

BOOKINGS

Earth Day 2023 Celebration at Sunset Park Saturday, April 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Rain Date – Saturday, April 29)



PWPL invites you to our third outdoor Earth Day celebration at Sunset Park. The Library's very own Tony Traguado will lead a band of local musicians in a rocking concert of well-known hits at the Sousa Bandshell.

In addition, representatives from the Town of North Hempstead (TONH) and other Port Washington environmental organizations will be on site with important information about their latest sustainability initiatives. Stop at their tables to have a conversation. Take home some cool environmental "swag" and enter a raffle for a chance to win a TONH rain barrel or a composter for your garden. Bring your kids to the children's table to make a fun eco-craft. For the first time, we will be holding an environmental photography contest.

Enjoy the music and the water view, and discover fundamental ways YOU can make a difference in making our community healthy and sustainable.

Visit <https://pwpl.org/earthday> for more information on our Earth Day events, including the photography contest. *This Earth Day event is funded by the PWPL Friends of the Library.*



(See page 9 for more Earth Day related events)

QUICK READS

Budget Vote

April 4 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Library's Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place on Tuesday, April 4 at the Library from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please review the proposed budget on page 3.

Special Holiday Hours

The Library is closed on Sunday, April 9.

Visiting Hours

Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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- **Reserve Now!** Friends of the Library's 54th Annual Book & Author Luncheon Honoring Amy G. Bass, FOL President Emerita. See page 2 for details.

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Preliminary Rounds

Produced in conjunction with the Gold Coast Arts Center, "The Next Big Thing!" is a music competition featuring some of the most talented young musicians and performers on Long Island. Pre-selected participants will perform live in a series of shows. A group of high-level professionals from different areas within the music industry will determine the winner.

See page 9 for dates and details.



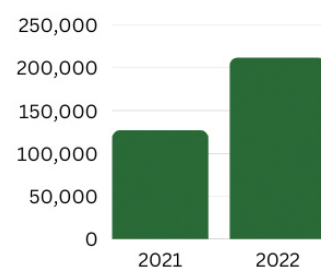
PWPL Free Home Delivery

If you or a loved one is unable to visit the Library, we will arrange for free delivery of books and other materials. Contact Reno Bracchi at 516-883-4400 ext. 1407 or Bracchi@PWPL.org

A Year of Growth at the Port Washington Public Library

AMOUNT OF VISITORS:

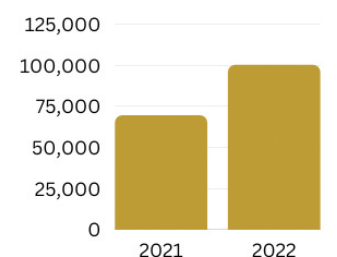
2022: 211,734 visitors
2021: 126,825 visitors



84,909 more visitors

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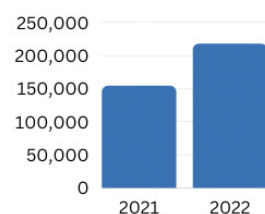
2022: 100,233 wifi sessions
2021: 69,565 wifi sessions



30,668 more wifi sessions

TOTAL PHYSICAL BOOK CIRCULATION:

2022: 217,675 physical books circulated
2021: 153,935 physical books circulated



63,740 more physical books circulated

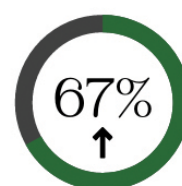
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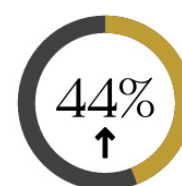
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eBooks Circulated in 2022

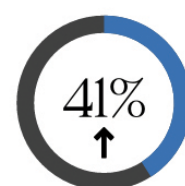
PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR



Amount of Visitors



Wifi Sessions



Physical Book circulation

Sandwiched In with Paula Curci – Poetry as Memoir Friday, April 28 at 12:00 p.m.



In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Library is very proud to host Paula Curci, who is the current Nassau County Poet Laureate. In her lecture, she will reflect on how biographical journaling and poetic memoirs can foster personal growth and encourage positive dialogue with family and friends. Paula's presentation will entertain us with performance poetry, Posics™ (an esthetic style of poetry), and storytelling. In addition, the audience will be able to participate by creating their own "I AM" portrait poem, and time will be allotted for questions and sharing. The presentation is part of Paula's Acoustic Poets Network™ visitation project. This is a hybrid event that can be enjoyed in person or online. To register, visit pwpl.org/events.



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Library Hours

Please see front cover for Library hours. Or visit us online at PWPL.org/Information/Hours

Residents of the Port Washington Union Free School District are entitled to a PWPL card, which may also be used at any Library in Nassau County. To apply for a card, stop by the Library with proof of residence or apply online at PWPL.org/Get-A-Library-Card.

Non-residents who work in Port Washington may also apply.

Vision:

To enhance the wellbeing of every community member.

Mission Statement:

The Port Washington Public Library is an inclusive center for community engagement, knowledge, and personal enrichment.



Theater for Dessert, a new program from Books for Dessert, offers adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) aged 18 or older the opportunity to bring books to life while learning theater skills. This ten-week program will have participants learning the tools of the actor, from acting and vocal warmups to rehearsal and performance. Non-actors can participate in set and costume design and creation. We will improve communication skills, and work on character development and social interaction, in a fun and interactive theatrical learning environment.

Would you like to join us? Visit pwpl.org/tfd/ to apply!

