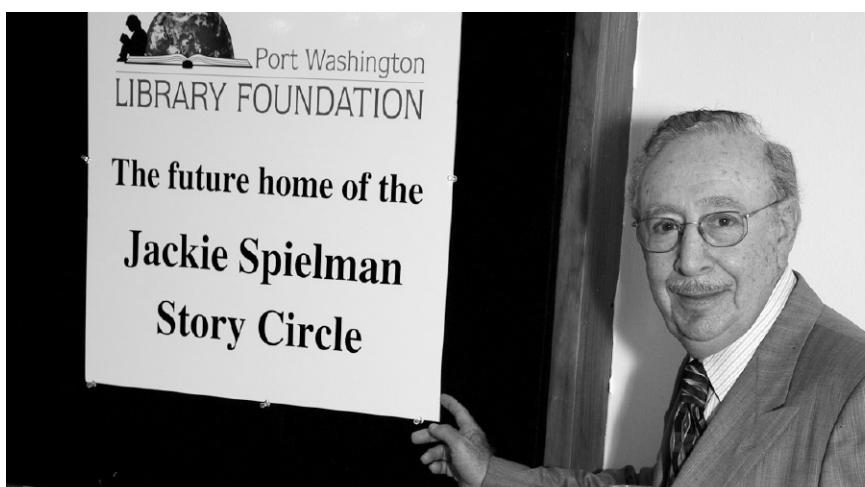
Hal Spielman commented on this contribution by saying, "Jackie loved living in Port Washington and it is hoped that this festival will be an ongoing memorial to her and a contribution to the vitality of this community."

Jackie Spielman was for many years a researcher and writer on future trends in society and business for Wells, Greene, and J. Walter Thompson. She was active in the Port Washington community and sat on the boards of the Children's Center, the Cultural Arts committee and the Sands Point Garden Club. One of her favorite activities was editing Manorhaven Memos in which she published 60 issues over a six year period, each of which ran 24 pages and contained her original articles on parenting.

Notable too was Jackie's successful effort to establish the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life," which has become an annual fixture in our community. Over one million dollars has been raised through this effort for cancer research.

Storytelling has been a hallmark of the library's programming for children since 1936. Today the program includes story hours for children of all ages offering more than 300 story sessions and early literacy programs with about 7600 children and parents in attendance throughout the year.

For more information about the Library Foundation or to make a donation in support of the Jackie Spielman Storytelling Festival and Story Circle, please call (516) 883-4400, Ext. 180 or e-mail Marc Saffren at saffrenm@pwpl.org.



Jackie Spielman, Hal Spielman in front of the future home of the Jackie Spielman Story Circle

Holiday schedule

The library will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and closed on Thursday, November 26. Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday the 13th is coming . . .

Are you prepared? Program coordinator Jessica Ley presents a PowerPoint presentation that explores the origins of triskaidekaphobia on, you guess it, Friday, November 13 at 12:10 p.m. A screening of Arthur Lubin's *Black Friday* follows her talk.

Friends & Family Day for all ages

The Friends of the Library hosts Friends & Family Day on Saturday, November 7, featuring a performance for children and a paperback book swap for all. Plan to join us! Magic Al will meet and greet children in the lobby before his 11 a.m. performance. Al is well known for his special blend of magic and comedy. His performance is geared for children in kindergarten and up, accompanied by a parent or care-giver. Back by popular demand, a paperback book swap will take place in the Hagedorn Room from noon to 3 p.m. There will be paperbacks of all types, for all ages. Bring paperbacks that you've enjoyed and return home with more to savor. Please limit the number of books you donate to 20, but take as many as you'd like. Books should be in good condition, please!



New magazines added to library collection

As of this past July, the library subscribes to the following magazines: *Art Review*, *Experience Life*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *Illustration*, *Knit Simple*, *Lucky*, *Men's Journal* and *Women's Health*. The latest issues of each title are kept in the Reading Room. *Game Pro* is a new addition to TeenSpace, and *Junior*

Baseball has been added to the Children's Room collection.

