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Photo to left: "The Jets," a predominantly black Port Washington baseball team featuring pitcher "Big Ruby" Townsend and catcher Howdy Dumpson, in 1951.



Scan QR code for more Black History Month recordings and photos of African-American families in Port Washington.

Black History Month at PWPL

In celebration of Black History Month during the month of February, the Port Washington Public Library is proud to offer several programs that explore the many contributions African Americans have made to our shared cultural history. *These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Sandwiched In with Reno Bracchi:
Origins of the Blues – Parts One & Two

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano:
Elizabeth Catlett

Afternoon on Broadway with Stephen Nachamie:
Celebrating African American Voices

Sandwiched In with Claire Bellerjeau:
Author of *Remember Liss*

Sandwiched In with Tanisha Mitchell:
Cotton: The Dream and Hope of the Slave

See pages 3 & 9 for details on Black History Month events.

Tax Help

AARP volunteers will be at the Library once again to help you with your income taxes! Register for a private tax help session starting January 21. Sessions are on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., February 4 through April 8. You do not have to be an AARP member to sign up for this service!

To register, visit the Reference Desk in the South Wing or call 516-883-4400 ext. 1400. For the first six weeks, priority will be given to Port Washington residents. Non-residents may sign up for sessions beginning March 11.



Lunar New Year 2025 Celebration

Saturday, February 8 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Lapham Room

Join us at the Port Washington Public Library for a diverse celebration of the Lunar New Year! Immerse yourself in rich traditions from Asia starting with a traditional Dragon Dance, followed by captivating musical and cultural performances. Seating is first-come, first-served. Stop in the Children's Room during the Lunar New Year Celebration between 2-4 p.m. for traditional crafts and activities. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. *Come welcome the Year of the Snake with us! Sponsored by the FOL*

Photo above: Yusun Kang from Traditional Music and Dance Center of New York (KTMD) playing the drums.

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**MARTIN
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DAY**

QUICK READS

Special Holiday Hours:

Wednesday, January 1
New Years Day - Closed

Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, February 17
Presidents' Day
Open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Visiting Hours:

Monday & Tuesday9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday.....11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday & Friday9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

**Wednesdays January 15 & February 12
at 7:30 p.m. in the Hagedorn Room.**
All are welcome.

Save the Date for these FOL Events!

- **Sunday, March 16**, 2:30 p.m., Special Lecture: Artificial Intelligence & You, with Sree Sreenivasan, former Chief Digital Officer of the City of New York, Met Museum, and Columbia U
- **Saturday, March 22**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Paperback Swap
- **Sunday, April 6**, 2:30 p.m., FOL University lecture featuring John McWhorter, Columbia U professor and *NY Times* columnist, speaking on his new book *Pronoun Trouble*

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Budget Vote & Trustee Election Timeline

Nominating Petitions Available	Monday, February 3, 2025
Nominating Petitions Due	Monday, March 10, 2025
Absentee Ballot Applications Available.....	Monday, February 10, 2025
Budget Hearing #1.....	Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Budget Hearing #2.....	Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Budget Information Session/Meet the Candidates	Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Personal Registration Day	Tuesday, April 1, 2025
Budget Vote/Trustee Election	Tuesday, April 8, 2025

In the Adler Gallery

Alan Richards: Let Me Show You Something

On View January 4 - February 27, 2025

Artist Presentation: Saturday, February 1 at 3:00 p.m.



Richards' artwork is a dynamic fusion of photographs, drawings, and digital elements, creating striking photomontages that tell unique stories. His pieces explore the human condition, reflecting both personal experiences and the complex interactions between people and the world around them.

Richards combines his photographs with archival, found, or vintage images, which he then enhances through digital painting and drawing. This process brings together diverse elements into a cohesive, thought-provoking final image.

His work invites viewers to engage deeply with each piece, offering layers of meaning and opportunities for personal interpretation. Through ambiguous elements and unexpected details, Richards' art challenges perceptions and encourages discovery with every viewing.

Winter Book Bingo Get ready for Library-Wide Winter Book Bingo! Starting January 6, readers of all ages—kids, teens, and adults—can join the fun by registering online or at any library service desk. Race to be one of the first ten in your age group to score a bingo (5 in a row: across, down, or diagonally) and win an exciting prize! Remember, you can check off up to two boxes per book. Be sure to return your completed bingo cards to the Library by March 22. Open to PWPL patrons only. Let the reading adventure begin! *Sponsored by Friends of the Library.*



Announcing the Friends of the Library's 56th Annual Book & Author Luncheon

Friday, May 2 at 11 a.m. • The Garden City Hotel

Featuring: Chris Bohjalian, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Flight Attendant* and *Midwives* (an Oprah Book Club pick), discussing his forthcoming historical novel *The Jackal's Mistress* in conversation with bestselling novelist and Long Island resident Alyson Richman. Tickets on sale March 1 at pwpl.org/fol

Attention Local Businesses: Join Our 2025 Library Job Fair!

