

The Port Washington Public Library

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its programs and services

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Pianist Vassilis Varvaresos on November 16



The Music Advisory Council welcomes Greek pianist Vassilis Varvaresos on Sunday, November 16 at 3 p.m. Varvaresos is considered one of the bright new stars in the music world today. After his debut recital at the Kennedy Center, *The Washington Post* called him "A young master on the rise, displaying enormous technical resources, commanding power and musicianship."

Recent highlights include his New York concerto debut in February 2007. In January 2008, Mr. Varvaresos performed Manolis Kalomiris' Piano Concerto in a two-week tour of China with the Athens State Symphony Orchestra. This past July, he was awarded a scholarship from the Gina Bachauer Foundation in Athens.

Mr. Varvaresos began his career after winning First Prize in the Young Concert Artists International Auditions in New York at the age of 14, the youngest pianist ever to win the Auditions.

Born in Thessaloniki, Greece in 1983, Mr. Varvaresos started

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Library schedule

The library will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 and closed Thursday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Topical Tuesday

Join us on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. for *Alluring Androids & Robots in Film*. Filmmakers, photographers, and artists have long been fascinated by the idea of artificial women that seem alive — *The Stepford Wives*, *Lara Croft*, the latest in female Japanese robots. Dr. Julie Wosk's slide-illustrated lecture is a fascinating exploration.

Citizenship classes

The library will offer free Citizenship Preparation Classes on Saturdays, November 15 and 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants should be prepared to attend the full six hours. The 100 American history and government questions for the updated Citizenship Test will be reviewed. Practice questions for the personal interview for citizenship will also be covered. This program is supported by a generous grant from the Friends of the Library. Contact Peggy O'Hanlon at 883-4400, Ext. 147 to register.

AAC welcomes artist Burt Young

Burt Young is an Oscar nominated actor, author and a lifelong painter. On the screen, he is best known for his role as Paulie in the *Rocky* film series.

Mr. Young will exhibit his paintings in the library's Main Gallery November 1 through 30. The Art Advisory Council hosts a reception for the artist on Saturday, November 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Young's paintings are a work of passion. He interprets his unique life experiences by creating paintings that reflect a vibrant use of color and bold use of the brush. His creations are filled with emotion. He is a true artist at heart.

Young has exhibited his work in Los Angeles, New York and Montreal, and eagerly looks forward to his opening here, in his new hometown.



New magazines and newspapers

The library now subscribes to the following magazines and newspapers for public browsing: *Antiques Roadshow Insider*, *Cottage Living*, *Financial Times*, *Le Monde*, *Library Sparks* (for children), *Paste*, *Rock and Gem*, *Self* and *Traditional Home*. Current and recent back issues are in the Reading Room. Ask for older issues at the periodicals desk in the Reference Room.

Library Foundation thanks gala honorees

The Port Washington Library Foundation thanks honorees Ted Bier, Marian McPartland and Dr. Glen S. Ruben, donors and all of the guests for their support of its Fifth Inspiration Gala.

Did you know . . .

. . . that you can review your account, check due dates, reserve and renew your library materials online anytime? Visit our website at www.pwpl.org to get started.

. . . that the library provides notary service, weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.? No appointment is necessary, but call ahead to confirm availability.

. . . that middle school and high school text books are available for use in TeenSpace?

Saturday, November 22 at 10 a.m.

Library furniture sale

Library furniture, including office chairs (some Herman Miller), lounge chairs and file cabinets will be available for sale on Saturday, November 22. Furniture can be viewed in the library's Lapham Meeting Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Minimum bids will be established and patrons can write in a bid for the item of their choice. Highest final bids will be read at 3:15 p.m. Items must be removed from the premises on Saturday no later than 5 p.m.

PWPL Nautical News

Thanks to the library's Nautical Advisory Council, chaired by Andrea Watson, a major project has been launched to digitize hundreds of photographs that reveal the history of boats, boating, fishing, clubs, work and recreation on Port Washington's waters. Access to these historic memories is just 2 clicks away at www.pwpl.org (go to Digital Collections, then Nautical Port Washington).

You can view famous yachting races; classic boats such as the "Masquerader" and "Baby Bootlegger;" family sailing days in 1903; portraits of pioneers such as Commodore George "Pop" Cory; aerial views showing changes to our bays; legendary baymen such as Tom Kaelin; ferry docks of yore; clambakes, clubs and fleets.

