Celebrating literacy and the arts for kids

Creative Readers honored as a 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Finalist

The President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and its partner agencies, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities have chosen Creative Readers as a 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program (NAHYP) Award Finalist.

Library Director Nancy Curtin stated, “This program strives to provide an avenue to the joy of literature for all readers. Literacy, community inclusion, and engaging in the arts creates an atmosphere where kids can soar.”

Creative Readers Program Director Elise May shares, “This truly is an exciting honor. Creative Readers is a labor of love where elementary school students of all abilities and high school buddies explore literature through drama, art, music and dance in the inclusive environment the Library offers our community. Following a pilot program in 2012, the Library embraced Creative Readers, offering the funds to grow it into a full-school-year program. This couldn’t happen without the Library’s ongoing funding and staff support as well as that of Port Washington SEPTA, which offers behavioral support and teen outreach. It is a wonderful partnership!”

Creative Readers’ primary goal is literary enrichment to increase the joy of reading for elementary students by turning books into a multi-sensory experience, while offering all learners the ability to be challenged, motivated and successful. Its secondary goal, of no less importance, is to offer a space for unique learners of all kinds, some of whom are schooled outside the district, to socialize and work together creatively.

The NAHYP finalist letter stated, “We are highly impressed with the successful work that your organization and the other Finalists have accomplished in youth after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities learning. We reviewed 342 applications from 46 states, the District of Columbia, and two U.S. territories, and your program’s selection as one of the fifty Finalists distinguishes it as one of the top arts-and humanities-based programs in the country.”

Learn more about CREATIVE READERS

The benefits of the Creative Readers program are multi-layered. Elementary school students explore, create, gain confidence and communication skills while performing and socializing with peers and older buddies, while the volunteer buddies discover that everyone has a unique way of learning.

Volunteer seniors have shared what the program means to them in reflection letters that many use for their college essays. One college’s Dean of Admissions mentioned in an acceptance letter being especially impressed with the volunteer’s commitment to Creative Readers.

Creative Readers meets Saturday mornings from October through April in six-week sessions, with two classes each week: kindergarten through 2nd grade and 3rd through 5th grade. There is a training session for volunteers in the fall. For more information, applications and teen volunteering, please contact creativereadersinport@yahoo.com.

Quick reads

Summer Sundays
The library is closed on Sundays through Labor Day weekend.

Ride and Read
PWPL is back at the LIRR! Through September 27, we’ll be at the train station on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 a.m. Liven up your commute with a selection of favorites—no library card required! Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Borrow a telescope
You can now reserve one of these popular items. Call 516-883-4400, ext. 136 for more info. Made possible by FOL.

Coming this fall: the Inspiration UnGala
The Library Foundation will celebrate PWPL’s 125th anniversary with its first Inspiration UnGala. Please contact Lisa Davidoff at ljdavidoff@gmail.com for more information and sponsorship opportunities.

New Kindle e-readers
Tired of lugging books on your commute? Planning a trip? Grab a new Kindle e-reader, pre-loaded with bestsellers and librarian favorites. They can be borrowed for two weeks and are available first-come, first-served at the Information Desk.

Homebound delivery
If you or a loved one is unable to visit the Library, let us know and we’ll arrange for free delivery of books and other materials. For more info, contact Keith Klang at 516-883-4400, ext. 135 or kklang@pwpl.org.
Board games and puzzles, anyone?

It’s all fun and games at the Library! Stop by the Information Desk in the Reading Room to grab a board game or work on a jigsaw puzzle. We have Chess, Checkers, Scrabble, Settlers of Catan, Risk and Monopoly. These are all for playing in the Library, so bring some friends!

Have a GoPro Adventure!

Your PWPL card has always taken you on adventures—now it’ll help you capture them! Beginning this month, cardholders can borrow a GoPro Hero Session camera kit with all the accessories. Whether you’re trekking, climbing, riding, sailing, or just strolling, this rugged camera will make the moments last. When you’re done, our staff will even help you transfer your videos and show you how to save and share them.