The Library is planning to host a job fair for Spring 2025 to connect Port residents with local businesses. This is a great opportunity to help your business grow by hiring local talent. If you're interested in participating, please contact Tony Traguado at traguato@pwpl.org for more information. With enough community involvement, we can make this event a success!

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

PWPL will be participating in the 2025



Embark on the Nassau Library Quest this winter! Journey to 10 participating Nassau public libraries from January 25 - March 3, 2025 to complete the Quest. Take a self-guided tour as a family, bring a team of friends, or go solo. Participants will look for a stuffed Quest cat at each library they visit. The library will then mark their visit on their Quest map. At your 10th library, you'll earn your choice of an exclusive Nassau Library Quest magnet or vinyl sticker while supplies last and be entered into a grand prize raffle! Get started by picking up a map at the Port Washington Public Library! For more information, visit quest.nassaulibrary.org.



Art Lecture with Alice Schwarz – A Closer Look: John Vanderlyn's Panorama Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Museum Educator Alice W. Schwarz as she tells the story of the American artist John Vanderlyn and his creation, *Panoramic View of the Palace and Gardens of Versailles*, the Met's longest painting at 165 Ft. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

History Center Spotlight



In the early 1900s, a frozen Manhasset Bay enticed adventurous Port Washington residents to go ice boating. The crafts were outfitted with metal runners which would allow the boats to skim along the ice when winter winds filled the sails. During an extremely cold winter in 1934, the bay ice was two feet thick — more than good enough for ice boating, but also solid enough to drive automobiles across the water!

Black History Month Programs

These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Sandwiched In with Reno Bracchi – Origins of the Blues: A Uniquely American Music, Part One

Friday, January 31 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join blues musician Reno Bracchi for a two-part presentation on how the Blues evolved from African-American culture, blending spirituals, work songs, and field hollers. The program features live music, archival photos, and authentic blues recordings.

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano – Elizabeth Catlett

Thursday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. • Lapham Room and on Zoom

Join Professor Thomas Germano for a visual lecture on Elizabeth Catlett (1915–2012), a pioneering Black artist and social justice advocate. The lecture highlights her revolutionary work in sculpture, painting, and printmaking, featured in a traveling exhibition of over 200 pieces.

Sandwiched In with Reno Bracchi – Origins of the Blues, Part Two

Friday, February 7 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Reno Bracchi for Part Two of the series, exploring how the electric guitar shaped “electric blues,” with artists like Muddy Waters and B.B. King. The program includes live music, archival photos, and authentic blues recordings.



Afternoon on Broadway with Stephen Nachamie – Celebrating African American Voices

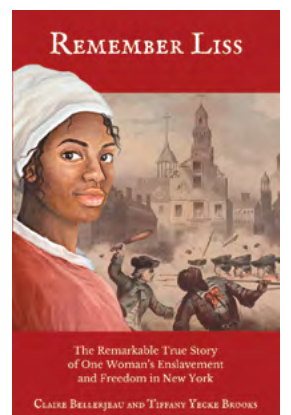
Monday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room & Zoom

Join award-winning stage and film director Stephen Nachamie as he celebrates the groundbreaking African American artists and creators on Broadway. He will explore some of the memorable creators and actors of the past as well as new productions including *Hell's Kitchen*.

Sandwiched In with Claire Bellerjeau – Author of *Remember Liss*

Friday, February 14 at 12:00 p.m.
Lapham Room

Join author Claire Bellerjeau as she tells the incredible true story of Liss, an enslaved Black woman from Oyster Bay, New York, who fought for freedom during the Revolutionary War. Her story is explored in Bellerjeau's books *Remember Liss* (2024) and *Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution* (2021), offering a new perspective on America's founding from the lens of an enslaved woman. Copies of both books will be available for purchase and signing.



Sandwiched In with Tanisha Mitchell – Cotton: The Dream and Hope of the Slave

Friday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

In honor of Black History Month, join Tanisha Mitchell for a special presentation that highlights the African American experience during slavery and its lasting impact. Ms. Mitchell will perform two live spirituals. Tanisha is known for her work at the Metropolitan Opera and Freeport Memorial Library.



Event Policy Please see event listings for registration requirements. 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 waiting. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents, and proof of residency is required. We are continually adding new programs. *For the most up-to-date program information, please visit us at PWPL.org/children.*



EARLY CHILDHOOD – Birth through Age 5

Find registration start dates and the registration form at PWPL.org/children.
All early childhood programs require the child to be accompanied by an adult.

JANUARY PROGRAMS

Ready, Set, Story Time

Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Ages birth to 5 years

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

A Time For Kids - Baby Start

Monday, January 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 months to 17 months

Join Ms. Karen 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 begins December 23.*

A Time For Kids

Monday, January 6 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Ages 18 months to 5 years

Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music, and a craft. *Registration begins December 23.*

Preschool Story Time

Mondays, January 6, 13, & 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Ages 2 ½ to 5 years

Enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. Register once for all six sessions. *Registration begins December 23.*

Sing and Swing

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. OR 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Ages 18 months to 5 years

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.*

1-2-3 Play with Me

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, & February 5
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Ages 1 ½ to 5 years

Enjoy 45 minutes of free play with your child. *Registration begins December 23.*

Pajama Story Time on Zoom

Tuesday, January 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Put on some comfy pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and gather around to enjoy some books, rhymes, and songs. *Registration begins December 30.*

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Mondays, February 3, 10, & 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
See January for details.