As always, you are welcome to submit suggestions for new magazines and newspapers. Please contact the Reference Room by calling 883-4400, Ext. 111, or by sending an e-mail to reference@pwpl.org

Upcoming Music Council programs

December 6 at 3 p.m. / Pianist Ran Dank

January 24 at 3 p.m. / Corinthian Trio

February 21 at 3 p.m. / Apollo Trio & Violist Misha Amory

Music Advisory Council programs are privately funded by donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation. All concerts are free; priority seating is given to Port Washington residents and cardholders.

Iris Kelmenson

Mixed Emotions / November 1 - 30

The Art Advisory Council will exhibit the work of Iris Kelmenson from November 1 through 30 in the Main Gallery.

A native of Brooklyn, Iris graduated from Brooklyn College and received a master's degree from Hofstra University. She raised a family in Massapequa, taught in the Wantagh Public Schools for 20 years and cannot remember a time when she wasn't committed to drawing and painting.

Iris paints florals as well as portraits, and has been a regular member of the Chrysalis Gallery in Southampton.

As a child, she spent hours in the fields with her naturalist father, identifying wild flowers, and along the way developed an appreciation for the mystery and beauty of nature. As a portrait artist, Iris finds inspiration in the many moods people reveal and she seeks to capture her subjects' inner thoughts.

Ms. Kelmenson studied at the Paul Margin workshop with John Murray, and at the Art Students League in New York City with David Leffel, Michael Burban, Peter Cox, Harvey Dinnerstein, Mary Beth McKensie and many others.

She has received awards from the Knickerbocker Artists, Allied Artists, Audubon Society, Pastel Society of America, American Art-

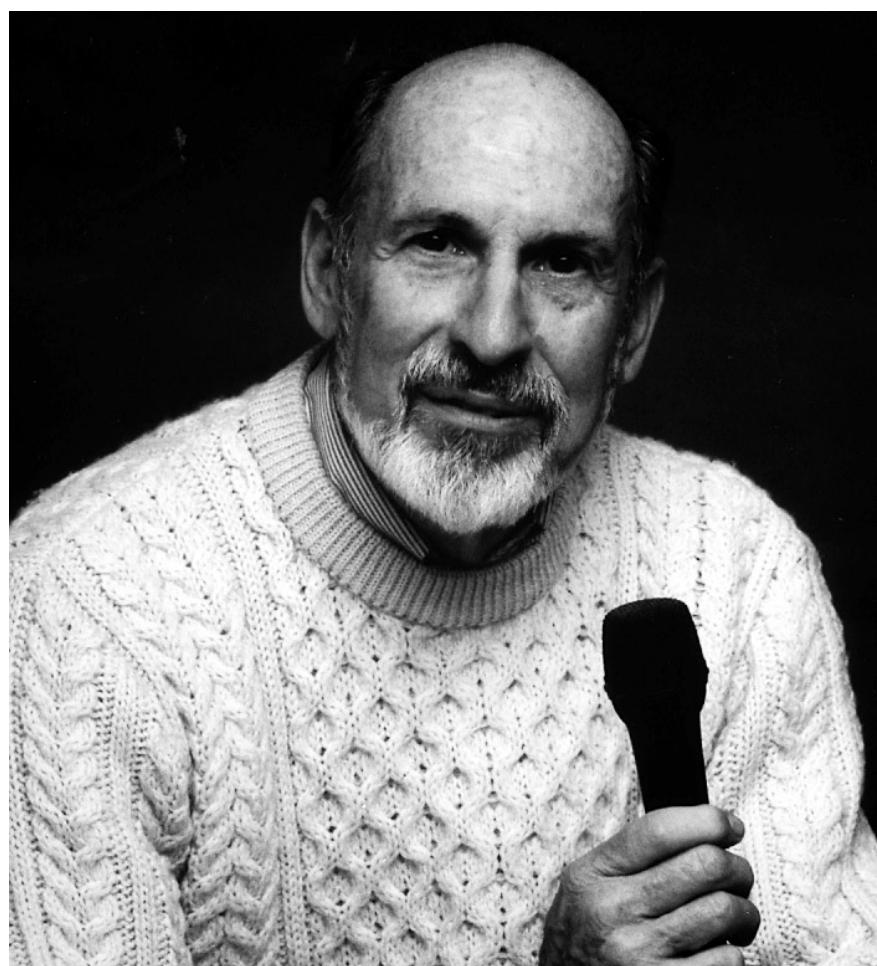
ists Professional League, Visual Art Alliance of Nassau County, East Islip Arts Council and the Suburban Art League. She won the Merit Scholarship at the Art Students League in N.Y.C. and Scarsdale Artists School.

