

## Earth Day 2024 Celebration at Sunset Park Saturday, April 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Rain Date – Saturday, April 27)



PWPL invites YOU to our fourth annual outdoor Earth Day celebration at Sunset Park featuring a concert of Beatles hits led by PWPL's own Tony Traguado and local musicians at the Sousa Bandshell. In addition, Town of North Hempstead representatives and Port Washington environmental organizations will be on site with important information about their latest sustainability initiatives. Participate in our community

art project, enjoy fun eco-friendly crafts, and take home some cool eco-friendly swag. Don't miss out on the music and scenic views while learning how to make a difference in our community. Visit [PWPL.org/earthday](http://PWPL.org/earthday) for more information on our Earth Day events. *The Earth Day celebration is funded by the Friends of the Library.*



## Meet Author Kelly McMasters

Friday, April 19 at 12:00 p.m.  
Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom



Join Port Washington's own Kelly McMasters, an accomplished essayist, bestselling author and Hofstra professor as she discusses her new book, *The Leaving Season: A Memoir in Essays*. McMasters writes about

navigating marriage and motherhood, art and ambition, grief and nostalgia, and the elusive concept of home. Described by author Joanna Rakoff as "a profound and beautiful book... that explores motherhood and marriage with such warmth, intimacy, and wisdom. This is a book that will forever change the way you see your world—and yourself." Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Kelly McMasters will interview bestselling nonfiction author Ilyon Woo at the FOL's 55th Annual Book & Author Luncheon on May 10 at The Garden City Hotel. See page 2 for details.

## Solar Eclipse Watch Party

Monday, April 8 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.



Experience a near-total eclipse at the Library! We will be hosting a viewing of the Solar Eclipse on the Library Terrace. Those who attend the viewing will receive a pair of solar eclipse glasses. While supplies last. We will also be live streaming NASA's "2024

Total Solar Eclipse: Through the Eyes of NASA" official broadcast in the Lapham Meeting Room. A limited number of glasses will be available to be picked up on Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7. Limited to two glasses per family. While supplies last.

## QUICK READS

### Budget Vote April 9 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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

### 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.

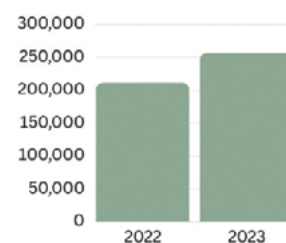
### New Book Club!

Poetry Discussion – See page 9 for details.

## Year in Growth at Port Washington Public Library

### AMOUNT OF VISITORS:

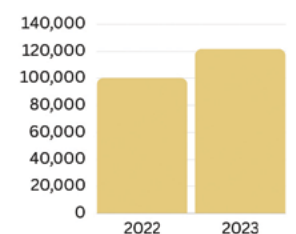
2023: 257,215 visitors  
2022: 211,734 visitors



45,481 more visitors

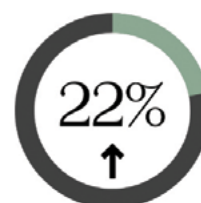
### WIFI SESSIONS:

2023: 121,952 wifi sessions  
2022: 100,233 wifi sessions

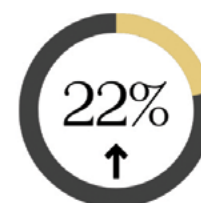


21,719 more Wifi sessions

### PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR



Amount of Visitors



Wifi Sessions

### TOTAL BOOK CIRCULATION (EBOOKS & PHYSICAL BOOKS):



310,035

Books circulated in 2023

### TOTAL ATTENDANCE



53,682

People attended Library programs in 2023

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## Save the Date!

Theater for Dessert presents “The Italian Cure,” bringing European adventure and romance to the Lapham Room on Tuesday June 11 at 7 p.m. This is Theater for Dessert’s second performance venture after last year’s highly successful production of “The Crime Club” wowed our audience of friends and family.



Theater for Dessert, a program from Books for Dessert, offers adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) 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.

Elise May, Program Director for Theater for Dessert, is a Teaching Artist with original award-winning Arts-in-Education programs (Storytime Theater, Expressive Elocution, Multicultural Voices, Creative Readers) that use theater arts for communication, empowerment, and community development with all populations.

Theater for Dessert rehearsals begin in April. Please visit [PWPL.org/tfd](http://PWPL.org/tfd) for more information and to register. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation.*



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### Library Hours

Please see front cover for Library hours. Or visit us online at [PWPL.org/Information/Hours](http://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](http://PWPL.org/Get-A-Library-Card).

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

### Vision:

To enhance the well-being of every community member.

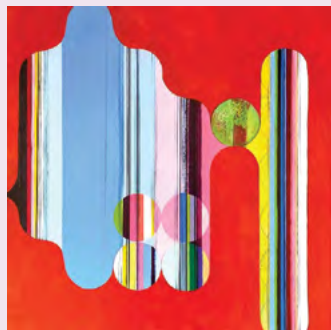
### Mission Statement:

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

## — In the Adler Gallery —

### “PODS” by Carole Freysz Gutierrez – On View through April 29

Artist Reception: Saturday, April 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



“My paintings represent distinct moments in time in the ever-changing fabric of the universe.” Carole Freysz Gutierrez is a Swiss-born artist currently living and working in Oyster Bay, New York. Gutierrez’s abstract series, *PODS*, will be on display in the Adler Gallery throughout March and April. Her large-scale, multi-layered paintings are infused with color, creating tension between surface and depth.