A Time For Kids - Baby Start

Monday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 17 months

Join Ms. Karen 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 begins January 20.*

A Time For Kids

Monday, February 3 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Ages 18 months to 5 years

Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music, and a craft. *Registration begins January 20.*

Sing and Swing

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, & 25
from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. OR 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Ages 18 months to 5 years

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, February 7, 14, & 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Ages birth to 5 years
Join your favorite librarians for stories, songs, and fingerplays.
No registration required.

Pajama Story Time on Zoom

Tuesday, February 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Put on some comfy pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and gather around to enjoy some books, rhymes, and songs. *Registration begins January 28.*

Creative Readers Winter Sessions

Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, and February 1 & 8
Grades K to 2 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Grades 3 to 5 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion program where kids use theater, art, movement, and music to bring books to life. Facilitated by Program Director Elise May. Professional behavior support will be available at sessions. For program information and teen volunteer opportunities, please email creativereaders@optimum.net or visit the Creative Readers page.

Check out a Grandparent Rescue Kit!

Aimed for grandparents with toddler-aged and preschool-aged grandchildren. Kits can be checked out at the Children's Services Desk and may be borrowed for 14 days.



Kits available for checkout:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar Edition
- Vehicles Edition
- Princess Edition
- I Love Animals Edition



GRADE SCHOOL – First through Sixth Grades

Find registration start dates and the registration form at PWPL.org/children

JANUARY PROGRAMS

Coding for Kids

Fridays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 31, & Feb. 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Grades 3 to 6

Ignite the love of coding by learning to create animations and computer games using Scratch. Taught by PW's AP Computer Science HS students for kids with no prior programming experience. For more information, visit youngcoderspwp.com. *Registration opens December 16.*

Chess

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Grades 3 to 6

Learn the rules and strategies of chess and practice by playing against your peers. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. Registration begins December 23.*

Cricut Craft Jr: Winter Mug Workshop

Monday, January 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Grades 1 to 6

Draw your own winter wonderland and watch your design magically transfer onto a mug! Kids will use the Cricut Machine and its accessories. Materials will be provided. *Registration begins December 30.*

Hot Chocolate Bomb Workshop

Thursday, January 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Grades 2 to 6

Make yummy winter-themed hot chocolate bombs! *Registration begins January 2. Please contact Children's Library Staff in advance to notify them of any food allergies.*

Read to a Certified Therapy Rabbit

Saturday, January 25 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Grades 1 to 3

Register to read out loud to a certified pet therapy rabbit for a 15-minute session. Priority will be given to first-time registrants. *Registration begins January 6. You will be notified of your time slot before January 25.*

Family LEGO Free Play

Tuesday, January 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grades 1 and up with an adult

Celebrate National LEGO Day with a drop-in Family LEGO program. Follow LEGO challenges or let your imagination run wild! *No registration required.*

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Meet the Artist! Be the Artist!

Saturday, February 1

Grades 1 to 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Grades 4 to 6 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This fun and engaging workshop allows young participants to learn all about Claude Monet through beautifully illustrated biographies. Afterward, kids can unleash their creativity with art projects inspired by the artist! *Registration begins January 13.*

Lunar New Year Celebration: Year of the Snake

Saturday, February 8 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

See cover for details.

Valentine's Day Card Workshop

Wednesday, February 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Grades 2 to 5

Create a unique 3D Valentine card. *Registration begins January 27.*

STEAM Night

Thursday, February 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Grades 1 to 6 with an adult

Come to the Children's Room for an afternoon of STEAM! PWPL and the Weber Middle School Science Olympiad Team will collaborate on some fun STEAM activities. *No registration required.*

Read to a Certified Therapy Rabbit

Saturday, February 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Grades 1 to 3

Register to read out loud to a certified pet therapy rabbit for a 15-minute session. *Registration begins January 15. Priority will be given to first-time registrants. You will be notified of your time slot before February 1.*



February Recess Programs

National Circus Project

Tuesday, February 18, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Grades K and up with an adult

Experience the unique traditions and genuine fun of the circus with the National Circus Project. The dynamic circus artists will entertain you with their amazing circus skills and hilarious comedy routines. Tickets are required and will be available for pick up in the Children's Library beginning February 10. *Made possible by the Children's Advisory Council.*



Harry Potter Escape Room

Wednesday, February 19
2:00 to 2:45 p.m., 3:00 to 3:45 p.m., OR 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Grades 3-6

You're trapped in Azkaban with only 45 minutes to escape! Solve magical puzzles, uncover hidden clues, and work together to outsmart the Dementors. Please sign up for one timeslot only. *Registration begins February 3.*

Joshy K Magic

Thursday, February 20
from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Grades K and up with an adult