"Painting brings me great happiness and peace," the artist says. "The happiness lies in the actual process of painting, the peace comes at the end when all the problems have been solved."

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Virginia - Foxy Lady, 39x30, oil



Dill Jones Memorial Jazz Concert features Dick Smolens Quartet

The Music Advisory Council welcomes the Dick Smolens Quartet in the Dill Jones Memorial Jazz Concert on Sunday, November 8 at 3 p.m. with "Broadway Revisited."

This concert pays tribute to the late Dillwyn "Dill" Jones, a renowned jazz pianist who lived the last years of his life in Port Washington. Dill Jones was one of the leading figures in London jazz circles prior to his coming to the United States in 1961. He is remembered for his considerable abilities as a performer of the "Harlem Stride Piano School" of jazz.

Dick Smolens was born and raised in New York City. He graduated from college with a BA and earned MS and EdD degrees. He taught elementary through gradu-

ate school for 37 years, and in 1991, retired from Hunter College (City University of New York).

With retirement, Dick combined his two great loves, music and teaching. He began performing nationally as a lecturer and vocalist. As a jazz vocalist, Dick records with his group, writes and presents programs introducing children to jazz (in New York City and Florida), teaches continuing education courses for several universities and other venues, lectures and sings at elderhostels, and, with his "Swingtets," gives concerts in New York, Florida, and Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Meena Bose evaluates Obama

Join Dr. Meena Bose for *Evaluating Obama's Administration: Hitting the Ground Running* on November 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Bose is Peter S. Kalikow Chair in Presidential Studies at Hofstra University and Director of Hofstra's Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency.

Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



Celebrate Port Washington in print

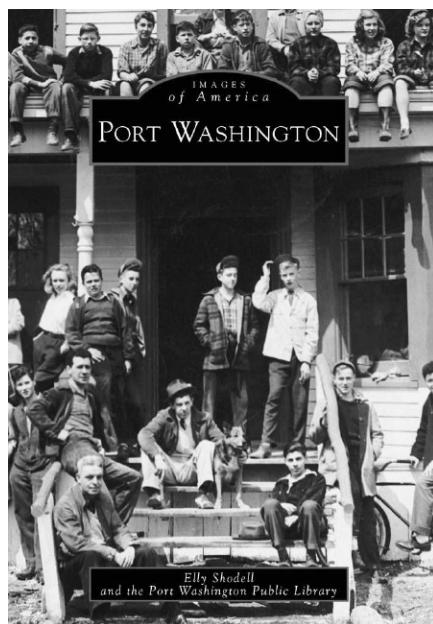
Celebrate our town with Elly Shodell, author of a new volume in the *Images of America* series from Arcadia Press. The home of musical and literary giants, early industrialists, famous aviators, yachtsmen and prominent politicians, Port Washington has been a major player in American life.

Ms. Shodell will talk about *Port Washington* at a program on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Photographs dating back to the 1890s will be included in Shodell's presentation, as well as oral history narratives. She is director of the Local History Center at the Library and the recipient of the Forrest C. Pogue Award in Oral History and the Woodrow Wilson fellowship in American History.



Author Elly Shodell (photo by Ansel Horn). The book is available for sale at the front desk.



Students use library archives for community research

Under the guidance of Eric Begun, a group of Schreiber High School students is researching the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington archives for information relating to community and environment. This project was initiated by Myron Blumenfeld, one-time chairman of Residents and currently a PWPL Board member.

Themes range from drinking water quality, legal issues, landfills, and safe harbor concerns to local company histories. Students' research will eventually result in articles, video documentaries and interviews.

According to Mr. Begun, a personal visit by Mr. Blumenfeld to the Local History Center galva-

nized the students to understand the way in which one person can make a difference in the quality of life and environment of a town. It confirmed the overall worthiness of this project for the community in which they live.