*Pods 14, 2023, acrylic, gouache and sharpie on watercolor paper*

## Tickets Available Now!

### Friends of the Library’s 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Author Luncheon

Friday, May 10 at The Garden City Hotel

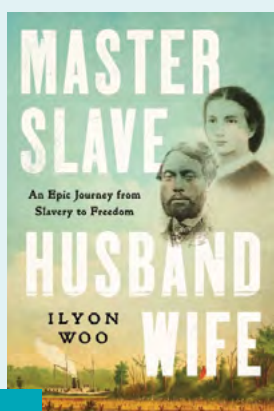
11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Featuring Ilyon Woo, author of the nonfiction best-seller *Master Slave Husband Wife*, one of *The New York Times*’ “10 Best Books of 2023.” She will appear in conversation with

Port’s own Kelly McMasters, essayist, nationally bestselling author, and Hofstra professor.

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased now at [pwpl.org/fol/reserve](http://pwpl.org/fol/reserve) or pick up a reservation brochure in the Library.

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Scan QR code to sign up for our E-newsletters to receive our monthly guide to the Library, weekly event highlights, and occasional emails with news, special events, and surveys.

Or visit: [tinyurl.com/25jkk3be](http://tinyurl.com/25jkk3be)

## Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	2023 BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Real Property Taxes	7,357,901	7,213,733	7,072,264
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	100,000	100,000	100,000
Use of Money and Property	139,400	80,000	3,000
Other Local Revenue	32,000	32,000	33,500
State Sources	8,800	8,800	7,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,638,101</b>	<b>7,434,533</b>	<b>7,215,764</b>
Appropriated: Designated for Separation	47,000	—	—
Appropriated: Capital Projects	—	—	100,000
Appropriated: Undesignated Fund Balance	109,000	66,500	66,500
<b>Total Revenues &amp; App Fund Balance</b>	<b>7,794,101</b>	<b>7,501,033</b>	<b>7,382,264</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>SALARIES, TERMINAL LEAVE &amp; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>			
Salaries	4,132,730	3,859,132	3,718,124
Terminal Leave	—	—	—
Employee Benefits - Retirement	526,384	475,488	421,349
Employee Benefits - Medical	1,033,100	975,040	850,019
Employee Benefits - Other	394,056	373,126	362,338
Subtotal - Salaries, Terminal Leave Accruals & Employee Benefits	<b>6,086,270</b>	<b>5,682,786</b>	<b>5,351,830</b>
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS</b>			
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	100,000	95,000
Books - Young Adult	15,000	15,000	15,000
Software & Online Databases	95,000	95,000	95,000
Periodicals	32,500	36,500	36,500
Media - DVD/CD	70,000	72,000	67,000
<b>Subtotal - Library Materials</b>	<b>471,000</b>	<b>477,000</b>	<b>467,000</b>
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>			
Office & Library Supplies	60,700	60,700	60,700
Telephone	35,000	35,000	31,000
Postage & Freight	25,000	25,000	25,000
Printing	47,500	47,500	40,500
Staff Conference & Training	20,000	20,000	20,000
ALIS/NLS	106,000	93,000	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	135,000	133,700
Security Service	50,000	45,000	45,000
Computer Service	64,800	60,800	60,040
General	27,000	27,000	27,000
<b>Subtotal - Library Operations</b>	<b>678,000</b>	<b>660,000</b>	<b>637,940</b>
<b>BUILDING OPERATIONS</b>			
Fuel & Utilities	202,970	202,970	182,970
Custodial	102,400	119,400	131,200
Insurance	85,000	80,000	70,000
<b>Subtotal - Building Operations</b>	<b>390,370</b>	<b>402,370</b>	<b>384,170</b>
<b>Subtotal Expenditures</b>	<b>7,625,640</b>	<b>7,222,156</b>	<b>6,840,940</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS &amp; TRANSFERS</b>			
Equipment	56,350	56,350	56,350
Repairs & Alterations	100,000	100,000	100,000
Transfers to Capital	—	110,000	380,000
<b>Subtotal - Equipment, Repairs, and Transfers</b>	<b>156,350</b>	<b>266,350</b>	<b>536,350</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Installment Debt - Principal & Interest	12,111	12,527	4,974
Subtotal - Debt Service	12,111	12,527	4,974
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,794,101</b>	<b>7,501,033</b>	<b>7,382,264</b>
Tax Levy Increase (Decrease)	2.00%	2.00%	0.00%
Budget Increase (Decrease)	3.91%	1.61%	0.00%

## A Message from the President of the Library Board of Trustees



The Port Washington Public Library (PWPL) Board of Trustees hereby presents the PWPL's proposed 2024-2025 fiscal budget to the public with a 2% tax levy increase. The Library Trustees carefully crafted this budget with consideration of current economic factors, the requirement to keep our facility in excellent condition, and the vital needs of our community. As such, this is only the second increase we have asked

of the community in the past six years. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers and the dedication of our peerless staff, the PWPL continues to fulfill its Mission.

