Books for Dessert book clubs are enhanced by Hofstra partnership

PWPL is proud to announce a partnership between the Books for Dessert book clubs and Hofstra University faculty and staff. Books for Dessert is a unique reading program for people 21 years and older who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Meeting twice a week at the Library, Books for Dessert is now in its thirteenth year.

Thanks to grants from the Angela and Scott Jagger Foundation, PWPL has been working with two Hofstra professors, Dr. Jenny Roberts and Dr. Andrea Garcia, to create an assessment tool to help determine the impact Books for Dessert is having on the club members.

For the past year, Hofstra undergraduate and graduate students have been attending club meetings to collect data, in an internship program under the auspices of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA).

The interns have developed a close relationship with club participants. Josh Cordova, a Hofstra undergraduate intern and member of NSSLHA, said, “This group is a safe and comfortable place for members to come and appreciate the joy of reading. They are so understanding and supportive of each other.”

The group is not just a book club, it is also a way for people with disabilities to get out in the community and make new friends, as well as explore the Library and its resources. “This group goes beyond literacy; it’s a great opportunity for socialization—particularly for members who do not live in a group home,” said Jess Kurtz, also a Hofstra undergraduate intern and member of NSSLHA.

“The students are absolutely thrilled to be a part of this program,” said Dr. Roberts, Hofstra staff liaison to the student interns for this partnership. Roberts feels that it is a great opportunity for students to work with a population with whom they don’t regularly interact.

Books for Dessert benefits from the continuing support of the Port Washington Library Foundation.

For more information, contact Keith Klang at 516-883-3728 or kklang@pwpl.org, or visit pwpl.org/books/books-for-dessert.

Aida Whedon, beloved Port artist and teacher

From February 1 through 28, the Karen and Ed Adler Gallery will host a special retrospective featuring the art of Aida Whedon.

Whedon was one of Port Washington’s most beloved artists. Her Bayview Avenue art school, which she ran with her husband Dan, was a community fixture for fifty years, educating generations of Port’s kids.

Born and raised in Louisiana, with a Creole background, Whedon came to New York at the age of sixteen to live with her aunt, a noted biographer, and to attend the Walden School. She began taking art lessons at the age of eight, eventually studying at the Art Students League with such noted figures as John Stuart Curry and Thomas Hart Benton. She moved to Port in 1944, and began her art school here two years later.

A gifted painter, ceramicist and sculptor, Whedon is best remembered for her evocative etchings, a medium she did not take up until her sixties.

A founding member of Port’s noted Graphic Eye Gallery, Whedon’s work is included in the collections of IBM, RCA, the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, the Nassau County Museum of Art and the University of Maine.

Her most enduring legacy remains the hundreds of Port children who were introduced to the world of art by her teaching. When Whedon died in 1993 at the age of seventy-eight, a long-time friend observed, “She transformed the lives of many children. There were many flowers she helped to bloom.”

Join the Art Advisory Council for a public reception on Saturday, February 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. Made possible by the PWPL Art Advisory Council.

Save the Date: FOL Paperback Swap

The Friends of the Library’s popular Paperback Swap returns on Saturday, March 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your gently used adult, teen and children’s paperbacks downstairs to the Lapham Meeting Room. Thousands of books are shared at this free, friendly community event. We also accept hardcover children’s books including board books. We stop accepting books at 3:30; please do not leave books outside or at the Circulation Desk.

Save the Date: FOL U

The Friends of the Library’s FOL University lecture series returns on Sunday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m. with two timely and fascinating topics. Boston U. Philosophy Professor Russell Powell will discuss “The Evolution of Ethics in Human Beings and Its Building Blocks in Nonhuman Animals,” and Stephen A. Weiner, Adjunct Professor at Brooklyn, Cardozo and Hofstra Law Schools, will discuss “The U.S. Supreme Court: Where Do We Go From Here?”
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On Sunday, February 12 at 3 p.m., German baritone Samuel Hasselhorn will perform selections from Schumann, Britten and others, accompanied by pianist Renate Rohlfing.

Recognized for his charismatic stage presence and stunning vocal ability, Hasselhorn’s performances have been praised for offering “moments of emotion and pure musicality that will not soon be forgotten” (Crescendo).


