February
2015

The Hermès Quartet performs Haydn, Beethoven and more

On Sunday, February 15 at 3 p.m., the Musical Advisory Council welcomes the Paris-based Hermès Quartet for a stop on their first U.S. tour. Violinists Omer Bouchez and Elise Liu, violist Yung-Hsin Chang, and cellist Anthony Kondo won the 2012 Young Concert Artists International Auditions and made their U.S. debuts to rave reviews at the opening concerts of the Young Concert Artists Series at Carnegie’s Zankel Hall, and at the Kennedy Center’s Terrace Theater. The Washington Post praises their “world-class quartet playing” and says “they will likely take their place among the top quartets of our time.”

The Quartet has won acclaim performing at prestigious European festivals, and currently holds the Helen F. Whitaker Chamber Music Chair of YCA and is the Artist in Residence at the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel in Brussels.

The members met at the Lyon Conservatory and formed the ensemble in 2008 under the tutelage of Zoltan Toth and Reiko Kitahama. They studied at the Berlin University of the Arts, where they worked with the Artemis Quartet, and are currently studying at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional in Paris with members of the Ysaÿe Quartet.

February schedule
On Monday, February 16, we will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Library Board
If you are interested in running for a seat on the Library Board of Trustees, your petition must be returned by March 16. Trustee petitions will be available in the administration office beginning February 9. For more information, pick up a copy of the brochure Why Become a Library Trustee? at the Library’s Information Desk or contact library administration at 516-883-4400, ext. 101.

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

Mobile Print
Our new Mobile Print service is live! Send your documents to the Computer Center printers from within the Library, from home or on the go. Access from a desktop, laptop or mobile device.

Great Books
The Great Books discussion group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. The selection for February 2 is Observation and Experiment by Claude Bernard; February 16 will feature a discussion of Everything That Rises Must Converge by Flannery O’Connor.

Stay up to date on the plans for the new Children’s Room.
Visit www.pwpl.org/a newleaf

Heloisa Pomfret presents The Body as a Reliquary

Heloisa Pomfret, a Brazilian-American visual artist noted for her wide variety of creations, will be featured in the Main Gallery with The Body as a Reliquary, which includes paintings, collages, drawings and ceramics. Heloisa’s abstract work involves scratching to remove multiple layers of paint on canvas, reflecting sculptural and psychological influences. The show will run from February 1 through 28.

Heloisa was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil and earned a Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts in painting and drawing at Wayne State University in Detroit. After her studies she moved to New York and began exhibiting at the G.R. N’Namdi Gallery in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Miami.

For the last several years she has spent the summer working in France and Italy. Currently, she lives and works near Detroit, Michigan, where she is exploring ceramics and alternative materials.

The Art Advisory Council will host a reception for the artist on February 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.
The Friends of the Library invites library patrons of all ages to vote at the Library on April 7. The Library is providing an easy way to register prior to our budget vote and trustee election on April 14. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in this election.

On April 7, visit the Library between the hours of noon and 9 p.m. To register, please bring one of the following: a valid photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or some other government document that shows your name or address.

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

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

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

The Friends of the Library Award, established in 1991, honors individuals for their outstanding service to the library over many years. It is presented only rarely, to individuals of special merit. Past winners include Richard D. Whittimore, Henry G. Salomon, Ruth Wallace Feingold and Jacqueline Stark Wood, Ruth D. Benson, Joyce and Robert Fieldsteel, Martin Vogel, Beverly Hall and Joan Kent. The Friends of the Library is proud to announce that Amy G. Bass has joined their ranks as a recipient of this prestigious award.

Amy is a thoughtful, vigorous and enthusiastic volunteer on behalf of Port Washington. Her activities embrace library, school and civic concerns. Her longest community commitment is as a board member and president of the Friends of the Library, where she has organized, advocated and fundraised for over 25 years.

“No one deserves the Friends of the Library Award more than Amy Bass,” says FOL 1st Vice President Nancy Wright. “She is and has been the driving force behind the success of the Friends in strengthening the ties between the Library and our community and for tirelessly advocating for the Library.”

Under Amy’s tenure the FOL has grown enormously and now helps to support a host of programs and services, including dozens of speakers, literacy events and online homework help for children and teens, and the popular Museum Pass Program for all of Port Washington’s residents. The FOL’s annual Book & Author Luncheon has brought many illustrious authors to our town; the paperback book swap gives residents access to free books; and FOL University brings eminent scholars to the library to lecture on a broad range of topics.

“I grew up in Port Washington in a house full of books,” Amy states. “My family were readers and active Library users. When I joined FOL in 1986, I was excited and honored to be part of our community’s largest home for books. The Friends is the Library’s oldest volunteer organization and is dedicated to developing new Library resources through community outreach, advocacy and fundraising and to expanding programming throughout the Library.”

“We are so proud of our Library and its expansive universe that now includes much more than books, and I am grateful for the opportunities for volunteer service that it has offered to me.”