The GoPro kit may be borrowed for 14 days. Borrowers must be 18 years or older, but we encourage parents to check one out for their family. Watch our Facebook page for updates on availability. Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

The Eclipse is Coming

On Monday, August 21, the U.S. will experience its first total solar eclipse in 26 years. While you’ll have to travel for the full view, New Yorkers will see around 80 percent of the unique phenomenon—not too bad! For some pre-eclipse reading, check out the book recommendations below. And remember to protect your eyes when you watch the eclipse!


Apollo 8: The Thrilling Story of the First Mission to the Moon by Jeffrey Kluger (2017)

Chasing the Sun: The Epic Story of the Star that Gives us Life by Richard Cohen (2010)

Eclipse: The Celestial Phenomenon that Changed the Course of History by Paul Davies (2001)

Eclipse: Journeys to the Dark Side of the Moon by Frank Chase (2017)


Our Sun: Biography of a Star by Christopher Cooper (2013)

Sun, Moon, Earth: The History of Solar Eclipses, from Omens of Doom to Einstein and Exoplanets by Tyler Nordgren (2016)

The Value of the Moon: How to Explore, Live, and Prosper in Space Using the Moon’s Resources by Paul Spudis (2016)

Learn more at NASA’s eclipse site: https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/
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Friday, August 4 and Tuesday, August 8
Celebrate the folk and blues greats with Patricia Shih and Bill Shelley

On Friday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m., the Sandwiched In series presents “Songbirds.” Join singer-songwriter Patricia Shih as she celebrates five female folk artists: Ronnie Gilbert of the Weavers, Joan Baez, Mary Travers of Peter, Paul and Mary, Judy Collins and Joni Mitchell. Shih will perform, screen clips and discuss these giants of folk.

On Tuesday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m., film archivist Bill Shelley presents “Blues Revolution.” He’ll explore an American art form that grew from Southern plantations to worldwide fame and influence. Shelley will discuss the early, groundbreaking musicians of the genre, as well as those who followed, including the British rock artists who adopted the blues as their own. Rare film clips will be screened, including some which are the only known filmed performances of the musicians they feature.

Your town, your images
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North Fork Bus Trip

On Wednesday, October 11, join us on a bus trip to two fun North Fork destinations. We will depart the library on a comfy coach at 9 a.m. First stop is the Diliberto Winery, where we’ll have a tour, a tasting and lunch in their Tuscany-style dining room.

For our next stop, we visit the Mather House Museum Complex which includes a tour of the home of 19th Century Port Jefferson shipbuilder John T. Mather, the Spinney Clock Collection, country store, barber shop and post office, as well as the craft house and museum shop. We will arrive back at the Library around 6 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, August 15 at 9 a.m. The all-inclusive fee of $85 is due at the time of registration. Both Port residents and non-residents are welcome.
Three hundred and forty Library supporters attended the Friends of the Library’s 48th Annual Richard D. Whittemore Book & Author Luncheon on Friday, May 12 at North Hills Country Club. The featured authors were best-selling novelist Alice Hoffman and historian Paul Freedman. Port’s own Susan Isaacs once again donated her time as Program Moderator. Eighty-six sponsors (corporate and individual) and raffle prize donors helped to make the event a success. Please enjoy these event photos taken by Will Wright and Seth Ehrlich.
**SUMMER READING**

**Summer Reading 2017: “Build a Better World!”**
Kids entering grades 1 through 6 are invited to join! From July 5 through August 10, keep track of the books you read at home. Visit the library to record your progress and try the weekly challenge. At the end of the summer, you’ll receive a certificate, gift and invitation to the Summer Reading Finale on Friday, August 11. In-person registration is in progress.

**EARLY LITERACY**

**Smart Start for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers**
From July 5 through August 10, read, sing and do fingerplays with your children ages birth through 5 years. Record the activities you’ve shared and we’ll have gifts for your child. In-person registration is in progress.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom

**Preschool Story Time**
**Tuesdays, August 1, 8 at 10:30 a.m.**
You and your child will enjoy great stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. For children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years with an adult. Online registration began July 3.