On the opera stage, Hasselhorn has performed the roles of Herr Fluth in Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor, Guglielmo in Cosi fan tutte and Aeneas in Dido and Aeneas.

Made possible by the PWPL Music Advisory Council.

A LOOK AT THE NEW CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

Creating a new Story Space!

This month we are enlarging the footprint of the Children’s Room by expanding into an adjacent staff area. This will allow us to create our bright and comfy new Story Space. It will be cozy for small groups, but expandable for overflow crowds. To merge the spaces, we are cutting through one of our building’s original exterior walls—almost a foot of solid concrete!

T.W. Barritt explores the food of Long Island

On Friday, February 3 at 12:15 p.m., Sandwiched In welcomes T.W. Barritt, the author of Long Island Food: A History from Family Farms & Oysters to Craft Spirits. Barritt explores how immigrant families built a thriving agricultural and maritime community, producing everything from crunchy pickles, hearty potatoes and briny oysters to succulent duckling.

The book also profiles modern-day pioneers—in community agriculture, wine, cheese, fine dining and craft spirits—who are reinventing Long Island’s food landscape.

Mr. Barritt is a native of Nassau County, where he grew up in the 1960s. A trained amateur chef, Barritt attended the French Culinary Institute in New York City. He has spent his professional career working in broadcast media and communications. His essays on food history are featured in 2008’s Entertaining from Ancient Rome to the Super Bowl.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Fiction: Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.
The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

The impossible romance between a World War II escapee from the Nazis and a Japanese gardener’s son.

Non-Fiction: Thursday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m.
Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are? by Frans De Waal

A groundbreaking work revealing how humans have underestimated the intellectual abilities of animals.
Fishing: life on the Sound

From boat raids to sport fishing: life on the Sound

Join us for a special series of multimedia presentations about Long Island Sound, arguably Long Island’s greatest natural resource, and an essential part of what makes Long Island a unique and favored place to live. Parts two and three are upcoming this month and next:

**Nautical History**

Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Joanne Grasso will discuss her new book, *The American Revolution on Long Island*, which explores how Long Islanders were deeply divided between loyalty to the British crown and sympathy to the Patriot cause. Find out what happened after Washington’s defeat at the Battle of Long Island in 1776 and how some Long Islanders fought back while living under occupation. Grasso will focus on the role that Long Island Sound and other bodies of water played during this conflict, including daring boat raids carried out across the Sound.

Dr. Grasso is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of History and Political Science at Queensborough Community College. She specializes in the American Revolution.

**Recreation**

Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Captain Jerry McGrath, a retired Montauk charter boat captain with over fifty years of experience as a fisherman, will present a multimedia program about sport fishing on Long Island. Learn about the variety of fish that inhabit our local waters including striped bass, blackfish and summer flounder. McGrath will provide instruction for both novice and experienced anglers on fishing techniques as well as tips on bait and lures.

**Registration**

These sessions are offered courtesy of AARP. There are no age or membership requirements. Sessions are limited to Port Washington residents.

Planning on filing yourself? We’ve got you covered with helpful links and resources. Visit [www.pwpl.org/research/tax](http://www.pwpl.org/research/tax) or click on the ‘Tax Links and Resources’ link on our homepage.
Early Childhood

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom/early-childhood-programs

Baby Rhyme Time: Session I
Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 and March 2, 9, 16 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Songs, music and rhymes emphasize early literacy skills and introduce babies to the magic of books. It’s a great way to meet other new parents! Ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Online registration began January 26.

Sing and Swing Story Time
Fridays, February 3, 10, 17 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. Ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Admission is first-come, first-served for fifty participants in each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available half an hour before each start time.

A Time For Kids: Valentine’s Day
Monday, February 6 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music and a craft. Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Online registration begins January 30.

Preschool Story Time: Session I
Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 28 at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Jeannie presents holiday stories, songs and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. Ages 2½ to 5 years with an adult. Online registration begins January 31.

Valentine’s Day Craft
Monday, February 13
Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music and a craft. Ages 18 to 36 months with an adult at 10:30 a.m. Ages 2½ to 5 years with an adult at 11:30 a.m. Online registration begins February 6.