Experience Joshy K's signature Rubik's Cube magic. Tickets are required and will be available in the Children's Library beginning February 10. *Made possible by the Children's Advisory Council.*

Harry Potter Family Escape Room (Intergenerational Program)

Friday, February 21
2:00 to 2:45 p.m., 3:00 to 3:45 p.m., OR 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Ages 9+ up with older sibling or adult

You're trapped in Azkaban with only 45 minutes to escape! Solve magical puzzles, uncover hidden clues, and work together to outsmart the Dementors. Parents and grandparents are welcome to participate! Up to 2 people per sign up. *Please sign up for one timeslot only. Registration begins February 3.*





TEEN SPACE – 7 through 12 Grades

Teen programs are for Port Washington residents in 7 through 12 grade. For any assistance regarding teen services, please contact Head of Teen Services, Lori Gerbasi, at youngadult@PWPL.org

JANUARY PROGRAMS

Teen Gaming

Mondays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to play Nintendo Switch games with other teens after school. *No registration is required.*

Create Your Own Vision Board

Wednesday, January 8 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Manifest your destiny by creating your own vision board. Supplies will be provided. *Registration begins December 23.*

Write Your Name in Braille

Wednesday, January 15 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

In honor of Braille Literacy Month, teens can participate in a fun craft in which they decorate a canvas using beads, glitter, and other art supplies to design their name in braille. *Registration begins January 2.*

Teen Writer's Corner

Thursday, January 23 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Come share your writing, try new types of poetry, and enjoy different writing prompts. Notebooks will be provided.

Super Bowl No Sew Pillow

Thursday, January 30 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Create your own pillow with no sewing skills and no hassle. You will get to choose between various patterns such as pizza and footballs. You can keep your pillow for yourself or give it to a loved one as a gift. *Registration begins January 16.*

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Teen Gaming

Mondays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come to play Nintendo Switch games with other teens after school. *No registration is required.*

No Sew Valentine's Day Pillow

Thursday, February 13 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Create an adorable heart-shaped pillow for a loved one or yourself. This craft is fun and easy with no sewing skills necessary. Registration begins on January 30.

Teen Writer's Corner

Wednesday, February 26 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Come share your writing, enjoy new types of poetry, and try different writing prompts. Notebooks will be provided.



Other fun stuff just for teens!



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.

Borrow a Young Adult Kindle

Our YA Kindles are available to borrow with over 100 pre-loaded popular books. Reserve the Kindles through the Library of Games and Gadget website. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Game On!

Did you know TeenSpace has an impressive collection of board games for teens? Clue, Risk, Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, and many more are waiting for you.



Visit our Teen Calm Corner

Exams are right around the corner and teens may be feeling anxious and stressed during this time. Located in TeenSpace, our Calm Corner provides students with the tools they need to manage difficult emotions in a relaxing and fun way. Some of the items in the space include bean bag chairs, sensory toys, coloring pages, a weighted sensory blanket, and a worry shredder.



THE LAB

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 technology is supported by the Friends of the Library.*

LEARN SOME TECH



Using Your New Tech

Friday, January 10 • 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

If you received new tech from a loved one this holiday season, you may be confused about how to use it. In this program, our tech team will walk you through how to use your new tech and help with any confusion. *Registration begins January 3.*

3D Printing with Tinkercad

Friday, February 7 • 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

Come to the Library and design a 3D model. We will be designing in the Library and then you can pick up the project at a later date. *Registration begins January 24.*

Lab Renovations Coming Soon...



CRICUT CRAFT PROGRAMS

Join our Cricut Craft programs and learn to use the Library's Cricut Maker 3! These are "bring your own device" sessions—Mac/PC laptops and iPads work best (Chromebooks are not compatible). Please download Cricut Design Space software before the program at design.cricut.com. **Open to PW residents ages 8 and older. Registrants under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.**



Cricut Craft: Mug Press

Wednesday, January 22 • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

Come to the Library to learn how to heat press mugs, and to use our sublimation printer to put images of family and friends on the mug. *Registration begins January 8.*

Cricut Craft: Keychains

Wednesday, February 5 • 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

Design keychains using vinyl and the Cricut Maker 3. *Registration begins January 22.*

Cricut Craft: Making T-Shirts

Wednesday, February 19 • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

Learn how to use the Cricut Heat Press to design shirts. The heat press is a fantastic way of sublimating heat transfer material onto fabric for your DIY projects. *Registration begins February 5.*

Printer News

Come to the Library and use our large format printer to print posters of different sizes! The price for printing is \$2 per foot, which will be charged to your library card. We supply several poster papers that you can choose from, such as matte, glossy, and vinyl.

Please be aware that the volume of large format printing is high and there may be wait times for use of the printer. Our printer is self-service, and staff can assist in the loading of print jobs.



Services Available at the Lab

- 3D Printing
- Cricut Maker 3
- Cricut Heat Press
- Cricut Mug Press
- Large Format Printer
- One-on-One Tech Help
- Podcast Studio
- Printing & Copying
- Public Computer Access
- VHS Digitization

If you need any assistance or questions regarding the Lab services, please call (516) 883-4400 ext. 1900.