Among her many other responsibilities at FOL, Amy has for many years been the driving force behind the Richard D. Whittimore Book & Author Luncheon, FOL’s signature and sole fundraising event, raising it to a level of renown and literary prestige unlike anything else on Long Island. Past speakers have included many Pulitzer Prize winners, National Book Award winners, and best selling-authors including John Berendt, A. Scott Berg, Alice Hoffman, Susan Isaacs, Dennis Lehane, David Nasaw, Jayne Anne Phillips, Dava Sobel, Judith Thurman and George Veysey. Amy also graciously presides over the event as master of ceremonies.

Amy is married to Geoffrey Bass, who she thanks for his steadfast support and encouragement. They have two married children and two grandchildren.

Director Nancy Curtin recognizes Amy’s unique contributions to Port’s 3-star Library: “Amy Bass exemplifies everything that this lifetime achievement award represents. Amy has worked tirelessly to advance the mission of the Library and expand its reach through support of its collections, programs and special services. She is an exceptional advocate, manager and contributor to our success. My congratulations and heartfelt gratitude go to her and the Friends of the Library Board.”

“Amy Bass plays an essential role at the Port Washington Public Library,” says Library Board of Trustees President Robert Lee Atkens. “It is a role she takes on with skill and gusto, and we hope she continues to play it for many years to come. My deepest thanks and congratulations go to her upon winning this award.”

A trip to the South Fork for art, food and wine

Registration begins Tuesday, February 3 at 9 a.m. for our May bus trip to the South Fork.

On Wednesday, May 20, our cozy coach will depart the Library at 9 a.m. and head east for a visit to the Parrish Museum. The critically acclaimed Herzog & de Meuron-designed building opened to the public in November 2012. Sited on fourteen acres of meadow in Water Mill, New York, the architecture and landscape honor the East End’s natural environment and provide a new way to experience art with a sense of place afforded by no other museum.

We will have a docent-led tour of the current exhibit, Chuck Close Photographs. This comprehensive survey explores how Chuck Close—one of the most important figures in contemporary art—has stretched the boundaries of photographic means, methods and approaches. The photographic origin of each Close painting is well known; however, his exploration of the medium extends far beyond the use of photographs as a ground for his extensive exhibition history, this project delves into the full range of his photographic works, presenting more than 125 images spanning 1968 to the present, ranging from straightforwad black and white portraits to monumentally scaled, composite Polaroids to intimately scaled daguerreotypes. The exhibit runs through July 26, 2015.

Following the tour, we’ll enjoy lunch on site in the Golden Pear Café, featuring a selection of salads, sandwiches, desserts and beverages. Afterwards, we’ll go next door to Duckwalk Vineyards and sample several offerings. In 1994, this Normandy Chateau-style building in Water Mill, a true Hamptons landmark, became home to what has quickly evolved into one of the most well-known names in Long Island wine. Then back on our coach for a relaxed journey back to the library.

Sign up at the Information Desk. The all-inclusive fee of $85.00 is due at time of registration.
February starts off with a bang, and then... nothing. Spend Sundays with these recent titles and you may miss it just a little less:


*Against Football: One Fan's Reluctant Manifesto* by Steve Almond (2014)


*Collision Low Crossers: A Year Inside the Turbulent World of NFL Football* by Nicholas Dawidoff (2013)


*Why Football Matters: My Education in the Game* by Mark Edmondson (2014)

This month we screen three films about the lives of young adults. Not enough? Here are some recent ones in our circulating DVD collection:

*All Cheerleaders Die* (2013). Rebellious teenager Maddy enlists the cheerleading squad to help her take down the captain of their high school football team, but a supernatural turn of events thrusts the girls into a different battle.

*Beautiful Creatures* (2013). High schooler Ethan longs to escape his conservative Southern hometown. He meets Lena, a mysterious girl with supernatural powers, and together they uncover dark secrets about their families and their town. From the novel by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl.

*Carrie* (2013). The third screen version of Stephen King's novel, a shy teen unleashes telekinetic havoc on her small town after being humiliated at her senior prom.


*The Spectacular Now* (2013). An unlikely romance develops between Sutter and Aimee, the girl next door. Adapted from Tim Tharp's novel.

*Warm Bodies* (2013). After an introspective teenaged zombie named R saves Julie from an attack, the two form an unlikely romantic relationship. From Isaac Marion's novel.

Early Childhood

Valentine Craft
Monday, February 2
Join Miss Jeannie for a holiday craft, stories and fingerplays. Ages 18 to 36 months with an adult at 11 a.m. Ages 3 to 5 years with an adult at 12 noon. Registration begins January 26. Call for availability.

Sing and Swing Story Time
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
For children ages 18 months to 2 years with an adult. No registration required. Does not meet February 17.

Baby Rhyme Time
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. No registration required. Does not meet February 19.

Tell Me a Story
Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
For children ages 3 to 5 years with or without an adult. No registration required. Does not meet February 20.