**Play Pals: Session II**
**Wednesdays, August 2, 9 at 11:30 a.m.**
Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational and creative environment. For children ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Online registration began July 17.

**Baby Rhyme Time: Session II**
**Thursdays, August 3, 10 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.**
A lapit story time filled with songs, music and bouncing rhymes that emphasizes early literacy skills and introduces babies to the magic of books. For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Online registration began July 17.

**Sing and Swing Story Time**
**Fridays, August 4, 11 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.**
Interactive stories, rhymes and songs emphasize early literacy skills and help instill a lifelong love of learning. For children ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 50 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.

**Ready, Set, Story Time**
**Monday, August 7 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.**
Ms. Susie introduces early literacy practices through stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. For children of all ages with an adult. Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 50 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.

**SCHOOL-AGE KiDS**

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom

**Fourth Grade Book Discussion**
**Wednesday, August 2 at 7 p.m.**
Online registration began June 26—call for availability.

**Read and Reach: Session II**
**Thursdays, August 3, 10 at 3:45 p.m.**
Join us for great stories, movement and fun exercise. For kids entering grades K to 2. Registration began July 24.

**Steam Saturday: Brixology Bridges**
**Saturday, August 5**
Put your mind and hands to work as a civil engineer and test designs to build the strongest bridge. For kids entering grades 4 to 6 at 10 a.m. For kids entering grades 1 to 3 at 11:30 a.m. Online registration began July 24.

**Third Grade Book Discussion**
**Monday, August 7 at 7 p.m.**
Online registration began July 1—call for availability.

**Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion**
**Tuesday, August 8 at 7:15 p.m.**
Online registration began June 26—call for availability.

**FAMILY FILM**

**Sing**
**Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m.**
(2016–108 min.) An optimistic koala puts on the world’s greatest singing competition in this animated musical comedy starring a mouse, a timid elephant, a pig, a gorilla and a punk-rock porcupine. Rated PG. No tickets or registration required.

**NEW MUSEUM PASS FOR KiDS**

PWPL cardholders can now borrow a pass to NYC’s newest kids’ museum, the Children’s Museum of the Arts! The pass provides free admission for all kids from one household and two accompanying adults, plus guaranteed entry on busy days, and exclusive early access before general hours on selected school holidays. Visit www.cm any.org for more information on the museum, and visit pwpl.org/museumpass to make a reservation.

**REGISTRATION 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 who is waiting. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents.
Summer Reading Club
July 1 through August 19
Read, write mini-reviews, win prizes! Pick up a packet of reading club materials in TeenSpace. Registration is in progress.

Summer Workshops
Workshops are free and open to Port residents entering grades 7 through 12. Register online at pwpl.org/teenspace (click on "programs"), in person or by calling 516-883-4400, ext. 148. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Amusement Park Physics
August 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.
Work in groups and visit stations designed to mimic amusement park rides. Learn about the forces behind bumper cars, design a roller coaster, and more! Register at pwpl.org or by calling 516-883-4400, ext. 138.

Throwback Thursday Classic Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off
August 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.
A high school student is determined to have a day off from school. PG-13. Register at pwpl.org or by calling 516-883-4400, ext. 138.

Teen Jigsaw Puzzle Night
August 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Because they’re fun! No registration.

Teen Game Night
August 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
An evening of classic board games. No registration.

Kenyan Paper Bead Craft
August 15 from 7 to 8 p.m.
Make a bracelet with homemade beads while learning how your project helps young people in Mt-wapa, Kenya. Register at pwpl.org or by calling 516-883-4400, ext. 138.

Register at pwpl.org or call 516-883-4400, ext. 138 for grades seven through twelve Summer Reading Club, which runs from July 1 through August 19. Weekly workshops are also offered, including Amusement Park Physics on August 2, Throwback Thursday Classic Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off on August 3, Teen Jigsaw Puzzle Night on August 8, Teen Game Night on August 10, and Kenyan Paper Bead Craft on August 15. All events are free and open to Port residents entering grades 7 through 12. Registration is required for the workshops. The Summer Workshops are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.