Novelist Ellen Meister moderates a forum for local emerging authors

Not too long ago, it was imperative for an author to find a publisher in order to see their work in print. Not anymore! Self-publishing has become almost as prevalent as the traditional method—but opportunities for self-published authors to present their work in public are rare. To provide such a forum, the Friends of the Library has invited three local authors to share and discuss their work on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. Acclaimed novelist Ellen Meister will serve as the moderator.

The evening’s authors include Port residents Jim Smith, author of Heroes to the End, and Murray Weissbach, author of The Golden Eagle, as well as Roslyn resident Brad Berger, author of Unplug & Play! 50 Games That Don’t Need Charging.

Moderator Ellen Meister is the author of five novels, including Dorothy Parker Drank Here, Farewell, Dorothy Parker and The Smart One. She teaches creative writing at Hofstra University Continuing Education and mentors emerging authors.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.

Discover the forgotten shipwrecks of Long Island with Eco-Photo Explorers

Few Long Island residents realize that the waters around them are home to dozens of sunken ships, including such majestic vessels as the USS San Diego (pictured), sunk in 1918 by a German mine.

On Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m., Eco-Photo Explorers will present a multimedia program examining these shipwrecks, from the Revolutionary War through modern times. See what they look like today and what types of marine life inhabit them. Refreshments will be served.

This presentation is part of the Nautical Advisory Council’s ongoing series examining the ecosystem, history and recreational opportunities of Long Island Sound. Save the date for part 3 of 3, “Recreation on Long Island Sound,” presented by Port Rowing on Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS
On Monday, February 15, we will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. in observance of Presidents’ Day.

TAX HELP
Registration begins on Monday, February 1 for AARP tax help sessions. Appointments are available on Tuesdays from February 9 through April 19, between 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Register in-person at the Reference Desk or call 516-883-4400, ext. 111. These sessions are offered courtesy of AARP—there are no age or membership requirements. For Port Washington residents only.

TECHDESK
Every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m., bring your tech questions and devices to the Reference Desk in the South Wing for some friendly, one-on-one assistance. Learn to use the Library’s online resources and get tips on how to make the most of your gadgets. Don’t forget to bring your passwords!

COMPUTER BASICS
One-on-one instruction for computer beginners is now offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m. Call the Computer Services Desk at 516-883-4400, ext. 171 to make an appointment.

ART WORKSHOP
Art educator Tami Thompson Wood presents a two-session workshop where participants will explore great works of art with slideshows, discussions and hands-on activities. For students in grades 4 to 6 with a favorite adult. Registration begins February 8; sessions are on February 28 and March 6. More details on the Kids page.

SAVE THE DATE:
Paperback Swap
The Friends of the Library’s popular Paperback Swap returns on Saturday, March 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your gently used adult, teen and children’s paperbacks downstairs to the Lapham Meeting Room for a free, friendly swap. We will also accept hardcover children’s books including board books. We stop accepting books at 3:30; only 20 books can be donated per person and we cannot accept those left outside or

WHY, WHAT’S THE MATTER
That you have such a February face,
So full of frost, of storm and cloudiness?
~William Shakespeare, Much Ado about Nothing
2016 Library budget vote and Board of Trustees election timeline

Nominating petitions available: Monday, February 1
Budget Hearing #1: Wednesday, February 17
Absentee ballot applications available: Monday, February 22
Nominating petitions due: Monday, March 14
Budget Hearing #2: Wednesday, March 16
Budget Hearing #3/Meet the Candidates: Wednesday, March 30
Personal Registration Day: Tuesday, April 5
Budget vote/Trustee election: Tuesday, April 12

Not registered to vote? Register at the Library on April 5

The Library is providing an easy way to register prior to our budget vote and trustee election on Tuesday, April 12. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in this election. On Tuesday, April 5, visit the Library between the hours of noon and 9 p.m. to register. If you are a registered voter, it is not necessary to register again for our election.

When coming 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 March 29 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.

Consider a seat on the Library Board of Trustees

Would you like to have a voice in charting the direction of your library while serving your community? If so, consider serving as a library trustee. PWPL trustees serve 5-year terms; meetings take place on the third Wednesday evening of each month.

Some of the responsibilities of a Library Trustee:
- Create and develop the mission of the library
- Secure adequate funding for the library’s service program
- Exercise fiduciary responsibility for the use of public and private funds
- Adopt policies and rules regarding library governance and use

For more information, pick up a copy of the brochure Why Become a Library Trustee? at the Library's Information Desk.

Trustee petitions will be available in the administration office beginning Monday, February 1. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Library Board, your petition must be returned by Monday, March 14. The annual budget vote and Trustee election takes place on Tuesday, April 12. For more information, please contact Library administration at 516-883-4400, ext. 101.

Save the date: May 13
Friends of the Library (FOL) announces the 2016 Book & Author Luncheon speakers

The Friends of the Library is proud to announce the two outstanding authors who will be featured at its signature Book & Author Luncheon: Pulitzer-prize winner Stacy Schiff will speak about her best-selling non-fiction book The Witches: Salem 1692 along with Garth Risk Hallberg discussing his highly acclaimed debut novel, City on Fire. Port’s own best-selling novelist Susan Isaacs returns as program moderator.