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

- Our Roof Repair and Façade renovation project was completed, further protecting our building from weather-related damage, and greatly reducing energy costs.
- 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.
- Musical events, featuring top-class performers from all genres, took place in our Library and at Sunset Park.
- *Manhasset Bay Boat Tours* set sail, allowing those without boat access the ability to experience one of Port Washington's most special features.
- Cultural events occurred, honoring Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the Moon Festival and the Lunar New Year.
- Homework help sessions have been expanded to four nights per week, with sessions for kids, tweens, and teens.
- The launch of *Theater for Dessert*, a theatrical performance group consisting of adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Continuation of popular services, such as VHS to DVD conversion, one-on-one tech help both on-site and off-site, job and career training, and notary services.
- *The Library of Games and Gadgets* was expanded and continues to offer loanable Chromebooks, Wi-Fi hotspots, musical instruments, lawn games, GoPro cameras, and so much more.
- Digital content, such as eBooks, audiobooks, music, movies, training videos, and television shows were readily available through popular services such as Libby, Kanopy, LinkedIn Learning, and Hoopla.
- PWPL was *On the Go*, visiting dozens of local community events to share Library services and to answer questions about the PWPL's offerings.

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 9 between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. We thank you for your continued patronage and engagement.

*Kind Regards,*  
William Keller  
*President, PWPL Board of Trustees*

### **2024 Library Budget Vote and Board of Trustees Election Timeline**

Personal Registration Day ..... Tuesday, April 2  
Budget Vote/Trustee Election ..... Tuesday, April 9

The Library's Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place on Tuesday, April 9 at the Library from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## 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](http://pwpl.org/events) for the latest news.



*PWPL staff member Jeff at the Earth Day event at Sunset Park*



*Caught reading at the Library!*



*Mary Ann G., one of our Earth Day photography entries with her photo*



*Author Stacy Schiff with FOL President Pam O'Connell and Former Board President John O'Connell*



*Homebrew Music featured Artist Ana Paul*



*Grammy Winner Laurence Juber*



*Cast of Port Washington Play Troupe performing It's a Wonderful Life - A Radio Play*



*2023 Lunar New Year Celebration*



*ESOL Tutor Mike Duffy at ESOL's 30th Anniversary Celebration*



*ESOL Tutors at ESOL's 30th Anniversary Celebration*



*Homework Help*



*CPR class in Spanish*



*Hispanic Heritage Month 2023 Fiesta at the Park event*



*View from Reading Room of sunset over Manhasset Bay*



*Silvia C. getting her citizenship*



*PWPL staff at HarborFest*



*Park Storytime*



*First Library card (and PWPL Ilama) during Library Card Sign Up Month!*



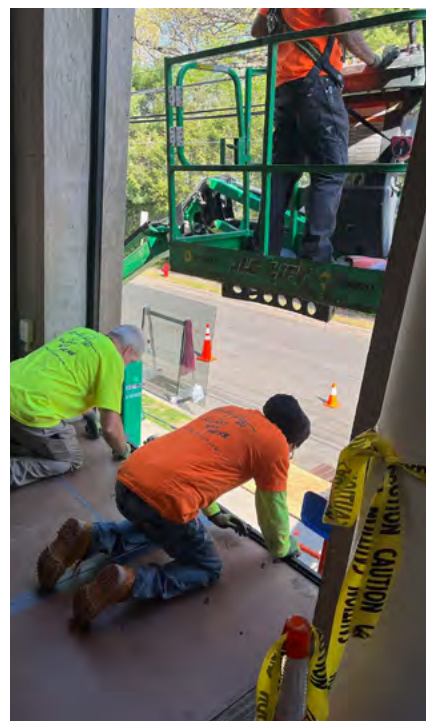
*Moon Festival 2023*



*Halloween on Main*



*Mayra Morales getting ready for the Hispanic Heritage Month*



*Window replacement*



*Indoor Storytime*

# APRIL 2024

Check our website for the latest listings at [PWPL.org/events](http://PWPL.org/events)



## PWPL ON YOUTUBE

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

### PLEASE NOTE:



Registration is required unless stated otherwise. Register for all events at [pwpl.org/events](http://pwpl.org/events)

### REGISTRATIONS THIS MONTH

Type the program name in "Keyword Search" to be directed to the registration link.

- **Cricut Craft: Flower Pots** (April 10)  
Registration 4/1.
- **Defensive Driving Course** (April 20)  
Registration 4/1.
- **Smart Phones for the Perplexed** (April 17)  
Registration 4/3.
- **Taylor Swift Album Listening Party** (May 3)  
Registration 4/19.
- **Cricut Craft: Paper Flowers** (May 10)  
Registration 4/26

### Key to Events:

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

## Monday, April 1

- **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.
- **Preschool Story Time** at 1:30 p.m.  
See page 12 for details.

## Tuesday, April 2

- **Sing and Swing** at 9:30 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.  
See page 12 for details.

## Wednesday, April 3

- **Small Business Workshop: Understanding Your Business's Finances** at 7:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room

Prospective entrepreneurs can greatly benefit from the upcoming program by Long Island SCORE, covering key aspects of business accounting. Topics include accounting fundamentals, setting up finances, and tips for effective financial management.

- **Discussion Group (Ages 60+): Poetry** at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room

Join us for an informal discussion that aims to build community with intelligent discussion, laughter, and social interaction. Participants are asked to bring a favorite poem to share.

## Friday, April 5

- **Ready, Set, Story Time** at 9:30 a.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Sandwiched In with Eco-Photo Explorers-The Channel Islands: California's Underwater Jungle** at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)  
See page 8 for details.
- **Coding for Kids** at 4:30 p.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Dungeons & Dragons for Kids** at 6:00 p.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Film: *Under the Fig Tree*** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room  
In Arabic with English subtitles. Among the trees, young women and men working the summer harvest develop new feelings, flirt, try to understand each other, find - and flee - deeper connections. First-time producer/director Erige Sehiri scripted with Ghalya Lacroix and Peggy Hamann. (2021-93 min.)

