Be green! Have fun!

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22, and the Library is hosting its first ever Earth Day Fair with a full day of activities and programs for all ages. Come have fun and learn what Port Washington is doing, and what more can be done, to create a greener, more environmentally sustainable community.

There will be crafts, critters, and lots of activities for kids. Find a wealth of information on how to be greener at home and around town. Meet your elected officials and get to know our local environmental organizations. Stop by for giveaways, enter a raffle, have some food, and stick around for a few surprises.

See page 4 of this issue for a schedule of events.

Civil War 150

From Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26, we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War with a full weekend of lectures, activities, films, performances, and exhibits. If you’re a Civil War history buff, this is the event for you; if not, we just may turn you into one.

Among the presenters will be Civil War experts Professor James Coll Dr. Jay Bollet, Fran Bock, Si Shink and Alfred C. Ronzoni. Balladeer Linda Russell will perform songs of the era, and Gerald Fierst will entertain kids with storytelling. There will be displays and an acclaimed traveling exhibit on the life of Frederick Douglass.

See page 4 of this issue for a schedule of events.

The FOL Book & Author Luncheon welcomes Jules Feiffer and Mary Gordon

A graphic novel in the style of film noir and a collection of compelling novellas about Americans in Europe and Europeans in America—these are the featured works at the Friends of the Library’s 46th Annual Book & Author Luncheon on Friday, May 15, at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset.

The FOL welcomes Pulitzer Prize-winning illustrator Jules Feiffer speaking on his first graphic novel, Kill My Mother (Liveright), and acclaimed writer Mary Gordon speaking on her first collection of novellas, The Liar’s Wife (Pantheon). Port’s own best-selling novelist Susan Isaacs returns as program moderator. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Tickets are $75 and reservations can be made starting April 1. Reservation brochures will be available in the Library and for download at pwpl.org/fol.

Adding to a legendary career that includes a Pulitzer Prize, an Academy Award, Obie Awards, and Lifetime Achievement Awards from the National Cartoonist Society and the Writers Guild of America, Jules Feiffer now presents Kill My Mother as a loving homage to the pulp-inspired films and comic strips of his youth. It centers on five formidable women from two unrelated families, linked fatefully and fatally by a has-been, hard-drinking private detective.

Reviewers have lauded the book as bluesy, fast moving, and funny—a trip to Hammet-Chandler-Cain Land, and a graphic novel “like the movies they don’t make anymore.”

Jules Feiffer is a cartoonist, playwright, children’s book author and illustrator, and member of the American continued on page 3

April holidays

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 5 in observance of Easter.

Library Budget Vote

The Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place on Tuesday, April 14 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Incumbent John O’Connell will run for a 5-year term on the Library Board of Trustees. Please review the proposed budget on page 2 of this issue. You must be a registered voter to vote in this election.

Meet Hilma Wolitzer

On Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., author Hilma Wolitzer will join us for an interview covering her long and distinguished career. Her 14th book, An Available Man, a novel about dating and finding love later in life, was published in January 2012.

Best Picture Birdman

On Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m., join us for a screening of the 2014 Oscar winner for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay and Best Cinematography. Michael Keaton stars as a washed-up actor, famous for having played the superhero Birdman, who tries to revive his career by staging a Broadway production of a Raymond Carver short story. Director and co-writer Alejandro G. Inárritu tells the story in one long, unbroken take. The cast also includes Zach Galifianakis, Edward Norton, Amy Ryan, Emma Stone and Naomi Watts.

AARP Tax Help

Get professional assistance with your tax preparation. One hour sessions on Tuesdays from February 3 through April 14, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Register at the Information Desk or call 516-883-4400, ext. 136. Limited to Port Washington residents.

Homebound service

PWPL makes housecalls! If you or a loved one is unable to visit the Library, let us know and we will arrange for free delivery of books and other materials. For more information contact Keith Klang, Head of Adult Services, at 316-883-4400, ext. 135 or kklang@pwpl.org.
### Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

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Detailed financial statements are available through the Director’s Office.

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### Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election

**Tuesday, April 14 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Incumbent John O’Connell will run for a 5-year term on the Library Board of Trustees.

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### Library Usage

- Registered Library users: 27,452
- Library visits: 359,190
- Materials circulated: 368,766
- Program attendance: 55,994
- Community use of meeting rooms: 7,719
- Library website visits: 170,292
- Mobile website page views: 23,613
- Wi-fi connections: 108,675
- E-book holdings: 35,519
- E-book checkouts: 20,514
- Tutor.com sessions: 2,064
- Lynda.com sessions: 6,758

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### Register to vote on April 7

The Library is providing an easy way to register prior to our budget vote and trustee election on April 14. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in this election.

On Tuesday, April 7, visit the Library between the hours of noon and 9 p.m. to register. You must be a registered voter to vote in this election.

When coming to register, please bring one of the following: a valid photo ID, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or some other government document that shows your name or address.

The registration booklets will be available as of April 2 for anyone who wishes to confirm that they are a registered voter.