Elly Shodell, director of the Local History Center, is delighted that the younger segment of the Port population has discovered some of the treasures in the library's archival holdings, and hopes that additional students will join this core group.

If you are a Schreiber High School student and want to be part of this on-going effort, contact Eric Begun at ejb421@optonline.net.



Schreiber High School students preparing special research projects in the Port Washington Public Library's Local History Center

Teens and drug use

A panel of medical and behavioral experts in the field of chemical dependency, and representatives from the criminal justice system, will discuss adolescent abuse of prescription drugs on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Teens and Prescription Drugs: Do You Know Who is in Your Medicine Cabinet? will look at the consequences and ramifications of teen drug use. This problem has reached epidemic proportions and is close to home. The panel will cover what is happening and how this can affect our children.

This program is sponsored by the Port Counseling Center and Port Washington Public Library's TeenSpace and Health Advisory Council.



Gathering Time takes our stage

Hillary Foxsong, Stuart Markus and Glen Roethel, a.k.a. Gathering Time, have been winning fans with their spirited blend of folk and acoustic originals, interpretations of choice covers, and wonderful three-part vocal harmonies. You may have caught a sample of their style at our 5th Annual Celebration of Long Island Talent last month. On Sunday, November 15 at 3 p.m., you'll get an opportunity to enjoy a full length performance.

Meet author Barbara Graham

Eye of My Heart: 27 Writers Reveal the Hidden Pleasures and Perils of Being a Grandmother is Barbara Graham's compilation of original essays by noted journalists, novelists and essayists, each one a grandmother. These essays offer honest and straightforward perspectives on a complex role that many take for granted.

Ms. Graham will visit the library on Friday, November 6 at 12:10 p.m. She is a noted essayist and playwright, and author of the book *Women Who Run with the Poodles*. She is a contributing writer at *O: The Oprah Magazine*.

Books will be available for pur-

chase and signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



November 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.*

Friends and Family Day

The Friends of the Library hosts Friends & Family Day on Saturday, November 7. Join us for madcap magic and a dash of circus arts with magician Al Garber at 11 a.m. No tickets required.

A Paperback Book Swap for all ages will take place in the Hagedorn Room from noon to 3 p.m.



Tweens' Night Out

Friday, November 20 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited for an evening get-together at the library. Celebrate National Game and Puzzle Week (November 22 to 28) and have fun playing popular board games. *Registration begins Friday, November 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.* Participants are invited to bring their favorite board games. Light refreshments will be served.

Parenting Program

CPR for Infants and Children

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 1 & 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Learn how to reduce the risk of injury to infants and children, how to care for an infant or child who stops breathing and how to perform cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Presented by Ildiko Catuogno, a certified Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid instructor and volunteer for the American Red Cross. *In-person registration is limited and begins Saturday, November 21 at 9 a.m. in the Children's Room.* Fee is \$10 per person. *Limit one person per household.* Please note: This is a non-certified CPR program. Due to the nature of each class, attendance is required for both dates.

Book Discussion for 3rd & 4th Graders

Thursday, November 19 at 4 p.m.

Third and fourth grade members in this monthly book group will meet from 4 to 4:45 p.m. *For availability call 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Our Monthly Display

Visit the Children's Room to enjoy a display of artwork created by students who are now in third grade at the South Salem School.

Preschool Workshops

PlayHooray - Monday, November 9

A preschool music and movement program. *PlayHooray for Babies* for ages birth to 18 months with an adult at 10 or 10:45 a.m. *PlayHooray for Toddlers* for ages 18 months to 2½ years with an adult at 11:30 a.m. *PlayHooray* for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult at 12:30 p.m. *Registration begins Monday, November 2 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Thanksgiving Day Craft - November 23 at noon or 1 p.m.

Join presenter Jeanne Hall and share a seasonal craft, stories and songs. For children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. *Registration begins Monday, November 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Holiday Family Program Goowin's Balloowins

Friday, November 27 at noon or 2 p.m.

Using his talents for storytelling, theater and balloons, madcap balloon artist Allyn Gooen puts a new twist on tales from around the world. For families with children ages 3½ and up. *Tickets are required and will be available Tuesday, November 17 at 9 a.m. in the Children's Room.* Co-sponsored by the Children's Advisory Council, which is privately funded by donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation.