## Saturday, April 6

- **SAT Crash Course** at 10:00 a.m.  
See page 11 for details.
- **SoundSwap: Folk Artists Gathering Time** at 2:00 p.m. See page 9 for details.

## Sunday, April 7

- **Violionist Risa Hokamura** at 3:00 p.m.  
See page 9 for details.

## Monday, April 8

- **Solar Eclipse Watch Party** at 2:00 p.m.  
See cover for details.
- **Teen Gaming** at 3:30 p.m.  
See page 11 for details.

## Tuesday, April 9

- **Budget Vote/Trustee Election** from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. See cover and page 3 for details.
- **Sing and Swing** at 9:30 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Hypertension Screenings** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Joan and Arnold Saltzman Reading Room

Blood Pressure Screenings - St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center.



- **Art Lecture: *Ugolino and His Sons* by Jean Baptiste Carpeaux** at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)

Join museum educator Alice W. Schwarz for an in-depth exploration of a romantic 19th-century sculpture by French artist Jean Baptiste Carpeaux. This life-size sculpture is a tour-de-force in marble carving and depicts a moment of anguish and pain. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



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## Tuesday, April 9 (continued)

- **Naloxone Training** at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room  
Be prepared to save a life in an emergency situation. Naloxone training will be presented by Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling Services. Acquire the skills necessary to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose. Attendees will receive a free Naloxone kit.

## Wednesday, April 10

- **Sensory Friendly Craft: Glow in the Dark Shaker Jars** at 11:30 a.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Cricut Craft: Flower Pots** at 6:30 p.m.  
See page 8 for details.

## Thursday, April 11

- **Nonfiction Book Club** at 1:30 p.m.  
See page 9 for details.
- **The College Process** at 6:45 p.m.  
See page 11 for details.

## Friday, April 12

- **Ready, Set, Story Time** at 9:30 a.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Sandwiched In - Madame Restell: The Wickedest Woman in New York** at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room  
Join Professor Ron Brown for his series on famous New Yorkers. In the mid-19th century, Madame Restell started a controversial but successful business as a "Female Physician" helping pregnant women. She faced numerous legal battles and was dubbed "The Wickedest Woman in New York" by the Fifth Avenue elite.
- **Alzheimer's Information Session** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room

Representatives from the Parker Institute's Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands program will be available to provide information on their services to Alzheimer's patients and their families, and to discuss volunteer opportunities.

- **Coding for Kids** at 4:30 p.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Dungeons & Dragons for Kids** at 6:00 p.m.  
See page 12 for details.
- **Film: *Millie Lies Low*** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room  
Anxiety-ridden Millie is on her way from Wellington to New York for an internship at a prestigious architecture firm when a moment of panic causes her to miss her flight. Director Michelle Savill scripted with Eli Kent. (2021-100 min.)



## Saturday, April 13

- **AAC Art Reception at 2:00 p.m.**  
See page 2 for details.

## Monday, April 15

- **Afternoon on Broadway: Celebrating Chita Rivera at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**



Join award-winning director Stephen Nachamie to celebrate the legendary Broadway career of Chita Rivera, spanning 7 decades with iconic roles in *West Side Story*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Chicago*. Celebrate her amazing life.

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

## Tuesday, April 16

- **Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.**  
See page 12 for details.

## Wednesday, April 17

- **Smart Phones for the Perplexed at 2:30 p.m.** See page 8 for details.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Hagedorn Meeting Room**  
Board of Trustees meeting. All are welcome.

## Thursday, April 18

- **Art Lecture: The Whitney Biennial 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**  
Professor Thomas Germano will present a visual lecture about the latest 2024 Whitney Biennial. It is the longest-running exhibition of its kind, making the March 2024 exhibition its eighty-first installment.

- **RCP - Reanimación o Resucitación Cardiopulmonar at 6:00 p.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

## Friday, April 19

- **Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m.**  
See page 12 for details.
- **Sandwiched In with Author Kelly McMasters at 12:00 p.m. (hybrid)**  
See cover for details.
- **STEAM Afternoon at 4:00 p.m.**  
See page 12 for details.

- **Film: *Before, Now & Then* from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**  
In Indonesian with English subtitles. Nana, a gentle, beautiful young woman, escapes a violent anti-communist purge. Afterwards she lives comfortably as the second wife of a rich Sundanese man but her past re-emerges in her dreams. Director Kamila Andini scripted with Ahda Imran, from the latter's novel. (2022-103 min.).



## Saturday, April 20

- **Defensive Driving Course at 9:30 a.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room**  
The Empire Safety Council defensive driving course will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Registration is required and begins on April 1. Priority will be given to PW cardholders.
- **Earth Day 2024 Celebration at Sunset Park at 2:00 p.m.** See cover for details.

## Tuesday, April 23

- **St. Francis Bus from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parking Lot**  
The St. Francis Outreach Bus will be in the parking lot from 10 am - 2 pm. Health screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure check, and simple blood tests.
- **BenAnna Band at 2:30 p.m.**  
See page 12 for details.