There is Still Time to Reserve

Friends of the Library's 54th Annual Book & Author Luncheon

Honoring Amy G. Bass, FOL President Emerita

Thursday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. • The Garden City Hotel



Photo: Beowulf Sheehan

Dani Shapiro, author of the best-selling memoir *Inheritance*, will discuss her acclaimed new novel *Signal Fires* in conversation with Port's own Daniel Paisner, author, ghostwriter, and podcaster. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Signal Fires is Shapiro's sixth novel and first in 15 years. It was named a best book of 2022 by *Time Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, Amazon, and *NPR Fresh Air* among others, and is a national best-seller. Described as "powerful," "luminous" and "propulsive," it explores the shattering aftermath of a deadly car accident involving three teenagers, two families, and the consequences of a long-hidden lie.

Reserve your sponsorship or individual ticket(s) online at pwpl.org/fol. If you prefer to pay by check, please pick up a reservation brochure in the Library, or you may download a copy from pwpl.org/fol. The cost is \$125 per person. All reservations are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservation deadline is Wednesday May 3. For more information email fol@pwpl.org.

The Book & Author Luncheon is the FOL's sole fundraising event. With the funds raised at the Luncheon and through our annual appeal, the FOL provides crucial financial support to all Library departments, underwriting many popular programs and services. Individual and business sponsors are sought beginning at \$250. Sponsors enjoy special seating and other benefits, and recognition at the event and in post-event media. For more information on sponsorships, please contact FOL Vice President Margaret DeSiervo at margaretdesiervo@yahoo.com or (516) 524-5655.

— In the Adler Gallery —

Artist in Residence: Michael Manning "Yellow more..." on view March 5 – April 28

Artist Talk: Saturday, April 1 at 3:00 p.m.

Yellow more... is a series focusing on the color yellow and abstraction: narrow parameters enacted to force the artist to become more introspective and creative within these confines. Michael Manning's recycled bicycle sculptures and use of yellow to tie together found objects are the foundation of this distinctive set of works. Join the artist on April 1 to discuss his creative process and use of unique mediums and materials.



Save the Date!

Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio perform Broadway's Best

Acclaimed vocalist Rhonda Kay will be joined by her trio of veteran musicians to entertain our audience with some of Broadway's best loved hits and Jazz tunes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

	PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET	2023 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET
REVENUES			
Real Property Taxes	7,213,732	7,072,264	7,072,264
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	100,000	100,000	100,000
Use of Money and Property	80,000	3,000	3,000
Other Local Revenue	32,000	33,500	33,500
State Sources	8,800	7,000	7,000
Total Revenue & Other Sources	7,434,532	7,215,764	7,215,764
Appropriated: Designated for Separation			
Appropriated: Capital Projects		100,000	100,000
Appropriated: Undesignated Fund Balance	66,500	66,500	66,500
Total Revenues & App Fund Balance	7,501,032	7,382,264	7,382,264
EXPENDITURES:			
SALARIES, TERMINAL LEAVE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
Salaries	3,859,132	3,718,124	3,604,385
Terminal Leave			
Employee Benefits - Retirement	475,488	421,349	572,236
Employee Benefits - Medical	975,040	850,019	813,572
Employee Benefits - Other	373,126	362,338	353,637
Subtotal - Salaries, Terminal Leave Accruals & Employee Benefits	5,682,786	5,351,830	5,343,830
LIBRARY MATERIALS			
Books - Fiction	50,000	50,000	50,000
Books - Non-fiction	50,000	50,000	50,000
Books - Reference	35,000	35,000	35,000
Books - Children's	23,500	23,500	23,500
Books - Audio & Electronic	100,000	95,000	85,000
Books - Young Adult	15,000	15,000	15,000
Software & Online Databases	95,000	95,000	95,000
Periodicals	36,500	36,500	36,500
Media - DVD/CD	72,000	67,000	67,000
Subtotal - Library Materials	477,000	467,000	457,000
LIBRARY OPERATIONS			
Office & Library Supplies	60,700	60,700	65,700
Telephone	35,000	31,000	31,000
Postage & Freight	25,000	25,000	25,000
Printing	47,500	40,500	40,500
Staff Conference & Training	20,000	20,000	20,000
ALIS/NLS	93,000	88,000	88,000
Program Services	69,500	69,500	69,500
Memberships	7,000	7,000	7,000
Maint. Office Equip.	30,500	30,500	30,500
Accounting/Legal	135,000	133,700	132,500
Security Service	45,000	45,000	45,000
Computer Service	64,800	60,040	60,040
General	27,000	27,000	27,000
Subtotal - Library Operations	660,000	637,940	641,740
BUILDING OPERATIONS			
Fuel & Utilities	202,970	182,970	182,970
Custodial	119,400	131,200	145,400
Insurance	80,000	70,000	70,000
Subtotal - Building Operations	402,370	384,170	398,370
Subtotal Expenditures	7,222,156	6,840,940	6,840,940
EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS & TRANSFERS			
Equipment	56,350	56,350	56,350
Repairs & Alterations	100,000	100,000	100,000
Transfers to Capital	110,000	380,000	380,000
Subtotal - Equipment, Repairs, and Transfers	266,350	536,350	536,350
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal & Interest	12,526	4,974	4,974
Total Expenditures	7,501,032	7,382,264	7,382,264
Tax Levy Increase (Decrease)	2.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Budget Increase (Decrease)	1.61%	0.00%	0.00%

A Message from the President of the Library Board of Trustees



The Port Washington Public Library Board of Trustees hereby presents its proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget to the public with a 2% tax levy increase, the first increase since 2019. As always, we have diligently ensured that the Library is run efficiently and that all expenses are managed and contained as best as possible. With that in consideration, we have developed this budget with a recognition of the needs of our community, the requirements to keep our facility in shape, and a regard to the current fiscal environment. We feel that this is a well thought-out and forward-thinking budget which will allow us to continue to serve the community in a way that you have come to count on.

