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Homebound service
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The Nautical Advisory Council presents a series of three multimedia presentations about Long Island Sound during the months of January through March. The Sound is arguably Long Island’s greatest natural resource, and is an essential part of what makes Long Island a unique and favored place to live. This series will focus on three topics:

“Environmental Issues and Long Island Sound”
On Thursday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m., Amy Mandelbaum, Long Island Sound Outreach Coordinator at NY Sea Grant, will join Joel Ziev, a Long Island Sound Citizens Advisory Member, in exploring the latest conservation efforts to protect and preserve the health of the Long Island Sound ecosystem. They will focus on the 2015 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan which addresses new environmental challenges including sustainability, climate change resilience and environmental justice.

“Nautical History of Long Island Sound”
On Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m., we present “Exploring Long Island’s Shipwrecks.” Eco-Photo Explorers will present a multimedia program examining shipwrecks from throughout Long Island's history, from the Revolutionary War through modern times, including photos of what these wrecks look like today and what types of marine life inhabit them.

“Recreation on Long Island Sound”
On Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m., members of Port Rowing will introduce their organization and programs. Their participants range from juniors to adults, including rowers with special needs. Their mission statement reads, in part, “We hope that every rower will discover the powerful connection between themselves, their boat, their teammates and the water. We believe this connection builds cooperation and character and an abiding affinity for our environment.” Learn more about the group, and hear exciting stories about how their high school teams, while training on Long Island Sound, came within 100 yards of a humpback whale!

pwpl.org/roku

2016 Library budget vote and Board of Trustees election timeline
Nominating petitions available: Monday, February 1
Nominating petitions due: Monday, March 14
Absentee ballot applications available: Monday, February 22
Budget Hearing #1: Wednesday, February 17
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

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.

Coloring books are not just for kids!
The adult coloring craze is coming to Port! It’s just like coloring for kids, but more complex—it’s definitely harder to stay in the lines. Our meet-ups will be relaxed and informal; they’re great for stress relief and getting to know your neighbors. Sessions will be on Tuesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. and Monday, January 25 at 2 p.m. Registration begins on Tuesday, January 5. Visit pwpl.org to register, or call 516-883-4400, ext. 136. Test your skills with the image below!
The Music Advisory Council presents

Edgar Moreau and Jessica Xylina Osborne

Edgar Moreau won First Prize in the 2014 Young Concert Artists International Auditions after capturing, at the age of 17, Second Prize and the Prize for the Best Performance of the Commissioned Work at the 2011 Tchaikovsky Competition under the chairmanship of Valery Gergiev. In 2013, he was named “New Talent of the Year” at the Victoires de la Musique in France, and in 2015, he was named “Solo Instrumentalist of the Year.” As recipient of the 2015 Arthur Waser Award, he made his debut with the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Moreau will be accompanied by pianist Jessica Xylina Osborne. Hailed by The Washington Post as a pianist “with a refreshing mellowness and poetic touch” after her debut with the National Symphony Orchestra, Jessica is one of the most intensely expressive, passionate artists of her generation. She has performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Osborne has received international recognition with top awards in the International Bartok-Kabalevsky-Prokofiev Competition, International Russian Music Piano Competition, and the Ima Hogg Young Artists’ Competition. She completed her doctoral studies in piano performance at Yale University, and her Master of Music degree at Rice University’s Shepherd School of Music.

Enjoy this performance of selections by Bach, Franck, Schnittke and Chopin on Sunday, January 24 at 3 p.m.

The work of Robert Carter, on exhibit in the Main Gallery

The Art Advisory Council presents a new exhibit by acclaimed artist Robert Carter, on display in the Main Gallery from January 2 through 29.

Carter was born in Louisville, Kentucky, where at an early age he was receptive to line, color and form, having an intuitive feeling for design. He earned his Master of Fine Arts degree at the prestigious Pratt Institute of Fine Arts in New York. His paintings, drawings and illustrations are in demand by collectors and are in the permanent collections of museums throughout the United States.

Carter is a distinguished professor of art at Nassau Community College, where he teaches drawing, painting and design. He is a sought-after lecturer in public schools, universities and art organizations.