This digital initiative owes its existence to the Nautical Photograph Collection, which has been built by contributions from families such as the Purdys, Marshalls, Leibers, Frasers, Larsens, Petersens, Rudds, McCanns, Hewletts and many, many more. It has grown rapidly over the years. Library staffers Lee Fertitta and Elly Shodell continue to obtain original nautical materials for safe-keeping in the archives. Careful preparation by digital archivist Janet Schneider ensures that each picture received

is stored in its own folder and described in full in the Local History Center's catalogue.

The Nautical Committee has supported this project over the past two years in order to preserve these priceless images for generations to come. Through continued additions to the Nautical Port Washington website, our goal is to create a comprehensive, one-of-a-kind primary source database for schools, researchers, local residents and anyone interested in nautical history and traditions.



Andrea Watson (l) and Elly Shodell (r) in the Local History Center

November 1 & 2

FOL invites all to Friends & Family Weekend

Join the Friends of the Library for its Third Annual Friends & Family Weekend on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2. The weekend highlights the library as a friendly meeting place for patrons of all ages. All events are free and held in the library.



Saturday November 1

11 a.m.: Silent vaudevillian Chip Bryant (pictured at left) makes a return engagement in this entertaining performance for young children in the Lapham Room.

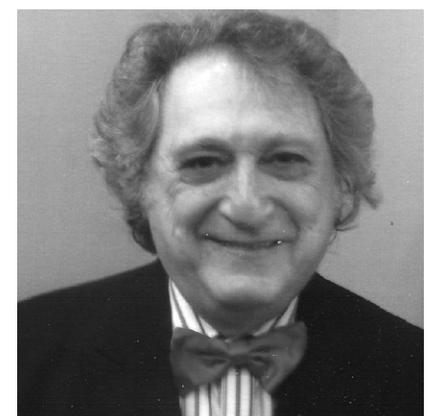
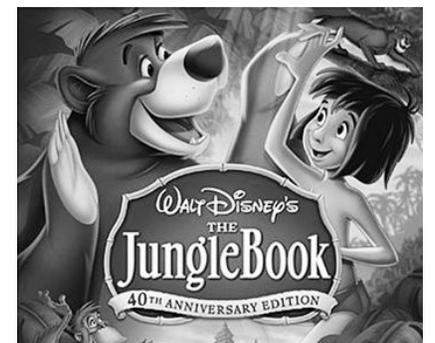
Noon to 4 p.m.: Return of the Paperback Book Swap! Bring your paperback adult, teen and children's books — good condition only! — to the library's Hagedorn Room for a free book swap. Please: no hardcovers and no more than 20 books per person! Books not accepted outside or in the lobby.

3 p.m.: Enjoy Disney's classic family movie *The Jungle Book*, with free popcorn and beverages in the Lapham Room.

Sunday November 2

2 p.m.: Noted film critic, author, educator and lecturer William Wolf (at right) of New York University will speak on "Social Action in Film from *The Grapes of Wrath* to *Sicko*" in the Lapham Room. Film clips will be shown. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition to these events, the Friends of the Library sponsored an art contest for children in grades K-6 who were asked to illustrate a scene from their favorite book. Prize winners will be announced at the family movie on Saturday, November 1 at 3 p.m.





Jean Ritchie Folk Concert December 7

On Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m., the Music Advisory Council hosts its annual Jean Ritchie Folk Concert with an appearance by Doofus, a lively old-time band consisting of two couples: Neal & Coleen Walters and John & Heidi Cerrigione. Together they play guitar, autoharp, dulcimer (mountain & hammered), mandolin, banjo and acoustic bass. Look for more on the band in next month's issue.

Ask a Librarian and Live Homework Help upgrades

Spanish speaking tutors and extended hours

Ask a Librarian, now available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 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. **Live Homework Help** is available daily between 2 and 10 p.m. to offer assistance to students in grades K through 12, college preparatory and adult learners. Both programs now also provide services in Spanish. Log on to www.pwpl.org with your library card to make use of these online resources. Both are made possible by the Friends of the Library.

15 ways to cope . . .

When you've lost your job

- First, think of yourself as "Between Jobs"—after all, being unemployed is just a temporary condition.
- Set aside a chunk of time — say two half days —and volunteer. On one of those days, make sure there's some new skill or process you can learn.
- If you must earn money during this time, get a night job so that you're free during the day for interviews and searching.
- Learn a new skill, computer application, or make a new professional affiliation — something you can add to your resume.
- Set a physical fitness goal. This will build your confidence during this time and also make you feel better! (Cookies are not your support group!)
- Set any goal you can accomplish within a few months. Accomplishing a goal leaves **you feeling in control!**
- Job searching can be emotionally draining. Make sure you have things on your calendar to look forward to. Have a life; not just a job search!
- Take a foreign language class. This will get you out of the house and add to your store of knowledge.
- Stay positive! It's only the effort that produces results!
- Make an appointment with the library's career coach, Diane Reynolds, M.S. Ed. She has the other **5 WAYS TO COPE** plus specific examples of some of the above.