Residents of the Port Washington school district can also register at the school administration building on Campus Drive on any day the school is open, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

To vote you must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the Port Washington Union Free School District for at least 30 days.

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The PWPL Jobs & Careers Information Center presents

**JOB SEARCH BOOT CAMP**

An 8-week intensive workshop designed to help participants obtain employment through networking

May 4, 11, 18 and June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins April 7, in person or call 516-883-4400, ext. 136

Learn to conduct an effective job search, use LinkedIn and other social media, develop job objectives and time management skills, form a personal brand and elevator pitch, create an effective resume and cover letter, and build a network.

Presented by Maria Themistocleous-Frey, President and Founder of Executive Consultants of New York, a business that specializes in career coaching and professional development.

This program is hosted by the Port Washington Public Library and is funded by a special legislative grant received by Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel through the New York State Department of Labor.
Meet Hilma Wolitzer

Hilma Wolitzer’s first published work, when she was 9, was a poem about winter for the Junior Inspector’s Club Journal, sponsored by the New York City Department of Sanitation. She published her first short story when she was in her 30s, and her first novel, Ending, when she was 44. Her 14th book, An Available Man, a novel about dating and finding love later in life, was published in January 2012.

Born in Brooklyn, Ms. Wolitzer, who considers herself “the Great Middle-aged Hope,” now lives in Manhattan with her husband. They have two grown daughters: Meg is a novelist, who was a speaker at the New York Public Library welcome Ms. Wolitzer for purchase and signing.

Annual Dill Jones Jazz Concert
Cynthia Sayer’s soulful banjo

The Music Advisory Council welcomes Cynthia Sayer and her Sparks Fly Quartet on Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m. This concert pays tribute to the late Dillwyn “Dill” Jones, a renowned jazz stride pianist who lived the last years of his life in Port Washington.

Award-winning instrumentalist, vocalist and bandleader Cynthia Sayer breaks all the banjo player stereotypes as she single-handedly re-popularizes the 4-string banjo in jazz. Celebrated as one of the top jazz banjoists in the world today—soulful, edgy, both contemporary and classic, and playing a style that is all her own—she is praised for her “drive and virtuosity” by The New York Times.

Sayer rose to prominence as a founding member of Woody Allen’s New Orleans Jazz Band, with whom she played and toured for over 10 years, all the while exploring her wider musical interests and playing with many legendary jazz, popular and roots music artists. Her eclectic, swing-based shows treat audiences to the rarely heard range and versatility of the 4-string banjo, one of America’s original jazz instruments. A warm, engaging performer, Sayer wins hearts wherever she performs.

Nostalgia from Kinuko Imai Hoffman

The Art Advisory Council welcomes Kinuko Imai Hoffman’s Nostalgia, on display in the Main Gallery from April 1 through 30.

Hoffman is from a family of architects and artists. After college, she lived in countries across Asia and studied traditional Chinese brush painting. Initially, she trained in the painting style typical of the Song Dynasty with Chinese brush painting Master Jan Ibin. He awarded her with an honorary emblem of the Jan Ibin School, a rare gift of recognition and prestige. Later, she worked on a freer abstract technique of Chinese southern style painting with Master Ian Chung.

In 2003, Hoffman moved to New York where she attended the National Academy School of Fine Arts and explored Western style painting in still life and landscape. During that time, she received numerous awards and merit scholarships. In 2009, Hoffman joined the Art Students League of New York and developed strength in mixed media.

Today, her works are executed using acrylic with limited palettes. She developed her own signature style of abstract painting in which traditional Chinese painting techniques blend with more abstract overtones. Hoffman’s works have been exhibited at galleries throughout the New York metropolitan area. She currently works and resides in New York City.

Hoffman says of her art, “My work explores my personal interpretations of daily life through harmonious mixed media assemblages...I construct my paintings in a unified manner to ensure that a strong theme is recognized on the canvas—a method developed through my previous training as a traditional Chinese brush painter.

“My art is a blend of layering bold colored undertones to create a landscape of depth and contrast with a limited palette. The additional assemblage of raw materials in my works transforms a final piece into a symbolic collage expressing the constant and current movement of people in today’s times. Combining these materials with explorations of various color and composition harmonies transports the viewer into a meditative state where balance, drama and clarity unite.”

Book & Author Luncheon
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Academy of Arts and Letters. He teaches a humor writing class at Stony Brook Southampton College and lives in Southampton.

The Liar’s Wife by Mary Gordon is the award-winning author at her storytelling best. These absorbing novellas of relationships at home and abroad, both historical and contemporary, are “a book-lover’s dream,” according to the BBC. In them we meet a ferocious transplant to New York City, a vulnerable grad student who escapes to Italy after her first love affair, and the charming Irish liar of the title story.

Mary Gordon is the author of six novels, including Final Payments and Pearl, the memoirs The Shadow Man and Circling My Mother, and The Stories of Mary Gordon, which was awarded the Story Prize. She has received numerous other honors, including a Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Writers’ Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and an Academy Award for Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She teaches at Barnard College and lives in New York City.