Intergenerational Chess Workshop

Sundays, November 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Join the Long Island Chess Nuts and learn how to play chess and improve your skills. Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to enjoy the game with a parent, grandparent or favorite adult. *Registration in progress — for availability call the Children's Room at 883-4400, Ext. 150.* Co-sponsored by the Blumenfeld Family Fund in memory of Lawrence Kamisher.

Twilight Tuesdays

Pajama Story Time in English and Spanish – Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. Takes place the second Tuesday of every month. Come in pajamas and enjoy stories, songs and fun activities 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, November 17 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, November 24 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.*

Fun with computer classes

Tuesday, November 10 at 3 p.m.

LOVE TO READ? Re-kindle your love of reading with the latest technology!

Tony Traguardo will offer a hands-on look at some of the latest inventions, software applications and websites in the world of digital electronic book technology. The program will explore methods for accessing the many eBook titles available through the library's website, as well as how to best use these resources with devices that you currently own, and tools that you may consider purchasing (or borrowing!) in the future ... including Amazon's Kindle. Knowledge of basic computer hardware and software is a plus for this program.

Tuesday, November 17 at 3 p.m.

SEARCH PARTY AT THE LIBRARY

Navigating the Internet can be fun and informative when you know the best methods to get the most accurate results. Tony Traguardo conducts this session on how to make search engines like Google run their best for you. You'll also find out more about the many databases available to you through the library's website and elsewhere online. Basic search strategies, do's and don'ts, and the features and qualities of the most popular informational sites will be discussed.



Lou Levitt

Two Faces of Mexico

November 5 - December 20

Meet the photographer at a reception on Saturday, November 14 at 2 p.m. He will also be available to discuss his work in the Photography Gallery on Tuesday, November 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.



The Defibrillators visit November 20

Aging baby boomers now have a band whose music reflects their refusal to grow old gracefully. As pioneers of Senior Citizen Rock and Blue-Haired Blues, The Defibrillators poke good-natured fun at the foibles of aging in their contagious blues-based rock originals. Billing themselves as "the World's Oldest Boy Band," The Defibrillators show that they can kick it as energetically as (if not as high as) any of the young whippersnapper bands making the scene. The group will take the library stage on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. The "boys" in the band are Sonny Speed on keyboards, Bob "Pops" Westcott and "Dr. Max" Foreman on guitars, Bob Cattrano on bass, Robert Langley on drums, and Sonny Meadows on lead vocals and harmonica.

Films from Norway on DVD

This month we screen Bent Hamer's *O'Horten*, a drama from Norway. Here are some of the other Norwegian productions in our circulating DVD collection:

The Bothersome Man (2006).

Andreas arrives in a strange city with no memory of how he got there. This film won Amanda Awards for Best Director (Jens Lien), Best Actor (Trond Fausa Aurvag) and Best Screenplay (Per Schreiner).

Buddy (2003). When Kris-

toffer's video diary winds up on a popular TV show, his life is turned upside down. Morten Tyldum directed, from Lars Gudmestad's screenplay.

Cool & Crazy (2001). Singers

find purpose, companionship and fame as members of a male choir in Berlevag. Knut Erik Jensen directed this documentary.

The Danish Poet (2006). Kas-

par, a poet with writer's block, encounters a spell of bad weather, an angry dog, slippery barn planks, a careless postman and hungry goats. Liv Ullmann narrates Torill Kove's animated short.

Edvard Munch (1976). Peter

Watkins's biographical drama details the brief life of painter and printmaker Edvard Munch (Geir Westby).

Elling (2001). After a two-year

stint in a state home, shy, neurotic Elling (Per Christian Ellefsen) and his friend, the loud, sex-obsessed Kjell (Sven Nordin), are forced to re-enter the real world. Petter Naess's comedy was Oscar-nominated.

Hawaii, Oslo (2004). Director

Erik Poppe and screenwriter Harald Rosenlow Eeg interweave five stories about love, all set in Oslo on the hottest day of the year.

Insomnia (1997). A brilliant

but arrogant detective (Stellan Skarsgard) is dispatched to a remote hamlet to find the killer of a beautiful young woman. Erik Skjoldbaerg directed.