Pianist Vassilis Varvaresos *continued from page one*

studying music at age five. He began to read notes and play the piano so quickly that he was given a scholarship to the Conservatory of Northern Greece. He continued his studies at the Conservatory of Thessaloniki with Milena Mollova.

Mr. Varvaresos earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School, where he is currently pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree as a student of Yoheved Kaplinsky and Jerome Lowenth.



The "Favorite Places" of Great Neck photographer Phyllis R. Goodfriend do not often coincide with those of the typical tourist. In pursuing her passion for photography, she seeks out unusual and frequently bypassed locations, sometimes finding beauty in the most unlikely sites. *Favorite Places* will be on exhibit in the Photography Gallery November 6 through December 30. Meet the artist at a reception on Saturday, November 8 at 2 p.m. and at a slide talk on Monday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.

BOOK CLUB

[IN A BAG]

Attention Book Clubs!

We've initiated a new service just for you. Book Club in a Bag provides everything needed for a book club meeting — multiple copies of a title, an information binder with reviews, notes on the author, discussion questions and other information pertinent to the title or to book club management. So if the thought of starting a book group, or keeping one going, seems overwhelming, relax. We've done the work for you.

There are 10 different "kits" for groups to use. If you have a title that you think might work as a "book club book," let us know. Suggestions are welcome.

Reserves can be made by phone or in person up to a year in advance. Visit www.pwpl.org for available titles or call Lee Fertitta at Ext. 135.

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.*

Twilight Tuesdays

Pajama Story Time in English and Spanish

Tuesday, November 11 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 18 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 25 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.*

Preschool Workshops

A Time for Kids - Monday, November 3 at 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy an interactive hour with presenter Donna Green. Educational activities combine preschool concepts and fun. Storytelling, dancing, a take home craft and much more. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Registration began in October – for availability call Children's Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Musical Moppets – Monday, November 10

A music and movement program filled with nursery rhymes, stories, songs and fingerplays. *Musical Moppets for Babies* for children ages birth to 29 months with an adult at 12:15 or 1 p.m. *Musical Moppets* for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult at 1:45 p.m. *Registration began in October – for availability call Children's Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Thanksgiving Craft – Monday, November 24 at 12 & 1 p.m.

Join presenter Jeanne Hall and share seasonal stories, songs and fingerplays. For children ages 2½ to 5 accompanied by an adult. *Registration begins Monday, November 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

A Time for Kids – Monday, December 1 at 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy an interactive hour with presenter Donna Green. Educational activities combine preschool concepts and fun. Storytelling, dancing, a take home craft and much more. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Registration begins Monday, November 17 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Hands-on-Music – Monday, December 8 at 12 & 1 p.m.

Share stories, songs and fingerplays with musician Dara Linthwaite. For children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. *Registration begins Monday, November 24 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext.150.*

Our Monthly Display

Visit the Children's Room throughout the month to enjoy a display of artwork created by the children who attend the Happy Montessori School of Port Washington.

Family Square Dance – Friday, November 28 at 12 & 2 p.m.

Holiday Family Program

Swing your partner and dosie-do! Experience the fun of country dance with caller Pat Cannon from the Foot and Fiddle Dance Company. Families and friends will learn basic square dance and line dance techniques with a minimum of confusion and a maximum of fun! For children ages 5 and up accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are required and will be available beginning Monday, November 17 in the Children's Room. *Parents, due to the nature of this program tickets are limited - please comply with the age guidelines.* Co-sponsored by the Children's Advisory Council.



Friends and Family Day . . .

The Friends of the Library hosts Friends & Family Day on Saturday, November 1. See story in this issue for programs geared toward children and families.

School-Age Workshop

Early American Folklore – Friday, November 14 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Learn about the people of colonial America. Try out some songs, rhymes, crafts and games enjoyed by Native Americans, European Americans and African Americans during the colonial period. Presented by the Long Island Children's Museum for children in grades 1 through 4. *Registration begins Monday, November 3 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Calling all tweens — register for a tour of the Metropolitan Opera

What goes on behind the scenes of a major production? Twenty Port children between the ages of 10 and 12 will have the chance to take an exciting tour backstage at the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center on Saturday, November 15. The 90-minute tour explores the creation of an opera production, guiding visitors through the shops where artisans work on the sets, costumes and wigs, and includes the rehearsal facilities, 10-story backstage complex and the auditorium.