## Wednesday, April 24

- **Adventures in Classic Readings at 6:30 p.m.** See page 9 for details.
- **For the Record: Paul McCartney and Wings' *Band on the Run* at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

In 1974, Paul McCartney's album "Band on the Run" with Wings struggled on the charts until the single "Jet" boosted its success. Join Tony Traguado for a closer look at the album's backstory and triumph. Celebrate its 50th anniversary with a review of the newly-released "Underdubbed" mix.



## Thursday, April 25

- **Poetry Discussion at 1:30 p.m.**  
See page 9 for details.
- **Jester Jim at 2:30 p.m.**  
See page 12 for details.
- **Homebrew Music Coffeehouse Series at 7:00 p.m.** See page 9 for details.

## Friday, April 26



- **Sandwiched In - Illustrators on Expedition to the Frontier at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**  
Illustrators accompanied key government and privately sponsored expeditions to the western frontier during the nineteenth century. These artists depicted not so much the reality of the West as the myth of the West. Join award winning teacher and art historian Dennis Raverty as he continues his series about the history of illustration.
- **Sensory Friendly Family Movie: *Luca* at 3:00 p.m.** See page 12 for details.

## Saturday, April 27

- **Rain Date: Earth Day 2024 Celebration at Sunset Park at 2:00 p.m.**  
See cover for details.

## Sunday, April 28

- **SoundSwap - Mad Agnes: Fine Modern Folk Music at 3:00 p.m.**  
See page 9 for details.

## Tuesday, April 30

- **Fiction Book Club at 7:30 p.m.**  
See page 9 for details.



## Community Meetups in the Mezzanine Meeting Room

- **Chess** – Join a game every Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m.
- **Needlecraft BYOP (Bring your Own Project)** – Join us every Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. to work on your project and get ideas from fellow crafters.
- **Scrabble** – Join us for a game every Friday from 2 to 5 p.m.



Above: Patron created cat mugs using our Cricut as birthday party favors.

The Cricut Maker and its accessories are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) News

**ESOL Offerings:** Aside from English classes, the ESOL program also offers an intermediate level Spanish language class, GED and citizenship preparation classes, orientation and community information sessions. For more information about our ESOL Program, please contact Peggy O'Hanlon at [ohanlonp@pwpl.org](mailto:ohanlonp@pwpl.org) or 516 883-4400 x1308. This service is free to all members who live or work in Port Washington. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

**RCP - Reanimación o Resucitación Cardiopulmonar - CPR (por sus siglas en inglés.)**  
**Thursday, April 18 • 6:00pm - 8:45pm**  
**Lapham Meeting Room**

Saber actuar en una situación de emergencia puede salvar vidas. Según informes de la Cruz Roja los primeros auxilios salvan el 90% de las vidas cuando ocurre un desastre. En este curso aprenderemos técnicas y pasos para prestar los primeros auxilios en estos momentos cruciales. Este evento es patrocinado por "The Friends of the Library".



### Lunar New Year 2024 Celebration

With over 45 performers, 20 volunteers, and over 300 attendees, the Lunar New Year celebration was a day to remember! Highlights of the event were the breathtaking performances by several talented Korean & Chinese artists. They brought the stage to life with their vibrant energy and skill. The performances were a testament to the power of community and cultural heritage. We were honored to have shared this special celebration with all who attended. Special thanks to Shirley Lei & Jessie Zhang; Hayoung Lee & Yusun Kang, members of the Chinese and Korean communities who helped to plan and organize the craft activities.



## The Lab Presents

Visit the PWPL Lab for your technology needs. Use our public computers (Mac and PC), 3D printers, Cricut and Mug Press, scanner and copier, the Podcast Studio, VHS digitization, and more! Schedule a one-on-one appointment with our tech aides for help with basic technology needs.

*The Lab's Maker Tech. is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

### Cricut Craft: Flower Pots

**Wednesday, April 10 • 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room**



In celebration of Earth Day and the Spring season, come to the Library and decorate flowerpots using our Cricut Maker 3. This is a great way to learn more about the Cricut and enjoy some crafting. *Registration begins April 1.*

### Smartphones for the Perplexed

**Wednesday, April 17 • 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room**

Feel like you could be getting more out of your smartphone or tablet? Join us for this workshop. This is a class for adults who have little to no experience with technology. *Registration begins April 3.*

## Earth Day!

### Sandwiched In: Eco-Photo Explorers The Channel Islands: California's Underwater Jungle

**Friday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom**



Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they explore the kelp forests of California's Channel Islands. These magnificent kelp forests off California's coast are filled with dense groves of mesmerizing plants and harbor some of the most beguiling temperate marine life found anywhere. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

### Start Your Garden with PWPL!

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Port Washington is unlikely to experience frost after April 15. **Stop by the Library in April to pick up a packet of vegetables, flowers, or herb seeds.**

Visit our nonfiction collection and magazine section for guidance:

#### Dewey Numbers:

- 635 — General gardening
- 641.65 — Vegetable cookery
- 712 — Landscape architecture

**Physical magazines available at the Library:** *American Gardener, Country Living, Horticulture, and Mother Earth News.*





## Music Events at the Library

*Music events require registration.  
Priority seating will be given to Port Washington residents.*

### SoundSwap: Folk Artists Gathering Time Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m.



Long Island-based trio Gathering Time consists of Stuart Markus, Gerry McKeveny, and Christine Sweeney. They blend '60s and '70s classics with original songs. Their sound is influenced by The Byrds, Peter, Paul & Mary, and Joni Mitchell. Expect an exceptional performance

featuring their original songs and covers from contemporary and folk influences.