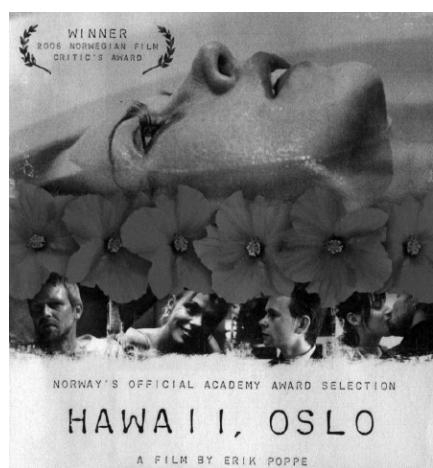
Kitchen Stories (2003). A Swedish efficiency expert (Tomas Norstrom) forms an unlikely friendship with his subject, a wily old Norwegian farmer (Joachim Calmayer). Producer/director Bent Hamer also co-scripted this wry comedy.

Monster Thursday (2004). Tord

(Christian Skulmen) marries Karen (Silje Salomonsen), whom his long-time friend Even (Vegar Hoel) has always loved. Director Arild Ostin Ommundsen scripted with Gro Elin Hjelle.

Next Door (2005). Newly single, John befriends Anne and Kim, the two women living in the cluttered labyrinth of an apartment next door. Neighborliness leads to a bizarre seduction and a blow to the jaw that dredges up disturbing memories. Director Pal Sletaune also scripted.

Strings (2004). In a mythical world populated by marionettes, a prince vows to avenge the apparent murder of his father, the king. Anders Ronnow-Klarlund directed.



What's new in TeenSpace for grades 7 - 12?

TEEN BABYSITTING WORKSHOP: Sessions on November 5 and 12 for those previously registered.

MEET THE BABYSITTERS: An opportunity for "graduates" of the Teen Babysitting Workshop to meet parents of young children at a brief reception co-sponsored by the Parent Resource Center. November 12 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Food for Thought

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, everyone's thoughts turn to eating. Here's a selection of books in TeenSpace that relate to food in fact and fiction. Bon Appetit!

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer. When 16-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways Diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor. YA FIC Bauer

College Cooking by Megan & Jill Carle. Great recipes specifically adapted for cooks with very little equipment,

cooking experience and money, with tips on survival cooking, cheap eats and avoiding the "freshman fifteen." [Self Help] YA 641.5 C

A La Carte by Tanita S. Davis. Lainey, a high school senior and aspiring celebrity chef, is forced to question her priorities after her best friend (and secret crush) runs away from home. YA FIC Davis

Girls Dinner Club by Jessie Elliot. Junie, Celia and Danielle, three ethnically diverse high school students in Brooklyn, form a friendship while cooking dinners together and helping one another sort through their romantic entanglements. YA FIC Elliot

Break by Hannah Moskowitz. To relieve the pressures of caring for a brother with life-threatening food allergies and parents who are at odds with one other, 17-year-old Jonah sets out to break every bone in his body in hopes of becoming stronger. YA FIC Moskowitz

Girlosophy: Real Girls Eat by Anthea Paul. All about helping young women

navigate their way through the world of food, this book inspires readers to eat in a way that equally serves the mind, the body, the spirit and the planet. [Self Help] YA 641.563 P

The Student's Go Vegan Cookbook by Carole Raymond. Over 135 quick, easy, cheap and tasty recipes tailored to fit a student's schedule and budget make a vegan diet possible for just about anybody. [Self Help] YA 641.563 R

Flavor of the Week by Tucker Shaw. Cyril, an overweight boy who is good friends with Rose but wishes he could be more, helps his best friend Nick woo her with culinary masterpieces which Cyril himself secretly creates. Includes recipes. YA FIC Shaw

Get Cooking by Sam Stern. Find something to contribute to your Thanksgiving dinner from 100 new recipes by the world famous teenage cook. [Self Help] YA 641.5 S

My Saucy Stuffed Ravioli: The Life of Angelica Cookson Potts by Cherry Whytock. While on vacation to Italy, food-loving English teenager An-

gelica deals with unrequited love, her fear of being seen in public in a bikini, and her worries about her mother's new relationship. Recipes included. YA FIC Whytock



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