Sing and Swing Movement
Wednesday, February 18
Get ready to move your body! Join Miss Lesley for the perfect mix of directed and undirected dancing and movement. Children will get exercise and improve gross motor skills. The use of instruments, scarves, and balls add to the fun. For children ages 18 months to 2 ½ years with an adult at 12:30 p.m. For children ages 3 to 5 years with an adult at 2:30 p.m. Registration begins February 6.

Pajama Story Time
Wednesday, February 18 at 7 p.m.
Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. For children ages 3 to 6 years with an adult. No registration required.

Story Time with Miss Susie and Mr. Mike
Monday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m.
For children of all ages with an adult. No registration required.

A Time For Kids
Monday, March 2 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 1:30 p.m.
Join Miss Donna for educational activities that combine preschool concepts and fun. For children ages 18 months to 3 years with an adult. Registration begins February 23.

Parent Child Workshop
Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational and creative environment. For children ages 18 to 29 months with an adult—siblings welcome. Registration begins February 19 — priority given to first time registrants.

Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Birthday Bash Story Time
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
Each week will highlight an author’s birthday that takes place during the month of February. For children ages 4 to 7 years without an adult. No registration required. Does not meet February 18.

Page Turners
Tuesday, February 24 at 7:15 p.m.

Book Bunch
Thursday, February 26 at 4 p.m.
Book discussion for children in grades 3 and 4. Call for availability.

Twins’ Night Out
Friday, March 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited for an evening get-together at the Library. The night’s activity is a yoga workshop with Ronni Aronow, Port resident and certified children’s yoga instructor. Tweens will be led through a series of breathing techniques, yoga poses and relaxation exercises. Tweens will learn ways to calm and energize, stretch and strengthen, and let go of stress and tensions in order to increase awareness and concentration. Registration begins February 23. Students are asked to bring their own mats.

Vacation Week Programs

Tickets are required for the following programs and will be available in the Children’s Room beginning February 6 on a first-come, first-served basis. Sponsored by the Children’s Advisory Council and funded by the Port Washington Library Foundation.

National Circus Project
Tuesday, February 17 at 2:30 p.m.
Experience the unique traditions and genuine fun of the circus with the National Circus Project. A dynamic duo of circus artists will entertain you with their amazing circus skills and hilarious comedy routines. For children in grades K and up with an adult.

Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics with Li Liu
Friday, February 20 at 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate Chinese New Year with Li Liu as she performs plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and hand balancing. You’ll learn various aspects of the Chinese language, geography and culture while Li Liu shares her work and travel experiences. For children in grades 1 and up with an adult.

Family Film
Mr. Peabody and Sherman
Friday, February 20 at 7 p.m. (2014-92 min.) In this animated comedy adventure, a time-traveling dog and his adopted son work to fix a time rift they created. Rated PG for parental guidance. No tickets or registration required.

Parenting
Infant and Child CPR and First Aid
Wednesdays, February 25 and March 4 from 7-8:30 p.m.
Learn how to reduce the risk of injury to infants and children, how to care for an infant or child who stops breathing, and how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Presented by Ildiko Catogno, a certified Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid instructor and volunteer for the American Red Cross. Limited registration begins February 12 by calling Children’s Services at 883-4400, ext. 150. Please note: This is an American Heart Association certified program. Direct payment of $7.50 to the association will be collected by the instructor.

Preloaded Kindles for Children
Due to the popularity of our kindles for children in fifth and sixth grade, Children’s Services is happy to introduce a new set of circulating Kindles with pre-loaded, age-appropriate titles for third and fourth grades. Kindles can be checked out for 14 days. They cannot be renewed or reserved. Stop by the Children’s Services Desk for more information.
TEENSPACE
for grades seven through twelve

For the Romantics
Check out some of these books that celebrate love, with stories of crushes, lost loves, misguided infatuations and, of course, romance!

**Through to You**
by Lauren Barnholdt
When bad-boy Penn reaches out to cautious Harper, a tumultuous relationship blossoms and the two learn that their bond may not be strong enough to overcome their obvious differences.

**Promise of Amazing**
by Robin Constantine
When the passive strategy she has always adopted proves harmful to her heart's goals, ordinary girl Wren inadvertently saves the life of expelled lacrosse player Grayson and embarks on an awkward romance that compels both to start over.

**Love and Other Foreign Words**
by Erin McCahan
Josie has a knack for languages, but her sister's engagement has Josie grappling with the nature of true love, her feelings for her best friend, and how anyone can be truly herself, or truly in love, in a social language that is not her own.

**Now and Forever**
by Susane Colasanti
When Sterling's boyfriend Ethan's band becomes a YouTube sensation she's thrown head-first into the glam world of celebrity.

**What I Thought Was True**
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**GeoGram of You and Me**
by Jennifer E. Smith
Sparks fly when Lucy and Owen meet on an elevator rendered useless by a NYC blackout. Soon after, the two leave the city, but as they travel farther away from each other geographically, they stay connected emotionally, in this story set over the course of one year.

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