### Violinist Risa Hokamura in Concert Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Risa Hokamura began studying the violin at the age of three and captured top prizes in competitions throughout her home country of Japan by the age of ten. She trained at Tokyo College of Music and continued her studies at the Manhattan School of Music. *Sponsored by the Music Advisory Council.*



### Homebrew Music Coffeehouse Series Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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

### SoundSwap: Mad Agnes Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy some fine modern Folk music at the Library! Mad Agnes, a captivating genre-bending trio known for intricate harmonies, compelling songwriting, and passionate delivery, includes Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones, and Mark Saunders. They offer an exciting performance with new songs, storytelling, and impromptu vocalizations. Don't miss their upcoming performance showcasing songs from their four albums, including their latest release, "Likely Story."



*SoundSwap events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

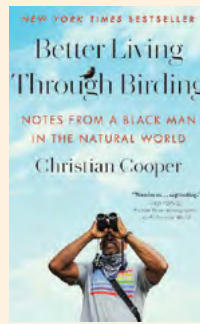


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## Book Clubs

Join fellow readers at the Library for an engaging discussion at our book clubs. Copies of the books can be found at the Information Desk and on Libby. *Registration is required.*



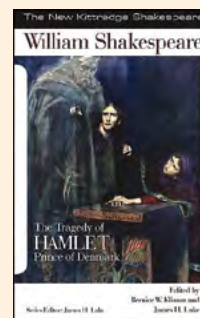
### Nonfiction Book Club: Thursday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. Hagedorn Meeting Room **Better Living Through Birding** by Christian Cooper

*Better Living Through Birding* is the 2024 Long Island Reads selection. Visit [Longislandreads.wordpress.com](http://Longislandreads.wordpress.com) for more information about Long Island Reads.



### Fiction Book Club: Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. Mezzanine Meeting Room **Here is the Beehive** by Sarah Crossan

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### Adventures in Classic Readings: Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Hagedorn Meeting Room **The Tragedy of Hamlet**

by William Shakespeare

*All Adventures in Classic Readings participants will receive a complimentary copy provided by the Friends of the Library's Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund.*



### New Book Club! Poetry Discussion Thursday April 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Join fellow readers for a new poetry discussion led by the 2022-2024 Nassau County Poet Laureate Paula Curci. Copies of the selected text for April will be available at the Information Desk. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library's Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund.*



### National Poetry Month with Hoopla

Participate in Poetry Month this April with free poetry audiobooks available to borrow with your Library card. Hoopla offers access to a vast collection of books, videos, and music, all free with your library card. Borrow, stream, and download content on iOS, Android, Kindle Fire, and more. Access Hoopla's Poetry collection at [hoopladigital.com/collection/44705](http://hoopladigital.com/collection/44705)



*View from the Library's Terrace with the new Adirondack chairs. Sponsored by The Library Foundation*

## History Center Spotlight

Spring has sprung! April is National Garden Month. The Port Washington Garden Club, pictured here at a floral exhibit in the 1930s, was established in 1924 by Mrs. Anne Barton of Beacon Hill and still meets today. The non-profit aims to beautify Port Washington, with window boxes at the train station, a large planter at the Town Dock, and weekly arrangements at the Library throughout the year.



### Port News Digital Database

Extra, extra, read all about it! The History Center at the Port Washington Public Library is pleased to announce that even more of the *Port News* archive has been digitized, thanks to generous funding from the Friends of the Library! Editions of the *Port News* from 1903-1981 can now be accessed from anywhere, 24/7, using our online database. Search for keywords or browse by year to explore this fascinating local history resource at [portwashington.advantage-preservation.com](http://portwashington.advantage-preservation.com)

### Local History Exhibit

## Shellfish Soundbites has been extended through April!



Throughout April, the History Center will feature **Shellfish Soundbites!**, a community exhibition curated by Grace Mary Grimes, a graduate student at SUNY ESF, Syracuse, in cooperation with the PWPL History Center.

The exhibition celebrates the rich maritime and aquacultural history of Long Island and includes photographs, oral history interviews, and art objects highlighting ecosystems and cultural services. Accompanying the photos will be a QR code that links to an audio file. As viewers walk through the gallery, they can hear testimonies of the people featured in the photographs. *This exhibition is made possible by a New York Sea Grant.*

## Did You Know?



Access popular streaming services like MAX, Paramount+ with Showtime, and more for free with your library card. Borrow a Roku streaming stick for 7 days from [pwpl.org/LOGG](http://pwpl.org/LOGG) or grab one at the circulation desk. Rokus work with any TV

with an HDMI port. For instructions and a list of available movies and TV series, visit [PWPL.org/roku](http://PWPL.org/roku).

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## Highlight: Free Legal Forms ePIIPL



**NUWAV**  
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Create professional legal forms in minutes with Nuwav Legal Documents Online. Categories

include Wills, Power of Attorney, Divorce, Business Contracts, Identity Theft, Lease Agreements, Bankruptcy, Landlord/Tenant Disputes, and more. Search, input personal information, and print ready-to-use forms! To get started, visit [bit.ly/PWPL-Nuwav](http://bit.ly/PWPL-Nuwav) and login with your PWPL Library card number.