Each child must be accompanied by a grandparent or other adult. The bus will leave the library at 8:30

a.m., arriving in time for a 10 a.m. guided tour. Thanks to a generous donation from the Library Foundation's Tepper Inter-generational Fund, there is no fee. Registration began in October — for availability call Children's Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150.





Great Scott & Zelda

Spend an hour with the Fitzgeralds during the spring of 1924 on Friday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. Learn about the issues, people, events and personal histories of the day. The dialogue is based on the couple's love letters and literary correspondence, as well as Scott's novels, essays and short stories. Steve Corbellini and Melanie Lipton star in this play written and directed by David Houston.

Peter Sellers in all formats

This month we screen *The World of Henry Orient*, starring England's comic chameleon, Peter Sellers. Born on September 8, 1925 to a show business family, the actor served in the Royal Air Force during WWII, during which time he honed his comedy chops in the Entertainments National Service Association. After the war he performed in variety shows and on the classic *Goon Show*. He won fame as a brilliant film actor throughout the 1960s and '70s, but was felled by a heart attack on July 22, 1980. Here are some other Sellers titles in our circulating collection:

DVD: *After the Fox* (Sellers plays con artist Aldo Vanucci a.k.a. film director Federico Fabrizi) • *Alice in Wonderland* (as the King of Hearts) • *Being There* (Chance the gardener) • *Casino Royale* (one of several James Bonds) • *Dr. Strangelove* (the insane title character, also Group Captain Lionel Mandrake and President Merkin Muffley) • *Heavens Above!* (Rev. John Smallwood) • *Hoffman* (lonely businessman Benjamin Hoffman) • *I'm All Right Jack* (workman Fred Kite and Sir John Kennaway) • *The Ladykillers* (spiv Harry Robinson) • *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers* (Geoffrey Rush plays the actor) • *Mr. Strangelove: A Biography of Peter Sellers* by Ed Sikov. • *Lolita* (the diabolical Clare Quilty) • *The Mouse That Roared* (Grand Duchess Glorina XI, Prime Minister

Mountjoy and Tully Bascombe) • *The Naked Truth* (Scottish television personality Sonny MacGregor) • *Never Let Go* (crook Lionel Meadows) • *The Party* (accident-prone Indian movie extra Hrundi V. Bakshi) • *The Pink Panther* (the bumbling Inspector Jacques Clouseau) • *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* • *Revenge of the Pink Panther* • *The Road to Hong Kong* (a cameo as an Indian neurologist) • *A Shot in the Dark* (Clouseau's second appearance) • *The Smallest Show on Earth* (elderly projectionist Leslie Quill) • *Trail of the Pink Panther* (a posthumous appearance) • *Two Way Stretch* (clever convict Dodger Lane) • *The Unknown Peter Sellers* (a documentary) • *The Wrong Arm of the Law* (criminal Pearly Gates).

VHS: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (the March Hare) • *The Best of British Film Comedy* • *John and Julie* (Constable Diamond) • *Only Two Can Play* (ambitious librarian John Lewis) • *Trial and Error* (solicitor Wilfred Morgenhall) • *Waltz of the Toreadors* (randy General Leo Fitzjohn) • *The Wrong Box* (cat-loving coroner Dr. Pratt)

CD: *Classic Songs and Sketches*.

Books: *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers* by Roger Lewis • *Mr. Strangelove: A Biography of Peter Sellers* by Ed Sikov.

Meet author Alix Strauss

Author Alix Strauss visits our Sandwiched In program on Friday, November 7 at 12:10 p.m. to discuss her two recent works of fiction. *The Joy of Funerals* (St. Martin's Press, 2007) is a novel composed of short stories in the vein of *Six Feet Under*. A young widow who lusts, a daughter who aches, a shopaholic who hungers, and many others comprise these stories, which won the Ingram Award.

Booklist says: "... a riveting collection that explores the lives of nine young women, each willing to take drastic measures to fill the voids created by longing and loneliness... the dark humor throughout does little to blunt the aching sadness of these women struggling to find their places in the world."

In *Have I Got a Guy for You!* (St. Martin's Press, 2008), mom swears she's found "the one" for you, her baby girl, and you end up on the date from hell. If you've been there, done that, you'll recognize a dating *Catch-22*. This collection of hilarious, wince-inducing true stories will introduce you to two dozen victims of mom's well-meaning meddling.

Alix Strauss, who lives in New York City, has written for many publications including the *New York Times*, *Time*, *Self*, *Marie Claire*, *Elle* and *Entertainment Weekly*. She frequently appears on TV, reporting

on pop-culture trends. Both books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



November 14 at 7:30 p.m.