ADULT PROGRAMS



For a full listing of adult events, visit [PWPL.org/events](https://pwpl.org/events). Registration is required for all programs unless stated otherwise. For the most up-to-date information, sign up for our emails at bit.ly/PWPLhappenings

Sponsorships:

- AAC – Art Advisory Council
- HAC – Health Advisory Council
- FOL – Friends of the Library
- NAC – Nautical Advisory Council

January/February Registrations:

- **Tai Chi** began December 30.
- **AccessABILITY Cooking Class**
Register for the February 4 class beginning January 13.
- **Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course:**
Registration opens on January 2 for the January 18 class.
Registration opens on January 27 for the February 15 class.

Black History Month Events

LIVE AT THE LIBRARY

SoundSwap events are sponsored by Friends of the Library.
MAC Concerts are sponsored by the Music Advisory Council.

MAC Concert: Folk-Rock Trio Gathering Time

Sunday, January 12 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Lapham Room
Long Island-based folk-rock trio Gathering Time (Stuart Markus, Gerry McKeveny, Christine Sweeney) has toured for over a decade, blending original songs with reimagined ‘60s and ‘70s classics. Known for their harmonies and acoustic-electric sound, they are recognized as one of New York’s top folk acts.

MAC Concert: Ken Kresge - American Jazz Songbook

Sunday, February 9 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Lapham Room
Pianist and vocalist Ken Kresge, a Michelob Jazz Search winner, has performed worldwide with legends like Eddie Harris and Jeannette Williams. He leads the ‘American Jazz Songbook’ trio, offering fresh takes on jazz classics by Gershwin, Porter, Sinatra, the Beatles, and more.

SoundSwap: Jann Klose and His Band Return to the Library

Friday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. • Lapham Room
Award-winning pop singer-songwriter and podcaster Jann Klose has released seven albums and two EPs. Singles from his most recent album Surrender (2023) have accumulated over 5 million streams and charted on Top 40 radio in both the US and South Africa. He returns to the Library by popular demand.

MAC Concert: Pianist Chaeyoung Park

Sunday, February 23 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. • Lapham Room
Winner of the 2022 YCA Susan Wadsworth International Auditions and a 2023 Rubinstein Piano Competition finalist, Chaeyoung Park is praised for her expressive playing. Her programs span from Rameau and Beethoven to contemporary works by composers like Unsuk Chin.

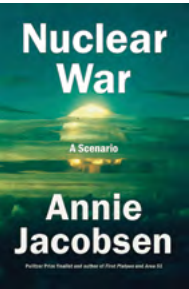
COMMUNITY MEET-UPS

Ongoing Weekly Events in the Mezzanine Room
No registration required

- **Needlecraft BYOP (Bring Your Own Project)** —
Wednesdays from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.
Bring your own projects and hang out with fellow crafters.
Sponsored by FOL.
- **Scrabble** — Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

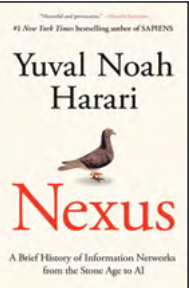
BOOK CLUBS

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.*

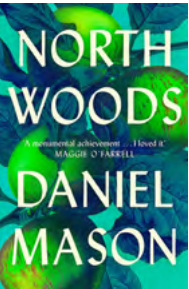


Nonfiction Book Club:
Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

January 9
***Nuclear War: A Scenario* by Annie Jacobsen**
A fictional account of a nuclear war sparked by a North Korean attack, escalating into a catastrophic exchange with Russia, emphasizing the dangers of rapid escalation and “launch on warning” policies.



February 13
***Nexus* by Yuval Noan Harari**
Nexus: A Brief History of Information Networks from the Stone Age to AI by Yuval Noah Harari examines the relationship between information and truth, and how societies have used information to achieve their goals.



Fiction Book Club:
Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. • Mezzanine Room

January 28
***North Woods* by Daniel Mason**
This historical fiction novel traces the lives of various inhabitants of a New England house from the colonial era to the present, told through the perspective of the house itself.



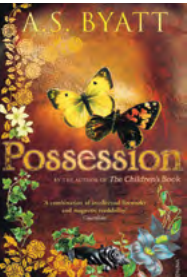
February 25
***The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon**
Follows 18th-century midwife Martha Ballard as she investigates a murder in her community, uncovering secrets and confronting injustices, with her diary playing a key role in the trial.

Adventures in Classic Readings*
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

Facilitated by Dr. Laury Magnus. Complimentary copies of the books are available for registrants (while supplies last).



January 29
***Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare**
In *Twelfth Night*, Viola disguises herself as Cesario to serve Duke Orsino, but Olivia falls for her, leading to mistaken identities, romantic entanglements, and comedic chaos, ultimately ending with marriages to Orsino and Viola’s twin brother, Sebastian.



February 26
***Possession* by A. S. Byatt**
Academics Maud Bailey and Roland Michell discover a hidden love affair between Victorian poets Christabel LaMotte and Randolph Henry Ash, leading to their own romantic involvement.