We wish to express our appreciation to all constituents, whose collective contributions have enabled us to deliver on our mission through this unique and unprecedented time in history. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers, and to the dedication of our peerless staff, the Library has adapted and evolved in new and transformative ways to meet today's needs.

Here are just a few of the significant highlights from this past year:

- In-person and online lifelong enrichment continued with English classes, Children's Story Time, Books for Dessert (our reading program for adults with intellectual disabilities), world-class lectures, book discussions, exercise classes, and more.
- Substantial progress was completed in our multi-year, multi-million dollar facilities maintenance and improvement plan, with upgrades and repairs made to our restrooms, roof, and façade.
- Musical events, featuring top-class performers from all genres, took place in our Library and at Sunset Park.
- Our immensely popular Manhasset Bay Boat Tour program returned, allowing those without boat access the ability to experience Port Washington's beautiful waters.
- Special cultural celebrations commenced, honoring both Hispanic Heritage Month and Lunar New Year.
- Popular services, such as VHS to DVD conversion, virtual one-on-one tech help, job and career training, and document notarization were provided.
- Additional museum passes were made available, and many patrons utilized our *Library of Games and Gadgets*, which offers loanable Chromebooks, Wi-Fi hotspots, musical instruments, lawn games, GoPro cameras, video game consoles, and more to take home.
- Digital content, such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, movies, training videos, and television shows were readily available through popular services such as Libby, Kanopy, LinkedIn Learning, and Hoopla.
- Home delivery of materials to ensure our most vulnerable community members continue to access Library items.

We sincerely appreciate your patronage and engagement. As we look to the future, we will strive to enhance the lives of our families, friends, and the Port Washington community. Please come to the Library to vote on Tuesday, April 4th between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Kind Regards,

Patricia Bridges
President, PWPL Board of Trustees

"A Year in Review"

See photos
on pages 4 & 5



Welcome Back to the Library!

Thank you, Port Washington community, for your continued support! The Library had a great year bringing back our in-person programs, services, and celebrations. To find out more about our programs, visit pwpl.org/events for the latest news.



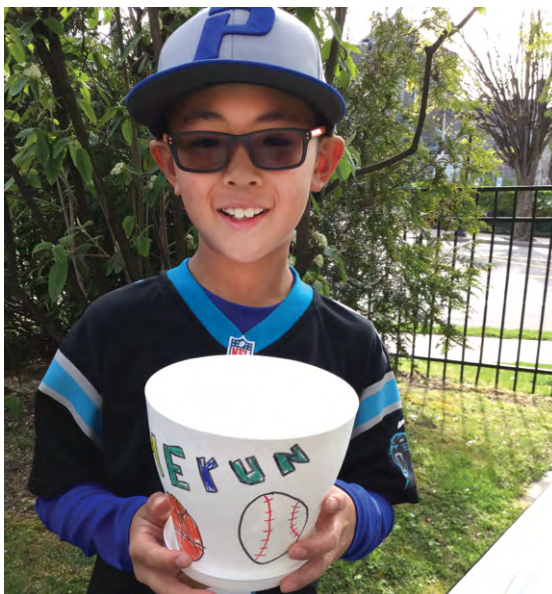
Great Library Card Adventure



Books For Dessert participants engaging with author Andrea Davis Pinkney



Read with Walter, the Therapy Dog



Annual story time craft in memory of Lucy Salerno



Director Keith Klang and ESOL staff Alejandra Prada (right) at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Landmark on Main



Families spotted by the PWPL table during Halloween on Main



Tween volunteers helping the Library prepare for Halloween on Main fun



Library staff dress up for Halloween on Main fun



Manhasset Bay Boat Tour



Outdoor crafting fun



Park Story Time Fun!



The Boomer Brothers performing at "The Hootenanny"



Story Time at the Library



PWPL staff members Jonathan and Melanie using the drum pad and ukulele from Games and Gadgets collection



Lunar New Year celebration



Our friend completed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, congratulations!



HarborFest - The PWPL staff out in the community!



Kids at La Loteria program during Hispanic Heritage Month



PWPL construction



ESOL student celebrated her US Citizenship!



Caught reading at the Library!



Home Grown Readers

APRIL 2023

Check our website for the latest listings at PWPL.org/events

PWPL ON YOUTUBE

[YouTube.com/portwashingtonpubliclibrary](https://www.youtube.com/portwashingtonpubliclibrary)

“HYBRID” PROGRAMS

Hybrid programs can be enjoyed at the Library in-person or virtually via Zoom.

Users without a device can call into our sessions. Visit Zoom.us/download to get Zoom on your computer. Need help? Email Library@PWPL.org or call 883-4400 x1900.

Saturday, April 1

- **Artist Talk with PWPL Artist in Residence Michael Manning at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room** See page 2 for details.