The Luncheon will be held Friday, May 13 at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset.

The FOL welcomes individual and corporate Luncheon sponsors beginning at $250. To learn about the benefits of sponsorship—which include bypassing first-come, first-served ticketing to this sellout event—please contact FOL Board members Margaret DeSiervo (mar-garet.desiervo@yahoo.com, 516-883-2722) or Nancy Wright (nprw@aol.com, 516-883-8418).

Reservation information will be available April 1, online at www.pwpl.org/fol and at the Library.

Want new movies? Check out a Roku. Plug it in.

pwpl.org/roku

Diana Berrent exhibits in the Vogel Gallery

Visit the Martin Vogel Photography Gallery between February 2 and 28 for Under the Banyan Trees: Glimpses of Myanmar, the latest work from Diana Berrent.

Berrent, a Port resident, is best known for her portraits of children and families, but her new exhibit focuses on eclectic subjects from a recent trip to Myanmar. The photographs are stunning, colorful views into a fascinating country.

Join Diana Berrent for a reception in the Vogel Gallery on Saturday, February 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.
The Music Advisory Council presents

Award-winning Hungarian pianist Daniel Lebhardt

23-year-old Hungarian pianist Daniel Lebhardt has impressed audiences and critics alike with his thoughtful interpretations and outstanding virtuosity.

Lebhardt won First Prize at the 2014 Young Concert Artists Auditions in Paris and New York, and then won YCA’s International Auditions in New York, where he was also awarded the Paul A. Fish Memorial Prize and four concert prizes.

Among his many other accolades, Lebhardt won First Prize at the Russian Music International Piano Competition in California, First Prize at the Citta di Gorizia International Piano Competition in Italy, First Prize at the Kosice International Piano Competition in Slovakia, and First Prize at the Carl Fittihsch International Piano Competition in Romania. Most recently, he won the Young Classical Artists Trust (YCAT) 2015 Auditions in London.

This season, Lebhardt makes his recital debuts in the Young Concert Artists Series at the Kennedy Center on February 23 and in New York in the Rhoda Walker Teagle Concert on March 1. He also appears in recitals for the Buffalo Chamber Music Society, Hayden’s Ferry Chamber Music Series, the Levine School of Music, and the Paramount Theatre.

Lebhardt has given recitals at the Bela Bartok Memorial House in Budapest, at the Senate House in London, and at the Musée du Louvre in Paris, and has also concertized in Hungary, Austria and Japan.

As a result of winning the Royal Academy of Music’s prestigious Patron’s Award, Mr. Lebhardt gave his Wigmore Hall recital debut in May 2015.

On Sunday, February 21 at 3 p.m., join the Music Advisory Council for Daniel Lebhardt’s performance of selections by Beethoven and Liszt, as well as an original work by Young Concert Artists (YCA) composer-in-residence Tonia Ko.
Think spring: a journey out east to the North Fork

On Wednesday, May 25, our coach will depart the Library at 9 a.m. and head east to visit two sites. First stop, the Hallockville Museum Farm, dedicated to rediscovering Long Island’s agricultural heritage. We’ll enjoy lunch and wine tasting at our second stop, Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard. We will tour the property and visit their horse haven, where horses whose lives were at risk have been given a second chance. Then back on our coach for what should be a very relaxed journey back to the library.

The all inclusive fee of $85 is due at registration beginning Tuesday, February 2 at 9 a.m.

### Staff Picks

The best adult non-fiction of 2015

- **Between The World and Me** by Ta-Nehesi Coates
  A personal investigation of America’s racial history, written as a letter from a father to his adolescent son.

- **H Is For Hawk** by Helen Macdonald
  Dealing with loss, the author turns to falconry for redemption.

- **Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel** by Dan Ephron
  Relates the parallel stories of Rabin and his stalker, Yigal Amir, over the two years leading up to the assassination that changed a nation.

- **The Rift: A New Africa Breaks Free** by Alex Perry
  What is the real state of Africa today, and what are its hopes for the future?

- **The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789** by Joseph Ellis
  The American Revolution was first fought on the battlefield, then again at the Continental Convention, where America truly became a nation.

### TechDesk: we’re here to help!

Get started with new devices you got for the holidays, or get tips on using your old ones. No registration needed, just stop by the Reference Desk in the South Wing.

Every Wednesday in February from 2 to 4 p.m.

### On our shelves: FOOTBALL

When Super Bowl 50 is over and Sundays feel long and lonely, these new books will help get you through the rest of the winter:

- **Brady vs. Manning: The Untold Story of the Rivalry That Transformed the NFL** by Gary Myers (2015)
  Two of this generation’s greatest quarterbacks have had their fair share of battles.

- **Montana: The Biography of Football’s Joe Cool** by Keith Dunnavant (2015)
  An in-depth look at perhaps the Super Bowl’s finest performer.
Early Childhood

A Time For Kids: Mr. Potato Head – Monday, February 1 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Join Miss Karen for preschool concepts and fun. Enjoy educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 3 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins January 29 – call for availability.