## The Library of Games & Gadgets

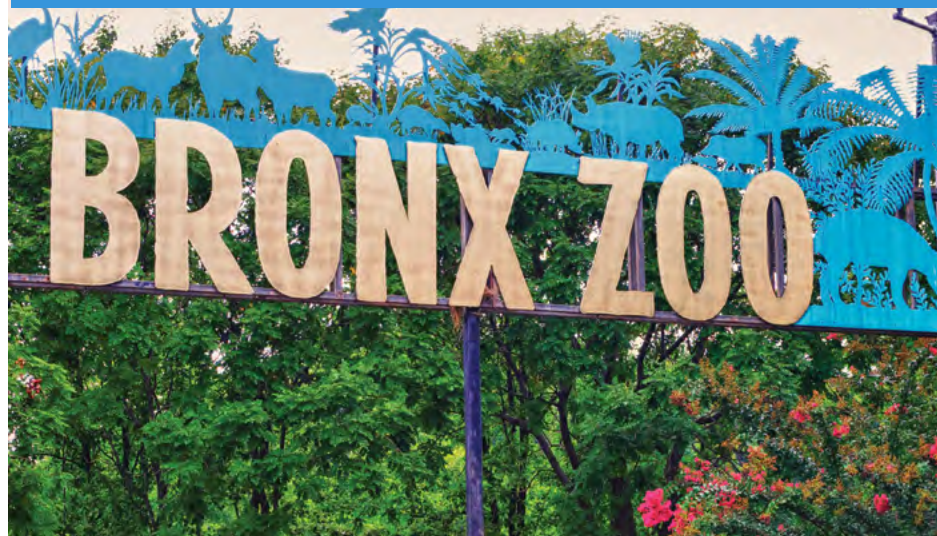


### New in our Collection:

- Air Quality Monitor: The monitor is equipped with powerful sensors that detect the eight main kinds of air pollution.
- CD/DVD Writer: This slim, portable DVD Writer simplifies recording and sharing music, photos, and videos. Quickly create custom audio, data, and video files for burning onto DVDs or CDs.
- Laser Tag: The Laser Tag set includes 4 Laser Tag Guns, 4 Glowing Vest Straps, 2 Sets of USB charging cables, carrying bag, and instruction sheet for extended game play.
- Slide n Scan Digital Film Scanner: Allows you to view, edit, and convert your old photos to digital. Compatible with B&W and colored negatives.

Borrow up to three items at once. Reserve online at [PWPL.org/LOGG](http://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. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

## Discount Tickets:



PWPL discount tickets offer big savings when visiting popular area attractions. Tickets for the **American Museum of Natural History, Long Island Aquarium, and Long Island Science Center** can be purchased at the Library. Discount Tickets for the **Wildlife Conservation Society**, which includes access to the **Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, New York Aquarium, Queens Zoo,** and **Prospect Park Zoo** can be purchased online at [bit.ly/WCStickets](http://bit.ly/WCStickets). Enter Code PWPL.

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# TeenSpace

Grades 7-12



## Teen Gaming

**Mondays, April 8 & 15**  
from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Come play Nintendo Switch games with other teens after school. *No registration required.*

## Chess Meetup

**Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

Join our weekly chess meetup and sharpen your chess skills while having fun playing with other players. Drop in for a game!  
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## SAT Zoom Crash Course

**Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

This course will cover the English and Math sections of the test and students will learn about the different types of questions that appear on the test. Registration begins March 23 for this Zoom event.  
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## The College Process

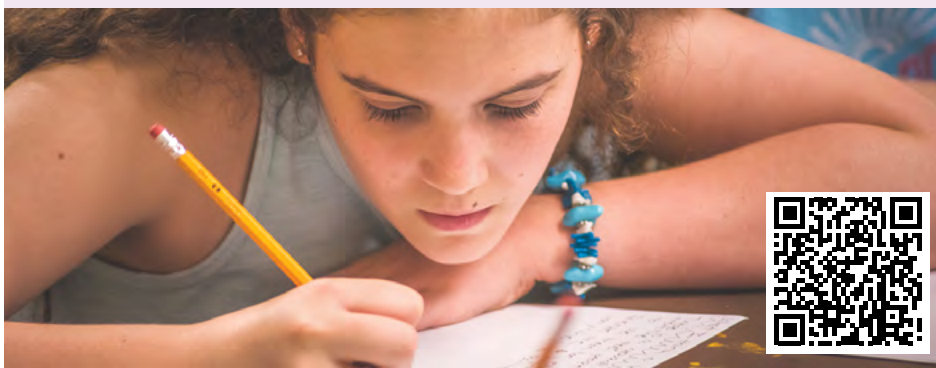
**Thursday, April 11 at 6:45 p.m.**

Learn about the various components of the college process, courses students take in high school, and ways that students can craft a robust transcript. Kitty R. Klein, College Advisor/Consultant will facilitate this event. Registration begins March 28 for teens and their parents.

## 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. To submit a review visit [PWPL.org/teens](http://PWPL.org/teens).



# TEST PREP HELP

Planning to take the SAT or ACT exam soon? If so, we have you covered with several online test preparation services.

Visit [PWPL.org](http://PWPL.org) and login with your PWPL Library card to create an account and track your progress.

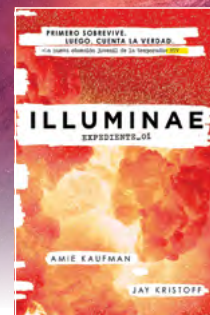
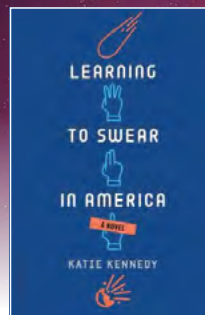


**LearningExpress** – Tutorials, exams, and eBooks for PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP exams, and more. In addition, it provides eBooks on writing college admission essays.