Sunday, April 2

- **Double Feature: *They Won't Believe Me* and *Boy Who Caught a Crook* at 1:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

They Won't Believe Me (1942). On trial for murdering his girlfriend, philandering stockbroker Larry Ballentine takes the stand to claim his innocence and describe the actual but improbable-sounding sequence of events that led to her death. After a brief intermission, in *Boy Who Caught a Crook* (1961), a young newsboy is hunted by a bank robber who thinks the boy has his lost loot.

Monday, April 3

- **A Time For Kids - Baby Start at 10:00 a.m.** See page 12 for details.
- **A Time For Kids at 10:45 a.m.** See page 12 for details.
- **Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. in TeenSpace** See page 11 for details.

Tuesday, April 4

- **Budget Vote/Trustee Election from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in PWPL Lobby** See page 3 for Budget details.
- **Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.** See page 12 for details.
- **St. Francis Outreach Bus from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Parking Lot**
Health Screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure check and simple blood tests.



- **Support Group for Caregivers of Elderly Relatives at 7:00 p.m. in Children's Workshop Room**

This support group for adults will give participants the opportunity to talk with others experiencing similar circumstances as well as share ideas for the best ways to handle a variety of situations. Register at pwpl.org/events

Friday, April 7

- **Hootenanny at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room.** See page 9 for details.

Monday, April 10

- **Film: *Jigsaw* (1962-108 min.) at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

A woman is found murdered in a house along the coast from Brighton. Local detectives lead an investigation methodically following up on leads and clues. Director Val Guest adapted this film based on Hillary Waugh's novel *Sleep Long, My Love*, which was inspired by the Brighton Trunk Murders of the 1930s.



Tuesday, April 11

- **Hypertension Screenings from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Joan and Arnold Saltzman Reading Room**
St. Francis Blood Pressure screening.
- **The Funny Poetry Show at 2:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room** See page 8 for details.
- **Discussion Group (Ages 60+) - How the Journey Shapes Your Life at 7:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room**
Join us for an informal discussion that aims to build community with intelligent discussion, laughter, and social interaction. Register at pwpl.org/events

Wednesday, April 12

- **Blackout Poetry at 11:00 a.m. in Children's Workshop Room.** See page 12 for details.
- **PCLI: Creating Great Images at 7:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**
There are many elements needed to create great images, including the most important one, the subject. Photographer Alan Adgern will discuss identifying the subject, creating a resting point for the viewer's eyes, and using composition, brightness and darkening, sharpening, depth of field, and cropping techniques which will make subjects stand out. No registration is required. Sponsored by the Photography Club of LI.

Thursday, April 13

- **Nonfiction Book Club at 1:30 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room** See page 8 for details.
- **Bubbledad at 2:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room.** See page 12 for details.
- **ARCP - Reanimación o Resucitación Cardiopulmonar - CPR (por sus siglas en inglés) at 6:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room.** See page 10 for details.

Friday, April 14

- **Sandwiched In with Ron Brown - The Champs-Élysées in Paris at 12:00 p.m. (hybrid)**
Professor Ron Brown explores one of those must-do experiences of the City of Light, a stroll along the Champs-Élysées in Paris. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more details and registration, visit pwpl.org/events
- **Medicaid Sign-Up Help from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in North Study Room**
Free walk-in assistance from the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.
- **The Next Big Thing! at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room.** See page 9 for details.

Saturday, April 15

- **Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course at 9:30 a.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room**
Seating is limited and priority will be given to Port Washington cardholders. Payment of \$30 will be collected by the instructor during class. Registration begins on 4/3 at 9:00 a.m. Register at www.pwpl.org/events

Sunday, April 16

- **SoundSwap: The Hambones Perform "Live at Lapham" at 2:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room.** See page 9 for details.

Monday, April 17

- **Adventures in Classic Readings at 1:30 p.m. in Mezzanine Meeting Room** See page 8 for details.
- **Afternoon on Broadway with Stephen Nachamie - The Jukebox Musical 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)**
Join award-winning director Stephen Nachamie as he explores Broadway and the Jukebox musical. From early revues to recent hits like *Moulin Rouge* and *Head Over Heels*, Broadway has had a love affair with pop music. Mr. Nachamie will take a look at a variety of these musicals including those from the current Broadway season. For more details and registration, visit www.pwpl.org/events
- **Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. in TeenSpace** See page 11 for details.
- **First & Second Grade Book Talk at 4:00 p.m. in Children's Workshop Room** See page 12 for details.

Tuesday, April 18

- **Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**
See page 12 for details.
- **Pajama Story Time on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.**
See page 12 for details.

Wednesday, April 19

- **Art Lecture with Thomas Germano - Earthworks in the Ancient Americas at 1:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)**
See page 9 for details.
- **Board of Trustees Meetings at 7:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**
All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, April 20

- **Homebrew Music Presents: The "Live at Lapham" Series at 7:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**
See page 9 for more information.

Friday, April 21

- **Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.**
See page 12 for details.
- **Sandwiched In with Jane Shapiro - A Trip to the Galapagos Islands at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)**
See page 9 for more information.
- **The Next Big Thing! at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room.** See page 9 for details.

Saturday, April 22

- **Earth Day 2023 Celebration at Sunset Park at 2:00 p.m.** See cover for details.

Sunday, April 23

- **Music Advisory Council Concert: Bass-baritone William Socolof in Concert at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**
See page 9 details.

Monday, April 24

- **Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. in TeenSpace**
See page 11 for details.

Tuesday, April 25

- **Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**
See page 12 for details.
- **Art Lecture with Alice Schwarz - Albert Bierstadt - An American Painter at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)** See page 9 for more information.