Join the artist for a reception on Saturday, January 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Meet author Chloelia Salome

Nineteen-year-old Chloe Margulis, aka Chloelia Salome, is a Port Washington resident currently in her junior year at LIU Post Honors College. She began writing books when she was 14, publishing The Girl in the Jimmy Choos in 2010. Since then, she has published four more novels, including the Sword of Hadrian trilogy. In 2015, Chloelia released the first book in her new sequence, Creating Eve.

On Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m., join Salome to learn about the inspiration behind her new novel, including the impact the Holocaust has on her characters’ development. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.
HEARTS presents unique prints by Schreiber students

“Printmaking and the Landscape,” was one of the exciting grants awarded in 2015 by HEARTS (Helping Enrich the Arts). It resulted in a unique exhibit of prints by Schreiber students, whose work was guided by visiting artist Dan Welden. HEARTS will exhibit the work in the Community Gallery from Saturday, January 16 through Thursday, February 11.

Through the grant, Schreiber art teacher Miranda Best and photography teacher Kris Murphy brought Welden to Schreiber to work with students in the AP Studio Art and AP Photography classes.

Welden has been a master printmaker, painter, teacher and author for over 40 years. He is an innovator of safety oriented printmaking and is the originator of the solarplate technique. He has collaborated with Willem and Elaine de Kooning, Kurt Vonnegut and Roberta Dash, and his work has been displayed in the Baltimore Museum of Art.

The students worked on the creation of monoprints and solarplate etchings based on their photographs and sketches of the landscape. This innovative process uses sunlight to create the etching plates. Welden told the students, “I want you to get in touch with feeling while working. Don’t be afraid of taking risks.”

HEARTS is an independent 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to add meaningful value to children’s lives and our community by supporting, promoting and enriching the arts in Port Washington and its public schools. For more information, please visit www.heartspw.org.

Fall in love with the shelter dogs

From January 5 through 31, visit the Library’s Martin Vogel Photography Gallery for Unleashed—a special exhibit spotlighting our canine neighbors at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter.

All of the featured dogs came to the Marino Avenue shelter as strays, surrenders or rescues.

The photographer, Margaret Tumino Mills, is a volunteer at the shelter. Her images capture the heart and soul of these animals as they wait for a home and family.

Mills is one of a number of volunteers affiliated with The Shelter Connection, a non-profit organization that, in addition to training, provides money to supplement the municipal facility’s budget for food, medical care and facilities.

Join the photographer for a reception in the Gallery on Saturday, January 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

View these charming portraits at the Library, then visit the shelter to meet the subjects in person!

Thank you, Garden Club

A big thank you to the Garden Club for the festive greenery last month, and for brightening the Library all year long!

Be a special part of the new Children’s Library!

A $100 donation entitles you to a commemorative book plate in the new Children’s Library collection. To make a donation, visit pwpl.org/foundation, click on the blue offer button and select the $100 option to view the book list.

A special January TechDesk: the TEENS are here to help!

Thank you, Garden Club

Get started with new devices you got for the holidays, or get tips on using your old ones. No registration needed, just look for the table in the lobby.

On Monday, January 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, January 12 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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VALENTINES FOR VETS

Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel is collecting donations for our hospitalized veterans, and PWPL will be a drop-off point through January 31. Donations will be hand-delivered to State Veterans Hospital at Stony Brook and the Veterans Hospital at Northport for Valentine’s Day celebrations with the veterans. Show your love for those who have served our country!

Suggested donations include ALL NEW:

- Handmade or store-bought greeting cards (no glitter, adhesives or anything that can fall off the card, please)
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Unused clothing (sweatshirts, sweatpants, hats, gloves, scarves, non-slip socks, robes, patriotic caps or T-shirts, etc.)
- Gift cards (iTunes, phone cards, etc.)
- Wheelchair cup holders
- Unopened DVDs and CDs
- Electric razors/toothbrushes
- Portable radios/clock radios
- Headphones
- Postage Stamps
- Note cards

Suggested donations include ALL NEW:
In collaboration with the elementary schools of Port Washington, Children's Services is proud to present the 14th annual "Great Library Card Adventure." From January 4 to 31, children in grades K through 5 are invited to visit the Children's Room and help win books for their school libraries. Present your library card (or library card application) at the Children's Services desk and participate in a scavenger hunt that takes about 20 minutes. Each child that plays will receive a gift (while supplies last). The grade that has the most participants will be the winner!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library (FOL).