Poetry Readers Club*
Thursdays, January 23 & February 27 at 1:30 p.m.
Hagedorn Room

Join fellow readers for a new poetry discussion led by Nassau County Poet Laureate Paula Curci. *Registration required.*
**Sponsored by the FOL’s Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund.*

Spanish Book Club: La biblioteca de los sueños
Mondays at 1:00 p.m. • Mezzanine Room. See page 11 for details.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW – LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND MORE

Registration is required unless stated otherwise.

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano - Piet Mondrian - Ever Further

Thursday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Professor Thomas Germano for a visual lecture exploring the life and times of Piet Mondrian and the current exhibit “Ever Further” at the Guggenheim, showcasing works that chronicles the evolution of the Dutch-born painter’s signature style.

Sandwiched In with Bob Waldman - Everybody Loves Somebody Named Dean Martin

Friday, January 10 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room & Zoom

Join Bob Waldman as he explores Dean Martin’s career, from his iconic partnership with Jerry Lewis to his legendary role in the Rat Pack. Discover how his charm and talent earned him the title “King of Cool” and left a lasting impact on music, film, and television.

Lecture with Alice Schwarz - A Closer Look: John Vanderlyn’s Panorama

Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

See page 3 for details.

Sandwiched In with Dennis Raverty - Caspar David Friedrich and the Sacralization of Nature

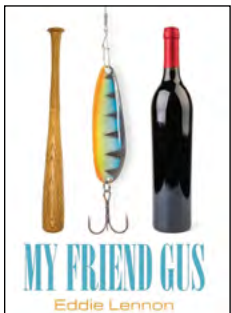
Friday, January 17 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room & Zoom

Join award winning teacher and art historian Dennis Raverty as he explores the first major retrospective exhibition of the work of Caspar David Friedrich in thirty years. On view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art from February through early May.

For the Record: ‘What a Concept!’ Listening Party - Concept Albums and Epic Songs of the 60s

Tuesday, January 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join host Tony Traguardo for a discussion and listening party focused on some of the many great ‘concept albums’ of the 1960s and early 1970s! Enjoy music from The Who, The Beatles, The Pretty Things, The Kinks, and more.



Meet Eddie Lennon - Author of *My Friend Gus*

Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Lapham Room

Join local author Eddie Lennon as he discusses his debut novel, *My Friend Gus*, about an unexpected friendship between Gus and Pete. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Sandwiched with Sal St. George - The Making of *Young Frankenstein*

Friday, January 24 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room & Zoom

Join TV and film historian Sal St. George for a multimedia presentation on the making of the classic comedy *Young Frankenstein*. Written by Gene Wilder and Mel Brooks, the film features an all-star cast including Wilder, Madeline Kahn, Peter Boyle, and more.

Afternoon on Broadway with Stephen Nachamie - The Legacy of Hal Prince

Monday, January 27 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join award-winning director Stephen Nachamie as he explores the life and legacy of legendary Broadway director and producer Hal Prince, from his early work on *Damn Yankees* and *West Side Story* to directing hits like *Sweeney Todd* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.



■ Sandwiched In with Reno Bracchi - Origins of the Blues: A Uniquely American Music – Part One

Friday, January 31 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

See page 3 for details.

AccessABILITY Cooking Class

Tuesday, February 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Chef Julie Reilly to make a Waldorf-style salad with apples, celery, grapes, dried fruit, and walnuts in a light mayonnaise lemon dressing. Take it home or enjoy it at the library. Open to the IDD community and friends.

Registration required.



■ Art Lecture with Thomas Germano - Elizabeth Catlett

Thursday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. • Lapham Room & Zoom

See page 3 for details.

■ Sandwiched In with Reno Bracchi - Origins of the Blues – Part Two

Friday, February 7 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

See page 3 for details.

■ Afternoon on Broadway with Stephen Nachamie - Celebrating African American Voices

Monday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room & Zoom

See page 3 for details.

Art Lecture with Alice Schwarz - The Art of Mary Sully

Tuesday, February 11 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join museum educator Alice W. Schwarz for an exploration of Mary Sully, a reclusive artist from the Standing Rock Reservation, whose vivid and intricate “Identity Portraits” reflect her Native American and settler ancestry. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

■ Sandwiched In with Claire Bellerjeau - Author of *Remember Liss*

Friday, February 14 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

See page 3 for more details.

Sandwiched In with Ron Brown - Legend of the Queen of Sheba

Friday, February 21 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room & Zoom

Join Professor Ron Brown as he continues his series on lost civilizations with this exploration of the legend of the mysterious Queen of Sheba.

Film: *The Fabelmans* (2023)

Thursday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

(151 minutes) Inspired by true events, the story follows 7-year-old Sammy Fabelman, who discovers a family secret and falls in love with cinema’s power to tell stories. *Registration requested. Rated PG-13.*



■ Sandwiched In with Tanisha Mitchell - Cotton: The Dream and Hope of the Slave

Friday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

See page 3 for details.