- **Fiction Book Club at 7:30 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room.** See page 8 for details.

Wednesday, April 26

- **STEAM Event at 4:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room.** See page 12 for details.
- **College 101: Students with Disabilities and Accommodations at 7:00 p.m.**
See page 11 for details.

Thursday, April 27

- **CPR/AED Training at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**
Be prepared to assist in an emergency! Join us for CPR and AED training, presented by Ildi Catuogno, certified CPR / First Aid Instructor. Register at www.pwpl.org/events

Friday, April 28

- **Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.**
See page 12 for details.
- **Sandwiched In with Paula Curci - Poetry as Memoir at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)**
See page 2 for details.
- **Film: *Where the Crawdads Sing* (2022-125 min.) at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

Screenwriter Lucy Alibar and director Olivia Newman adapt Delia Owens's best-seller about Kya (Daisy Edgar-Jones), a young woman who lives alone in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina, and who now finds herself suspected of murder.



Saturday, April 29

- **Creative Writing Workshop for Teens at 10:00 a.m. in Learning Center Room A**
See page 11 for details.
- **Resume Formatting: Best Practices at 10:00 a.m. (virtual)**
This interactive virtual workshop provides participants with a step-by-step guide to formatting a professional looking resume that optimized for both human and ATS (Applicant Tracking System) Review. *Made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center.*
- **Resume Content: Best Practices at 1:00 p.m. (virtual)**
Content is king! Learn how to present yourself as an achiever, not just a doer, and use keywords to improve your resume's chances of being seen. *Made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center.*
- **RAIN DATE for Earth Day 2023 Celebration at Sunset Park at 2:00 p.m.** See cover for details.

Key to Events:

- Earth Day Events
- Adult Program
- Children's Room
- Teenspace
- Career & Finance Program

Month of April Adult Community Meetups in the Mezzanine Meeting Room

Chess: Join a game every Tuesday from 3-6 p.m.

Board Game Night: Join a game every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. We will have a variety of board games to choose from.

Card Games: Join us for a card game every Thursday from 12-3 p.m.

Scrabble: Join us for a game every Friday from 2-5 p.m.



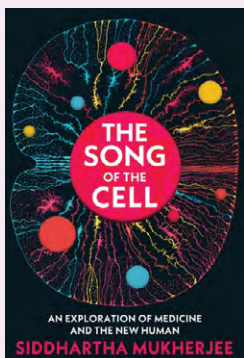
Home Grown Readers



PWPL staff member Reno heading out to deliver books to our homebound patrons

Non-Fiction Book Club
The Song of the Cell
by Siddhartha Mukherjee

Thursday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m.
Hagedorn Meeting Room



Mukherjee begins this magnificent story in the late 1600s, when a distinguished English polymath, Robert Hooke, and an eccentric Dutch cloth merchant, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, looked down through their handmade microscopes. What they saw introduced a radical concept that swept through biology and medicine, touching virtually every aspect of the two sciences, and altering both forever. The discovery of cells and the

reframing of the human body as a cellular ecosystem announced the birth of a new kind of medicine based on the therapeutic manipulations of cells. A hip fracture, a cardiac arrest, Alzheimer's dementia, AIDS, pneumonia, lung cancer, kidney failure, arthritis, COVID, pneumonia — all could be reconceived as the results of cells, or systems cells, functioning abnormally.

Filled with writing so vivid, lucid, and suspenseful that complex science becomes thrilling, *The Song of the Cell* tells the story of how scientists discovered cells, began to understand them, and are now using that knowledge to create new humans. Told in six parts, and laced with Mukherjee's own experience as a researcher, a doctor, and a prolific reader, *The Song of the Cell* is both a panoramic and intimate masterpiece on what it means to be human. Copies of the book are available on Libby and may also be reserved for pickup at the Library.

Fiction Book Club
Signal Fires
by Dani Shapiro

Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Hagedorn Meeting Room



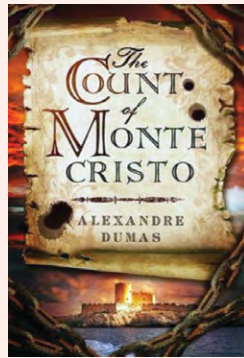
Late on a summer night in 1985, three teenagers are in a tragic car crash on the quiet, suburban Division Avenue. A girl is killed, and Theo and Sarah Wilf are left with a devastating secret that will haunt their family forever. By the time the Shenkman's move in across the street, the accident has faded into the past, but secrets haunt both families and cause them to become intimately intertwined. When Waldo Shenkman, a brilliant but lonely child, befriends

Ben Wilf, who is struggling with his wife's decline from Alzheimer's, he once again entangles the families' fates and sets in motion the spellbinding, unforgettable climax. Copies of the book can be found at the Information Desk as well as on Libby.

Dani Shapiro will be the featured speaker at the Friends of the Library's 54th Annual Book and Author Luncheon on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 11 a.m., at The Garden City Hotel. Visit pwpl.org/fol for reservation information.

Adventures in Classic Reading
The Count of Monte Cristo
by Alexandre Dumas

Monday, April 17 at 1:30 p.m.
Mezzanine Meeting Room



This reading group, facilitated by Dr. Laury Magnus, Professor of English, will feature great classic works — ancient to contemporary — as well as participatory reading out loud of selected passages. This month, our selection is *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas.