For more information on the event and the FOL, see pwpl.org/fol or email fol@pwpl.org.
Friday, April 24
12 noon
The Color Guard of the Marine Corps League Detachment 614 begins our commemorations.

12:10 p.m.
“Forever Free: Lincoln, the Civil War and the March to Emancipation.” James Coll, adjunct associate professor of American and Constitutional history at Nassau Community College, will examine the legal and political struggles that led to the Emancipation Proclamation.

2 p.m.
“Medicine in the Confederate and Union Armies” with Dr. Jay Bollett.

4 p.m.
“Freedom!” with Gerald Fierst. Experience American history in a dynamic mix of storytelling and theater. For grades 1 through 6.

7:30 p.m.
The General. A screening of the Buster Keaton masterpiece, with live piano accompaniment by Ben Model, and a discussion with film historian Philip Harwood.

Saturday, April 25
12:30 p.m.
“Civil Liberties during the Civil War” with Lya Rothmann.

2 p.m.
“An Immigrant’s Civil War” with Fran Bock.

3:30 p.m.
“Lee vs. Grant: Who Was the Better General?” with Si Shink.

Sunday, April 26
2 p.m.

4 p.m.
“The New York Volunteer: Songs and Stories of the Civil War.” Linda Russell explores America’s past through song and has served as the 18th century balladeer at Federal Hall National Memorial. Join her for a performance and discussion.

April 17 through May 15
Frederick Douglass. A Guilder Lehrman Institute exhibit explores slavery and abolition through the life of the civil rights pioneer. In the Community Gallery.

April 13 through May 2
Local Civil War artifacts from the PWPL archives will be displayed around the Library.
**Early Childhood**

**Sing and Swing Story Time**
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
For children ages 18 months to 2 ½ years with an adult. No registration required.

**Baby Rhyme Time**
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult.

**Birthday Bash Story Time**
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
Each week will highlight an author’s birthday that takes place during the month of April. For children ages 4 to 7 years without an adult. Registration not required.

**Story Time with Miss Susie and Mr. Mike**
Monday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.
For children of all ages with an adult.
No registration required.

**Pajama Story Time**
Wednesday, April 29 at 7 p.m.
Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. For children ages 3 to 6 with an adult.
No registration required.

**Book Bunch**
Thursday, April 30 at 4 p.m.

**Page Turners**
Tuesday, April 28 at 7:15 p.m.

**Tweens Night Out**
Friday, April 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to join Nautical Council members Andrea Watson and Bill Simon for a fun night out. You’ll learn all about nautical flags and what they symbolize, and play the game Flag Charades. Registration begins April 3.

**Celebrate Earth Day!**

**Eco Friendly Drop-in Craft**
April 22 from 3 to 6 p.m.
Visit the Children’s Room and make fun crafts using recycled materials and your imagination. For children ages 4 and up with an adult.
No registration required.

**Earth Day Story Time**
April 22 from 4 to 4:30 p.m.
Children ages 4 and up are invited to listen to stories that celebrate our planet, including *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss. (This story time is in place of the Birthday Bash Story Time). No registration required.

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**Best Wishes for Miss Lucy**
Saturday, April 11 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Please join us to wish our beloved Lucy Salerno a Happy Retirement! Her library career began in 1970 and she was a devoted children’s librarian loved by all. Both children and adults are invited to visit and share happy memories with Miss Lucy. Light refreshments will be served.
TEENSPACE
for grades seven through twelve

Teen Literature Day
April 16
Check out our display of award-winning books and find a captivating book for yourself.

SAT Prep Course Series
Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Instructor Lauren Moche Allen will lead this highly interactive course, which incorporates a mix of teacher-directed lessons and question-and-answer opportunities. At the conclusion of the course, students will have gained a background of the test, experience with specific types of questions, a range of strategies for attacking each section, and most importantly, greater confidence in their ability to succeed on test day.
In-person registration begins April 15 in TeenSpace for Port Washington teens. Fee: $165 check or money order made payable to the Port Washington Public Library. This fee is for 5 sessions and includes a copy of the class text, The Official SAT Study Guide, published by the College Board.

Wii U Wednesdays
Join us after school to play your favorite video games on the big screen. Check our website for specific dates. No registration required. Grades 7 through 12. 3:30 to 5 p.m. Free.

Earth Day is April 22
Visit the Library on April 22 for our first Earth Day Fair! There will be activities and programs for all ages. Stop by and learn how you can make a difference. Here are some books about going green:

One Makes the Difference: Inspiring Actions that Change our World by Julia Butterfly Hill
Learn how to promote environmental change and the health of the planet.

Girls Gone Green by Lynn Hirshfield
Learn how everyday girls are striving to conquer climate change.

The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time by Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas M. Kostigen
Learn how to make simple practical choices that help the environment.

World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky, illustrated by Frank Stockton
Find out why the fish we most commonly eat could become extinct within 50 years.

47 Things You Can Do for the Environment by Lexi Petronis
Everyday practices that can protect and clean up the earth.