CAREER AND FINANCE

Starting a Business on a Small Budget

Tuesday, January 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Lapham Room

Starting a business can be very exciting, but you may lack capital or resources from the get-go. In this workshop, SCORE mentors will show you how to start your business with low cost or no-cost resources to get you started on the right foot.

Learn Marketing Strategies That Lead to Greater Sales

Tuesday, January 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Lapham Room

If no one knows that your product or service exists, how can they buy it? SCORE mentors will guide you through marketing basics to identify your target audience, marketing disciplines, and budget to raise awareness.

January: 'New Year, New Me' - Three Part Series

Join presenter Danilise Diaz (AAMST™, CRPC™) of Edward Jones Financial for a three-part series designed to help you get the new year off to a great start professionally. *Register for each event separately.*

Creating a Vision Board (1 of 3)

Thursday, January 9 • 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Explore common goals and learn a proven process to achieve them. Afterwards, create your own vision board at home!
Registration begins December 23.

Power of Budgeting (2 of 3)

Thursday, January 16 • 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

In this interactive seminar, explore the power of budgeting, differentiate “wants vs. needs,” and review spending and savings goals. Budgeting isn’t about constraints—it’s about gaining control and building a solid financial strategy. *Registration begins January 2.*

Foundations of Investing (3 of 3)

Thursday, January 29 • 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Build your investor IQ by learning the basics. This presentation covers the importance of strategy, asset allocation, and focusing on what you can control in your finances, for both new and experienced investors. *Registration begins January 15.*

February: 'Self-Care is Self-Love' - Four Part Series

Join presenter Danilise Diaz (AAMST™, CRPC™) for a four-part series designed to help you to establish and perpetuate personal financial stability. *Register for each event separately.*

Simplify Your Spending and Savings Strategies (1 of 4)

Thursday, February 6 • 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Learn to balance your budget and achieve financial goals. Topics include goal setting, saving, spending, borrowing, debt control, credit scores, and savings options for all life stages.

Registration begins January 23.

Rules of the Road (2 of 4)

Tuesday, February 11 • 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

The road to financial independence starts with simple rules to reach your goals. Learn common investing mistakes, effective strategies for long-term success, and how to stay on track.

Registration begins January 28.

Leave It, Move It, Roll It, Take It (3 of 4)

Tuesday, February 18 • 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Understanding how to manage your 401(k), pension, or other retirement plan when leaving a job is crucial. Review common distribution options and how taxes, fees, penalties, and investment choices impact your decision. *Registration begins February 4.*

The Four Pillars of the New Retirement (4 of 4)

Wednesday, February 26 • 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Edward Jones and Age Wave identified four key “pillars” that affect retirement quality of life. In this program, learn about these

essentials and other insights to help you prepare for the next chapter. *Registration begins February 12.*

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Discussion Group (Ages 60+)

The Holidays: Fulfilling or Unsettling

Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join us for an informal discussion that aims to build community with intelligent discussion, laughter, and social interaction.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

Thursdays, January 9 – May 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This free program from NYU Langone Hospital – Long Island uses Tai Chi principles to improve balance, confidence, and fitness in older adults. It helps reduce falls and boosts strength, flexibility, and mobility. No class on 2/20, 3/27, 4/17, or 5/1. Priority for first-time registrants. *Registration begins December 30. Registration required.*

Medicaid Sign-Up Help

Fridays, January 10 & February 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

North Study Room

Free, walk-in assistance from the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council. *No registration required.*

Hypertension Screenings

Tuesdays, January 14 & February 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Joan and Arnold Salzman Reading Room

Blood pressure screenings are provided by St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center volunteers. *No registration required.*

Chair Yoga (Winter/Spring Session)

Mondays, January 27 – June 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Apply for Chair Yoga classes with certified instructor Beth Lipset. Free for Port Washington residents. Registration will be through a random lottery, open from January 13 to 21, with confirmations sent by January 24. No class on 2/17, 4/14, or 5/26. Chair Yoga lottery begins January 13. *Sponsored by the HAC.*

Exercise with Marlene Kirsh (Winter/Spring Session)

Sign up for one of our popular exercise classes! Marlene Kirsh, athletic trainer and certified Pilates instructor, will lead the sessions. Registration will be decided through a random lottery. The form will be available on PWPL.org from 12/30 to 1/6. Confirmations will be emailed by 1/10. *Sponsored by HAC.*

Stretch & Strengthen

Mondays, January 13 – May 19 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Lapham Room

Join Marlene Kirsh’s exercise class, featuring a blend of Pilates, yoga, and stretching. Please bring a yoga mat. No class on 1/20, 2/17, 2/24, or 4/14.

Senior Stretch, Sculpt, and Balance

Wednesdays, January 15 - May 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lapham Room

Marlene Kirsh will guide you through seated and standing poses to increase flexibility, balance, and range of motion. A chair is used to meet a variety of fitness levels. Please bring a yoga mat and 3 lb weights. No class on 2/19, 2/26, or 4/16.