Set during the Napoleonic Era, this bildungsroman is a great adventure tale and love story that follows the checkered career of Edmand Dantès, a young man whose promising future as a ship's captain is thwarted by the treachery of his seeming friends, all of whom are jealous of Edmand's many early successes both in his naval career and in love. They draft a letter accusing Edmand of treason, and on the day that he is about to be married, he is arrested and imprisoned. Here he meets Abbé Faria, a priest and political prisoner, who undertakes Dantes' education in philosophy, literature, and the arts, and on his deathbed, bequeaths him a hidden treasure. The story of Dantes' education, escape from prison, and reunion with his love, Mercedes, has thrilled readers—and especially young readers, for centuries. Copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk. *All participants will receive a complimentary copy of the book provided by the Friends of the Library's Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund (while supplies last).*

ALA's National Library Week 2023:
There's More to the Story
April 23-29



National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats, from picture books to large print, audiobooks to

ebooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story! Libraries of Things lend items like museum passes, games, musical instruments, and tools. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs. Stop by the Library to celebrate with us during National Library Week, April 23-29. Follow @pwplhappenings and the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek to join the online celebration!

Books about libraries and library workers:

- *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- *What You Wish For* by Katherine Center
- *The Paris Library* Janet Skeslein Charles
- *The Library of Lost and Found*, by Phaedra Patrick
- *The Librarian of Auschwitz* by Antonio Iturbe
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Earth Day-Related Events



As part of the Library's celebration of Earth Day during the month of April, we will be hosting three hybrid events that can be enjoyed in person or online! **To register for each event, visit pwpl.org/events**

Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano – Earthworks in the Ancient Americas in Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom

Join Professor Thomas Germano as he explores the Ancient Americas. Before contact with the European world, civilizations throughout the Americas developed large-scale earthworks in the form of drawings, sculptural imagery, elaborate embellishments for cave entrances, urban designs, and solar alignments related to calendrical readings. Germano will present a visual lecture discussing the monumental earthworks created in the Americas in the pre-Columbian era.



Friday, April 21 at 12:00 p.m.

Sandwiched In with Jane Shapiro – A Trip to the Galapagos in Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom

Join Jane Shapiro on a journey across the globe to the Galapagos Islands. Jane Shapiro will take you on a virtual trip to Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador, and then on to the Galápagos where some of the world's most unique creatures live in an unspoiled habitat.

Tuesday, April 25 at 12:00 p.m.

Art Lecture with Alice Schwarz Albert Bierstadt – An American Painter in Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom

Albert Bierstadt was a member of the second generation of American landscape painters of the 19th century. Join museum educator Alice W. Schwarz as she explores Bierstadt's sweeping scenes of New England to Yosemite Valley and the Rocky Mountains of the west. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Start Your Garden with PWPL!

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Hardiness Zone for Port Washington is 7, which means that we are unlikely to experience frost after April 15. With this in mind, stop by the Library in April to pick up a packet of vegetable, flower or herb seeds. For guidance, consult our nonfiction collection or take a look at the periodical shelves and consult *American Gardener*, *Country Living*, *Horticulture*, and *Mother Earth News!*



Visit Dewey Decimals:

- 635 – Gardening
- 641.65 – Cooking with vegetables
- 712 – Landscape architecture

We will be happy to see your results – tag us on social media with **#PWPLSeeds!** If you have questions, please visit the Reference Desk in the South Wing.

Have a great gardening season!

April Music Programs at the Library

Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The Hootenanny!

The musical tradition continues with an evening of live music featuring local talent performing tunes of many styles. Members of what has come to be known as the Library's "Terrace Band" will be on board for the fun. Join us for this unique musical event that is always full of surprises.

"The Next Big Thing!" Preliminary Rounds

Produced in conjunction with the Gold Coast Arts Center, "The Next Big Thing!" is a music competition featuring some of the most talented young musicians and performers on Long Island. Pre-selected participants will perform live in a series of shows. A group of high-level professionals from different areas within the music industry will determine the winner.



► **Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

This evening's first preliminary round will feature eight acts who will compete for a chance to move to the semi-finals.

► **Friday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

"The Next Big Thing!" music competition continues, as eight more musical acts vie for slots in May's semi-final event.

Sunday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m.

'The Hambones' Present a Bob Dylan Retrospective

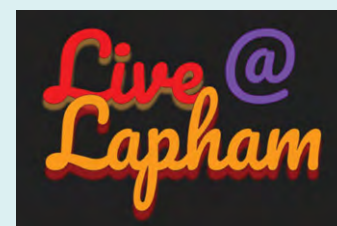


The Hambones deliver a sound that could be best described as "Roots + Rockin'." Their approach to Dylan's music gets to the heart of the writer's incredible catalog of songs. *Made possible by The Friends of the Library.*

Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Homebrew Music Presents: The "Live at Lapham" Series

The Library is delighted to welcome Homebrew Music, whose goal is to bring people together over a shared love of music, and to introduce our Library community to fine, local musical talent. These unique informal gatherings of musicians and music lovers come together monthly to enjoy a live performance by one or more members of the group.



Saturday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m.

The Library's Earth Day Celebration at Sunset Park

Members of the Library's "Terrace Band" will participate in the Library's Earth Day celebration with a live performance that will feature the music of 1973. See cover for more details.



Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Bass-baritone William Socolof in Concert

William began his musical career as a cellist, but had always been drawn to singing, particularly musical theatre, and he began singing classically at age 16. He has performed with some of the country's most prestigious classical institutions, in repertoire ranging from chamber music and art song to musical theatre and opera. Join us for a special performance! *Sponsored by the Music Advisory Council.*



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) News

Aside from English classes, the ESOL program also offers Spanish language classes, GED and citizenship preparation classes, orientation and monthly community information sessions covering topics such as health, banking, immigration, and more. For more information about our ESOL Program, please contact Peggy O'Hanlon at ohanlonp@pwpl.org or 516 883-4400 x1308. This service is free to all members who live or work in the Port Washington community.

Curso de RCP, Atragantamiento y AED

13 de abril del 2023 de 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Lapham Room

En este curso aprenderemos técnicas y pasos para prestar los primeros auxilios a infantes, niños, y adultos en situación de emergencia. El cupo es limitado y se requiere registro previo. Regístrese para este evento en pwpl.org/events a partir del 30 de marzo. Este evento es patrocinado por "The Friends of the Library."

The LIBRARY OF GAMES and GADGETS



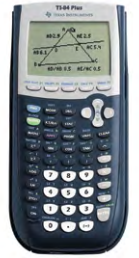
Spike Ball



Stud Finder



Ring Light with Tripod



Graphing Calculator

PWPL has added several new items to the *Library of Games and Gadgets*. For the Do-It-Yourselfers, we now have a **laser level**, **stud finder**, and **ring light with tripod** for home improvement projects or making home videos. For students, we added a **graphing calculator** and **wireless keyboard**!

We also expanded our good old-fashioned lawn games to include **lawn darts** and **spike ball**. A maximum of 3 items may be reserved online at www.PWPL.org/LOGG up to 30 days in advance. Express copies are also available at the circulation desk on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Castle Gould at Sands Point Preserve

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TeenSpace

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Teen Gaming

**Mondays, April 3, 17 & 24
from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to play Nintendo Switch games with other teens after school. *No registration required.*

College Students with Disabilities and Accommodations:

What You, a Student with a Disability, Need to Know About Reasonable Accommodation in College

Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this Q&A session with a college disability services professional who will answer your disability-related questions and provide you with answers from the college administration's perspective. Find out answers to questions such as "how do I request reasonable accommodations in college? Will I have the same accommodation in college as I had in HS? If my request is denied, what recourse do I have? Is my disability status part of my college record?" This session will be geared toward high school seniors and their parents. Registration begins April 5 at PWPL.org/teens.

Creative Writing Series

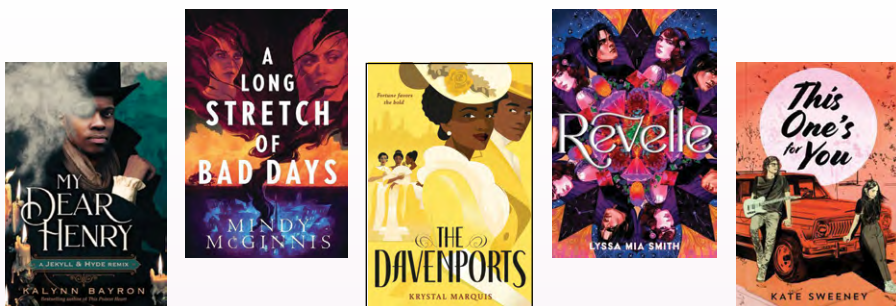
Saturdays, April 29, May 6, 13 & 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to get inspired and flex those creative muscles in a four-week creative writing workshop series. Join us and learn how to develop your writing skills and share your story. Beginner writers welcome! Registration begins Saturday, April 15, at PWPL.org/teens. Teens that participate in the series may have the potential for community service credit work with younger children. *This series is made possible by a generous grant from HEARTS PW.*

Submit a Teen Review — Earn Community Service Credit!

Port Teens in grades 7-12 can earn 2 hours of community service by reading, playing games, listening to podcasts or watching shows and movies, then submitting a review! Teens may submit up to 3 reviews per month and receive 2 hours of community service credit for each review. Reviews should be between 50-100 words. Teens will be notified when their certificates are available for pick up. Submit your reviews to youngadult@pwpl.org, including your full name and grade in school.

Check out our TeenSpace staff book recommendations for this month...



My Dear Henry: A Jekyll & Hyde Remix by Kalynn Bayron

In this reimagining of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a teen boy tries to discover the reason behind his best friend's disappearance and the arrival of a mysterious and magnetic stranger.

A Long Stretch of Bad Days by Mindy McGinnis

To earn the last credit she needs to graduate, Lydia teams up with foul-mouthed Bristol to transform her listener-friendly local history podcast into a hard-hitting, truth-telling exposé as they investigate an unsolved murder from their small town's past.

The Davenports by Krystal Marquis

The Davenports are one of the few Black families of immense wealth and status in 1910 Chicago, and the two daughters, Olivia and Helen, are finding their way and finding love, even where they are not supposed to.

Revelle by Lyssa Mis Smith

With Prohibition threatening their livelihood, Luxe Revelle, the star of her family's fantastical show, agrees to pose as the girlfriend of the son of Charmant's wealthiest family and finds herself playing a dangerous game when she meets the boy who is her destiny.

This One's For You by Kate Sweeney

Two ex-best friends, Cass and Syd, embark on a life-altering road trip as they follow the reunion tour of the band Cass's mom was in when she died, experiencing the power of music as they decide what they really mean to each other.