When music meets art

Join producer/director Martin Spinelli and artist Michael McNamara for the screening of *New York Canvas: The Art of Michael McNamara* on Friday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Follow Michael McNamara through the streets of New York as he captures the sights and scenes of the city he loves. A Brahms Piano Quartet, in live performance by the Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players, provides a lively accompaniment to this fast-paced documentary short, which was directed and produced by Martin J. Spinelli.

Afterward, we'll screen *Life On Jupiter*. Jens Nygaard's Jupiter Symphony inspired devoted fans for over 20 years, performing in venues from Carnegie Hall to the Good Shepherd Church (next to, but just outside of, Lincoln Center).

A child prodigy from Arkansas who had learned every instrument in the orchestra, Nygaard graduated from the Juilliard School with high hopes of conducting. He then found himself shunted aside by the New York musical establishment.



Michael McNamara's *Passing Time*

Unlike many disappointed artists, Jens would not give up his will to conduct. His journey led to homelessness, mental illness, and years of rejection before triumphing with his Jupiter Symphony.

The orchestra has drawn the highest praise from Manhattan's toughest critics, including Harold Schonberg and Martin Bookspan, who have acclaimed Nygaard as a genius. He died on September 26, 2001 at age 69.

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

November 6

TEEN BABYSITTING WORKSHOP: Today's session: Handling Emergencies. Representatives of the Port Washington Police and Fire Departments discuss emergency situations that could require their help. This is part of a four-session course for students (grades 7 through 12). For those registered. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

November 13

TEEN BABYSITTING WORKSHOP for those registered. Today's session: Entertaining Children: Jeanne Hall will demonstrate storytelling, simple crafts, games, songs, and finger plays. 4 to 5 p.m.

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. 5 to 6 p.m.

Got Space?

Now you can download audio-books at home to your computer and transfer them to your MP3 player. Some available titles include: *Heat* by Mike Lupica, *Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* by Gabrielle Zevin, *The Rules of Survival* by Nancy Werlin, *Someone Like You* by Sarah Dessen, *Sweethearts* by Sara Zarr and *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. It's easy listening for your enjoyment — anywhere, anytime!

New Books in TeenSpace

HELP! Do you need help with manners, math, money or your manifesto? Check out some of the latest self-help titles for teens!

The Career Chronicles: An Insider's Guide to What Jobs Are Really Like by Michael Gregory. (YA 331.702G)

Stress 101: An overview for Teens by Margaret O. Hyde and Elizabeth H. Forsyth, M.D. Discusses stress,

what it does to your body, how to manage it, and how it affects your life (YA 616.98H.)

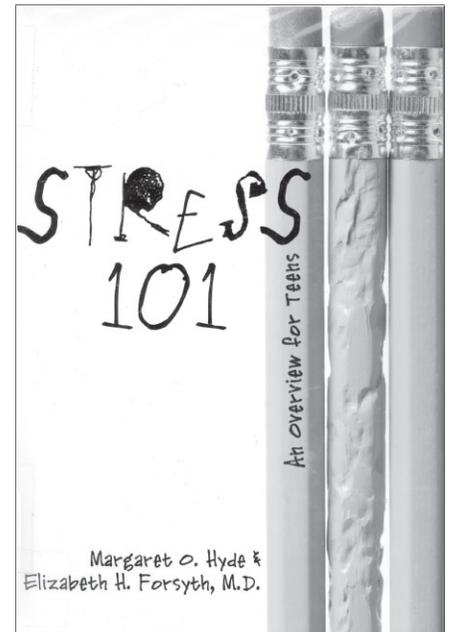
97 Things to do Before You Finish High School by Steven Jenkins and Ericka Stalder. Discover new places, new people, new hobbies, and open your eyes to the world. Learn about the stuff they don't teach you in high school like how to host a film festival, plan your first road trip, make a podcast, spend a day in silence, or shut down a house party before the police do. Interest, amuse and educate yourself—because your life doesn't stop at 3 PM each day, it just gets started. (YA 646.7008J)

Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math Without Losing Your Mind or Breaking a Nail by Danica McKellar. (YA 510M)

Red: The Next Generation of American Writers—Teenage Girls on What Fires up Their Lives Today edited by

Amy Goldwasser. A vivid portrait of what it means to be a teenage girl in America today (YA 814.08R.)

Teen Manners: From Malls to Meals to Messaging and Beyond by Cindy Post Senning, Ed.D., and Peggy Post. (YA 395.123S)



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