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Welcome, English learners! PWPL's ESOL Department and volunteers are dedicated to serving Library patrons who wish to improve their skills in speaking and reading English. For more information about our ESOL program, please contact Peggy O'Hanlon at ohanlonp@pwpl.org or 516-883-4400 x1308. This service is free to all members who live or work in Port Washington. *Our special events are supported by the Friends of the Library.*

Top English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs:

- **English Classes:** Beginner — Advanced levels to help you improve your writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills.
- **Citizenship & GED Preparation**
- **Intermediate-level Spanish Classes**
- **Orientation Sessions & Community Information Sessions**

Homework Help



Free homework help for elementary school children by high school students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Haydee Buitron – buitronh@pwpl.org
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Lunar New Year 2025 Celebration

Saturday, February 8, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lapham Room & Children's Room See cover for details.



Stefanie Zhang playing the guzheng.

Club de lectura

Club de lectura para adultos en español

"La biblioteca de los sueños" Próximas Sesiones:

lunes 3 de febrero, 3 de marzo y 7 de abril de 1:00 p.m. a 2:30 p.m.

Únete al club para compartir la pasión por la lectura y enriquecernos mutuamente con nuestras opiniones. Cada mes nos reuniremos para comentar sobre un libro. Una vez te hayas registrado recibirás un email con el nombre del libro del mes. La biblioteca entrega el libro. ¡Cupo limitado! Regístrate en pwpl.org/events

"Club de lectura" in Spanish for adults. Next Sessions:

Monday, February 3, March 3 and April 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join our book club to share your passion for reading and enrich each other with our opinions. Each month we will meet to discuss a book. Once you have registered, you will receive an email with the name of the book of the month. The library provides the book. *Limited space!* Register at pwpl.org/events

Past Events



Global rhythms united cultures on November 19 at our vibrant AeroRumba class! Attendees from diverse countries danced together, beaming with joy. Smiles and laughter filled the room, celebrating the universal language of music and exercise. (Photo by Remberto Garcia)

PWPL's collection also includes Newspapers, Music, Movies, & Magazines in other languages

El Diario, Korea Times, Le Monde Sélection Hebdomadaire, Paris Match, Shih Chieh Jih Pao (World Journal), Oggi, Der Spiegel, Vanidades, Nikkei, National Geographic and People en Español. Select print issues are available at the Library; please see the Reference Department for assistance. Our media collection, housed in the North Wing, features a diverse selection of foreign films and CDs of music from across the globe.

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Library Hours

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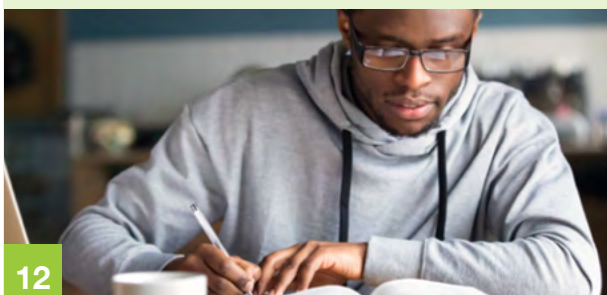
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Did you know you can book a small study
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Visit: bit.ly/PWPLStudyRoomReservations or
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LIBRARY SERVICES

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Thinking of learning a new musical instrument this year? Try checking one out from the Library!
Our collection includes the following kits:

- **Acoustic Guitar**, electric tuner, instructional DVD, instructional book, and picks.
- **Drum Pad**, drumsticks, and carrying case. Get the hang of the drums without waking the neighbors.
- **Electric Piano Keyboard**, music stand, two instructional books, an instruction manual, AC adapter, headphone adapter, and carrying case.
- **Ukulele**, two instructional books, and an electric tuner.

Instruments can be reserved online 30 days in advance at PWPL.org/LOGG or
express copies are available at the circulation desk on a first-come, first-served basis.
They can be borrowed for 14 days. *Supported by the Friends of the Library.*



MUSEUM PASS HIGHLIGHT



Port Washington dog lovers can visit the American Kennel Club
Museum of the Dog in NYC for free. The museum features
dog-themed art, ceramics, bronzes, and interactive exhibits.
Open Wednesday-Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. The Library pass
admits 2 adults and 2 children, plus \$5 off additional tickets and
10% off in the gift shop or memberships. Passes can be reserved
online at PWPL.org/museumpass 30 days in advance.
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Looking to stick to your New Year's resolution of managing
your money better in 2025? The Morningstar Investment
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latest financial news. Get started at PWPL.org/research and log in with your PWPL Library card.

SILEN CHATBOX SOLOS AT PWPL



Ed Adler, *Library Foundation Board Member*, Leila Noor, *Director of Development for the Library Foundation*, and Keith Klang, *Library Director*, are checking out the brand-new Silen Chatbox Solos at the Port Washington Public Library.

Located on the Mezzanine Level of the Library, these soundproof, phone booth-style pods are perfect for Zoom meetings, focused studying, and uninterrupted work. Members of the public are encouraged to come by and experience them for yourself!

The Chatboxes were generously made possible by the Port Washington Library Foundation.