Sing and Swing Story Time – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a program filled with interactive picture books, fun and easy action rhymes and songs to share together. The early literacy practices featured each week help build the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. For children ages 18 months to 3 years with an adult. No registration required.

Baby Rhyme Time – Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a lapsit program filled with songs, music, puppetry and bouncing rhymes. We introduce babies to the magic of books by sharing board books together. This program emphasizes early literacy skills and is a great way to meet other new parents. For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. No registration required. Does not meet February 18.

Tell Me a Story Preschool Story Time – Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Join us for engaging stories, songs, and rhymes perfect for preschoolers. Children develop listening, thinking, social and literacy skills. For children ages 3 to 5 years without an adult. No registration required. Does not meet February 19.

Valentine Craft – Monday, February 8
Join Miss Jeannie for a holiday craft, seasonal 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 February 1.

Get Moving With Lesley – Wednesday, February 17
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 1.

Pajama Story Time – Wednesday, February 24 at 7 p.m.
Come in pajamas, listen to bedtime stories and enjoy action rhymes and songs. For children ages 3 to 6 years with an adult. No registration required.

Ready Set Story Time! (formerly Story Time with Miss Susie and Mr. Mike) – Monday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Join Miss Susie for stories, songs, fingerplays and movement rhymes. Experience early literacy practices in action, and discover great books and music. For children of all ages with an adult. No registration required.

A Time For Kids: Circus Scene – Monday, March 7 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Join Miss Karen for preschool concepts and fun. Enjoy educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins February 29.

1-2-3 Play With Me (formerly Parent Child Workshop) – Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 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. Each week a different resource professional is on hand to discuss speech/hearing and language, behavior, dental hygiene, learning through play, and music and movement. For children ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Registration begins February 11 - priority given to first time registrants.

School-Age Kids

BIG KIDS After School Story Time (formerly Birthday Bash) – Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
Children who are interested in listening to great stories are invited to hear the best in children’s literature. We’ll share classics and new favorites, as well as songs and challenging action rhymes. For children in grades K-2 without an adult. No registration required. Does not meet February 17.

Book Bunch – Thursday, February 25 at 4 p.m.

Vacation Week Events

Tickets are required for the following programs and will be available in the Children’s Room beginning February 2 on a first come first served basis. Sponsored by the Children’s Advisory Council and funded by the Port Washington Library Foundation.

World of Wonder
Tuesday, February 16 at 2:30 p.m.
Take a journey with multi-talented theater artist Leland Faulkner and discover the world through storytelling, shadow-theater, mime and illusion. For children in grades 1 and up with an adult.

Grins and Grins
Friday, February 19 at 3:30 p.m.
Join Erin and Ray Grins for an afternoon filled with magic, ventriloquism, circus skills and lots of laughs. For children in grades K and up with an adult.

Art Workshop

Bringing the Museum to the Library
Sundays, February 28 and March 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Join art educator Tami Thompson Wood for a two-session workshop where participants will explore great works of art. Tami will present slideshows and lead discussions and hands-on activities. Session one will highlight Henri Matisse’s cut-outs and session two will highlight Alexander Calder’s wire sculptures. Tami Thompson Wood presents family programs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Heckscher Museum of Art. For students in grades 4 to 6 with a favorite adult. Registration begins February 8 by calling Children’s Services at 516-883-4400, ext. 150.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION POLICY
Due to high demand and limited space, 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 on the waiting list.
TEENspace
for grades seven through twelve

SAT Workshop Series
Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19 and April 2, 9, 16 from 3 to 5 p.m.
Get ready for the new SAT at this workshop. Registration begins February 1 online or in-person. Fee is $100 and includes a copy of the class text. Payment may be in the form of cash, credit, or a check or money order made out to Port Washington Public Library.

Wii U Wednesdays
Play your favorite games on the big screen from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Visit pwpl.org/teenspace for session dates. Grades 7 through 12. No registration required.

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

Alive by Chandler Baker
After receiving a heart transplant, Stella throws herself into her new life, but her recovery is marred by strange side effects. When she meets Levi, Stella realizes that they have more in common than she could ever imagine.

I Remember You by Cathleen Davitt Bell
Juliet and Lucas are falling in love, but when Lucas “remembers” things about Juliet he could not possibly know, Juliet begins to wonder if something is wrong.

Secrets of Attraction by Robin Constantine
Madison, whose life is turned upside down by a family friend’s visit, and heartbroken guitarist Jesse, who is trying to find the inspiration to write music again, form a friendship that soon grows into romance.

I’ll Meet You There by Heather Demetrios
Skylar yearns to escape Creek View by attending art school, but after her mother’s job loss puts her dream at risk, a friendship with former Marine Josh and her job at the Paradise motel lead her to appreciate her home town.

Things We Know by Heart by Jessi Kirby
A year after losing her boyfriend in an accident, Quinn secretly tracks down the recipient of his donated heart in an attempt to heal, but ends up falling for him.

Breakaway by Kat Spears
When Jason’s younger sister passes away, he knows he can count on his three best friends and soccer teammates to be there for him.