Early Childhood

A Time For Kids: Home Sweet Home
Monday, January 4 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Join Miss Donna 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 began December 21 - call for availability.

January Jamboree
Four Tuesdays beginning January 5 at 10:30 a.m.
Join Miss Lesley for music, stories and songs for children of all ages with an adult. No registration required.

Parent Child Workshop
January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3 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 dental hygiene, nutrition, behavior and movement. For children ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Registration began December 17 - call for availability.

Tummy Time
Four Thursdays beginning January 7 at 10:30 a.m.
Babies are spending more time on their backs due to recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics. They need lots of Tummy Time to develop their muscle strength and coordination. You and your child will be led in song, rhymes and simple stories. There will be time for playing with rattles, soft blocks, and other developmentally appropriate toys. For parents/caregivers with babies from 3 months to pre-crawlers. Registration began December 17 – call for availability.

Story Time with Miss Susie and Mr. Mike
Monday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m.
For children of all ages with an adult. No registration required.

Baby and Mommy Yoga
Monday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m.
Stretch, breathe and bond with your baby in this 45-minute class. Explore gentle yoga postures in a nurturing environment with certified yoga instructor Lenora Gim. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat and small blanket for your baby. For mothers with babies from birth to pre-crawlers. Limited registration begins January 11.

Pajama Story Time
Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m.
Come in your pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. For children ages 3 to 6 years with an adult. No registration required.

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 Donna for preschool concepts and fun. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins January 25.

Book Discussions for School-Age Kids

Book Bunch
Thursday, January 21 at 4 p.m.
Book discussion for children in grades 3 and 4. Call for availability.

Page Turners
Tuesday, January 26 at 7:15 p.m.
Book discussion for children in grades 5 and 6. Call for availability.

Creative Readers

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will use drama, games, art, movement and music to get kids hooked on reading. Presented by PortSEPTA and the Port Washington Public Library. For more information and to register, email creativereadersinport@yahoo.com.

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.

Born to Read

Congratulations new parents! PWPL is proud to be part of a nationwide initiative that promotes early literacy. Born to Read was created to reach out to new parents and their babies to support the sharing of books together. This special bond between parents and children can begin from the time a child is born. Port Washington families with babies born anytime in the year 2015 and 2016 are invited to visit the Children’s Room to receive the Born To Read welcome gift! Sponsored by the Friends of the Port Washington Public Library.
TEENSPACE for grades seven through twelve

Find everything you need to be a better student in TeenSpace:

- Use our textbook collection to get your homework done.
- Check out our Test Prep section, filled with review books and test preparation manuals.
- Tutor.com: use your library card to connect with a live online tutor for homework help between 2 and 10 p.m. daily. Made possible by the Friends of the Library and the Bernard Fendrich Memorial Youth Fund.
- The Learning Express Library provides practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, ebooks and information for you to achieve the results you want.
- Learn a new language using Rosetta Stone, Mango Languages or Pronunciator.
- iMacs: we have two that are just for teens!

**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.

**Free ACT, SAT or PSAT Timed Test**
Monday, January 18th at 1:30 p.m. Get practice taking the test under realistic conditions before you take the real thing. Facilitated by C2 Education. To register, call 516-883-440, ext. 148 beginning January 2.

**Study Hall**
Tuesday, January 26 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. We will extend our hours for students to study for the Regents Exams. No registration required.

**Coming Soon! Registration for the “New” SAT Workshop**
Get ready for the new SAT by attending a test prep workshop. Registration begins February 1 online or in-person.

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**Go Set a Watchman** by Harper Lee
The *To Kill a Mockingbird* sequel that almost never was.

**Honeydew** by Edith Pearlman
Each of Pearlman’s short stories is a novel in and of itself.

**In the Unlikely Event** by Judy Blume
Blume’s window into the 1950s makes you feel like Elizabeth Taylor hairdos and Communist threats were just yesterday.

**The Rocks** by Peter Nichols
Two honeymooners split in 1948 and live separately for years, until members of their rivaling families fall in love.

**Reunion of Ghosts** by Judith Claire Mitchell
A darkly comic, multigenerational meditation on a family curse.

**The Tsar of Love and Techno** by Anthony Marra
Captures modern Russia in vivid and imaginative prose.

**The Whites** by Harry Brandt
NYPD sergeant Bill Graves investigates a recent homicide that has ties to his early career.