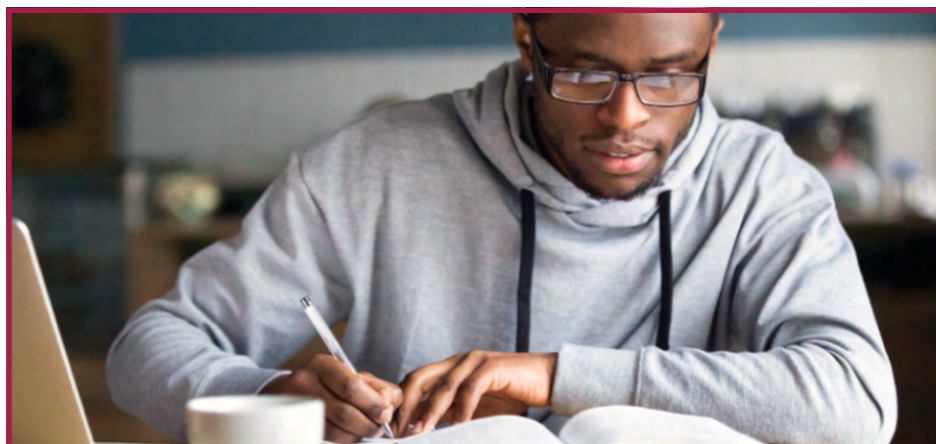
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Event Policy Please see event listings for registration requirements. Due to high demand, we ask that you arrive at least 5 minutes before the event for which you are registered to claim your spot. If you have not arrived 5 minutes before the event, we may transfer your spot to someone waiting. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents and proof of residency is required. We are continually adding new programs. *For the most up-to-date program information, please visit us at pwpl.org/children.*

Early Childhood

Register online at PWPL.org/children

A Time For Kids – Baby Start

Monday, April 3 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 months to 17 months with an adult

Join A Time for Kids, Inc., as we introduce our littlest learners to the wonderful world of library programs. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and circle time. Focus is on early literacy, early language development, and socialization. *Registration required.*

A Time For Kids

Monday, April 3 from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult

Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music, and a craft. *Registration required.*

Sing and Swing

Tuesdays, April 4, 18, 25

9:30 to 10:00 a.m. or 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult

Interactive stories, rhymes and songs emphasize early literacy skills and help instill a lifelong love of learning. *Admittance is on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

Pajama Story Time on Zoom

Tuesday, April 18 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Put on some comfy pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and gather around to enjoy some books, rhymes, and songs. *Registration required.*

Ready, Set, Story Time

Fridays, April 21 and 28

9:30 to 10:00 a.m. or 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages birth to 5 years with an adult

Join your favorite librarians for stories, songs, and fingerplays. *Admittance is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

First through Sixth Grade

Register online at PWPL.org/children

Blackout Poetry

Wednesday, April 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Create a piece of poetry using a book page and markers, then decorate a box to display your poem. For children in 3rd to 6th grade. *Registration required.*

First & Second Grade Book Talk

Monday, April 17 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Explore books together and do a craft or activity. For children in first and second grade. *Registration required.*

STEAM Event

Wednesday, April 26 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Come for an afternoon of space and flight-themed activities with a raffle prize to continue your STEAM journey! Build your own catapult, see what happens when everyday items go to space, and more! No registration required.

VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

The Funny Poetry Show

Tuesday, April 11 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Get ready to laugh at Darren Sardelli's hilarious poetry! This award-winning poet and children's book author shows children the cool side of poetry. Darren's relatable topics, shocking twists, and surprise endings, mixed with interaction and humor, keep everyone engaged and entertained. Participants will have multiple opportunities to participate in various ways. Many will leave this program with a desire to read and write funny poems. Giggles guaranteed! For children in kindergarten to 6th grade with an adult. *Sponsored by the PWPL Children's Advisory Council. Tickets are required and will be available in the Children's Room beginning April 1.*

Bubbledad

Thursday, April 13 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Bubbledad has brought smiles to tens of thousands of kids (and adults!) from Manhattan to Mumbai with his bubble wizardry. He creates a magical bubblescape featuring mesmerizing bubbles of all shapes and sizes. As a former educator, Bubbledad infuses each show with a little fun science. Chris encourages kids to adopt a D.I.Y. attitude through his builder/maker character. Bubbledad shows kids how to make many of the bubble blowers he uses in the show. For children in kindergarten to 6th grade with an adult. *Sponsored by the PWPL Children's Advisory Council. Tickets are required and will be available in the Children's Room beginning April 1.*



CREATIVE READERS • SUMMER PROGRAM

July 24 - July 28 & July 24 - 27 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July 28 • 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion for children of all abilities in kindergarten through 5th grade. The summer program, facilitated by Program Director Elise May, explores literature through multiple art forms culminating in a Friday performance for friends and family. Professional behavior support will be at all sessions. For program and registration information, and high school volunteer opportunities please email creativereaders@optimum.net or visit the Creative Readers page on the PWPL website. *Registration required. Application will be available May 1.*

Great Library Card Adventure: April 10 - 30



In collaboration with Port's elementary schools, we are proud to present the **Great Library Card Adventure**. This year the adventure begins at the Library and continues outdoors at the Blumenfeld Family Park. From April 10 through 30, kids in grades K through 5 are invited to play our new game and help win books for their school libraries. Each child that plays will receive a gift (while supplies last). The grade that has the most participants will be the winner! *GLCA is made possible by The Friends of the Library.*

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Port Washington families can access digital picture books in 46 Languages other than English. LOTE has titles in French, German, Italian, Spanish and more for kids ages 3 – 10 years old.

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