**Mometrix Test Prep** – Flash cards, practice questions, eBooks and tests for Regents, AP, SAT, ACT, PSAT exams, and much more.

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# OUT OF THIS WORLD SPACE RELATED BOOKS FOR TEENS



## **Avalon** by Mindee Arnette

Jeth Seagrave, the leader of a ragtag team of teenage mercenaries, skirts the line between honor and the law in an attempt to win freedom for his sister and himself in the form of their parents' old spaceship, Avalon.

## **Learning to Swear in America** by Katie Kennedy

Brought over from Russia to help NASA prevent an asteroid from colliding with Earth, 17-year-old physics genius Yuri feels awkward and alone until he meets free-spirited Dovie.

## **Illuminae** by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff

The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.

## **Life As We Knew It** by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Through journal entries, Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

## **To Fly Among the Stars: The Hidden Story of the Fight for Woman Astronauts** by Rebecca Siegel

Documents the lesser-known efforts of a group of 13 women air racers, test pilots and flight instructors who endured the same astronaut training and trials as their male counterparts in secret, hoping to defy social norms and earn their place in history.

## **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas Adams

After Earth is demolished to make way for a new hyperspatial expressway, Arthur Dent begins to hitch-hike through space.

## **Contagion** by Erin Bowman

After receiving a distress call from a drill team on a distant planet, a skeleton crew is sent into deep space to perform a standard search-and-rescue mission. When they arrive, they find the planet littered with the remains of the project including its members' dead bodies. As they try to piece together what could have possibly decimated an entire project, they discover that some things are best left buried and some monsters are only too ready to awaken.

## **The 100** by Kass Morgan

When 100 juvenile delinquents are sent on a mission to recolonize Earth, they get a second chance at freedom, friendship, and love, as they fight to survive in a dangerous new world.

## Early Childhood

Find registration start dates and register online at [PWPL.org/children](http://PWPL.org/children)

### A Time For Kids-Baby Start

**Monday, April 1 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 1 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.*

### Preschool Story Time

**Monday, April 1 from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Ages 2 ½ to 5 years with an adult**

Enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. *Registration required.*

### Sing and Swing

**Tuesdays, April 2, 9 & 16**

**from 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-served basis.*

### Ready, Set, Story Time

**Fridays, April 5, 12 & 19 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

**Ages birth to 5 years with an adult**

Join your favorite librarians for stories, songs, and fingerplays. *No registration required.*

## First through Sixth Grade

Find registration start dates and register online at [PWPL.org/children](http://PWPL.org/children)

### Coding for Kids

**Fridays, April 5, 12, May 3, 10 & 17 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Ignite the love of coding by learning to create animations and computer games using Scratch. Taught by Port high school students in AP Computer Science. For children with no prior programming experience in 3rd to 6th grade. For more details, visit [youngcoderspw.com](http://youngcoderspw.com). *Registration required.*

### Dungeons & Dragons for Kids

**Fridays, April 5 & 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

A game that engages players in collaborative storytelling, creative problem solving, artistic expression, and exploring a world you help create. Come join our game to expand your horizons and imagine exciting adventures with others. For children in 4th to 6th grade. *Registration required. Priority will be given to first-time registrants.*

### STEAM Afternoon

**Friday, April 19 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Learn about how light works, with lasers, mirrors, and illusions! Stop by to participate in optics and illusion-filled activities with a raffle prize to continue your STEAM journey! *No registration required.*

## Celebrate Autism Awareness Month

### Sensory Friendly Craft: Glow in the Dark Shaker Jars

**Wednesday, April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Create your own sensory cosmic glow-in-the-dark shaker jar. For elementary-age children with a supervising adult. *Registration required.*

### Sensory Friendly Film: Luca

**Friday, April 26 from 3:00 to 4:35 p.m.**



Set in a seaside town on the Italian Riviera, "Luca" tells the story of a young boy's unforgettable summer of gelato, pasta, and scooter rides with his newfound best friend, Alberto. Their fun is threatened by a deeply held secret: he is a sea monster from another world just below the water's surface. Rated PG-95 minutes. The lights will be dimmed and the volume not too loud so you can feel free to be yourself and enjoy the movie! *No registration required.*

## Creative Readers – Summer Program

**Monday to Friday, July 22-26 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion for children that will complete kindergarten through 5th grade this spring of 2024. 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](mailto:creativereaders@optimum.net) or visit the Creative Readers page on the PWPL website. *The application for registration will begin May 1.*



## Great Library Card Adventure April 15 - 30

In collaboration with Port's elementary schools, we are proud to present the Great Library Card Adventure. From April 15 through 30, kids in grades K through 5 are invited to play our 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.*

## Vacation Week Programs

### The BenAnna Band

**Tuesday, April 23 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.**

Kids will go bananas for this high energy musical duo that will have kids and adults singing, dancing, and playing along on live instruments! Bring your dancing shoes and big smiles to make this musical performance one to remember. Sponsored by the PWPL Children's Advisory Council. For families! *Tickets are required and will be available in the Children's Room beginning April 15.*



### Jester Jim

**Thursday, April 25 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

With nothing more than a trunk full of props and his fast wit, Jester Jim's show is packed with fun and excitement. Juggling, balancing, and beatboxing (vocal percussion) make this a performance you'll never forget! For elementary school 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 15.*