Ready Set Story Time
Monday, February 27 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Ms. Jane introduces early literacy practices through stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. For children of all ages with an adult. Admission is first-come, first-served for fifty participants in each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available half an hour before each start time.

1-2-3 Play with Me
Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational and creative environment. Each week a different professional will be on hand to discuss behavior, dental hygiene, movement, speech, language and hearing. Ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Online registration begins February 21.

A Time For Kids: Circus Train
Monday, March 6 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music and a craft. Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Online registration begins February 27.

School-Age Kids

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom/school-age-programs

Third and Fourth Grade Book Discussion
Thursday, February 16 at 4 p.m.
Online registration—check for availability.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion
Tuesday, February 28 at 7:15 p.m.
Online registration—check for availability.

Intergenerational Chess
Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Join the Long Island Chess Nuts and learn how to play chess or improve your skills. Kids ages 6 to 12 years are invited to play with a parent, grandparent or favorite adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. Online registration begins February 21—when registering please include the name of the adult who will accompany the child.

Vacation Week

Tickets are required for the following events and will be available in the Children’s Room beginning February 6 on a first-come, first-served basis. Made possible by the PWPL Children’s Advisory Council.

StoryFaces: Tales of Transformation and Wonder
Tuesday, February 21 at 2:30 p.m.
Artist and storyteller Christopher Agostino brings stories to life on the faces of his audience! In this innovative fusion of theater and visual arts, volunteers are brought on stage and face painted to illustrate the stories as Christopher tells them. For kids in grades 1 and up with an adult.

Mr. Fish in Phenomenal Physics
Thursday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m.
Discover the concepts of friction, velocity and inertia, learn about the structure of Roman arches and find out about aerodynamics.

Mr. Fish proves that science can be fun by performing eye-popping circus tricks with boomerangs, bubbles, balloons, eggs and more! For kids in grades K and up with an adult.

Creative Readers

Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 use drama, games, art, movement and music to get hooked on reading. Session dates are March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8. Presented by Port SEPTA and PWPL. For registration information please email creativereadersimport@yahoo.com.

The Children’s Room is open!

The Children’s Room is in its temporary home, down the hall from our usual location. From the lobby, go down one level and make a right.

When construction is completed, we’ll move back down the hall, into the brand-new Jackie and Harold Spielman Children’s Library!

Live homework help from tutor.com

tutor.com is a free service that gives you real-time contact with an online tutor. Available in English and Spanish, it’s designed for grades K through 12, college prep and adult learners.

Access the link at pwpl.org, or download the tutor.com mobile app for Android or iOS. You’ll just need your PWPL card to log in.

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REGISTRATION POLICY
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 on the waiting list. See event listings for registration requirements. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents.
For the Romantics
Check out these stories of crushes, lost loves, misguided infatuations and, of course, romance!

What Light by Jay Asher
When Sierra falls for Caleb, a boy who made a terrible mistake years before, she is determined to help him find forgiveness, despite the disapproval and suspicions they meet.

Essential Maps for the Lost by Deb Caletti
When Mads discovers a dead body while she's swimming in the lake, she begins to obsess over who the woman was and what led her to commit suicide by jumping off a bridge. But when she starts to fall for the woman's troubled son, Mads may not be able to keep her obsession a secret.

Phantom Limbs by Paula Garner
Separated from his best friend Meg after a terrible accident, Otis becomes the unlikely protégé of a former champion swimmer before he is forced to confront painful memories when Meg returns.

Shuffle, Repeat by Jen Klein
When Oliver and June are forced to ride to school together each morning, no one is more surprised than this odd couple when a friendship and then romance develops.

Whisper to Me by Nick Lake
Cassie is a New Jersey shore teen who over the course of one summer experiences new love, family tragedy, and the bumps along the way to forgiveness, acceptance and self-discovery.

Our Chemical Hearts by Krystal Sutherland
When high school senior Henry meets Grace, he finally experiences the ups and downs of first love.

Coming next month: SAT Workshop Series
Saturdays, March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 22 and 29 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Registration for Port Washington teens begins on March 1. The fee of $100 includes six sessions and a copy of the class text. Register in-person in TeenSpace or online at pwpl.org/teenspace.