

Lonesome Traveler: the songs of Lee Hays, Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie



On Sunday, January 22 at 3 p.m., the Annual Jean Ritchie Folk Concert will feature Ira Perlman and Denise Romas presenting "Lonesome Traveler," a musical narrative featuring the songs of iconic folk singers Lee Hays, Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger.

Hays, Guthrie and Seeger performed together with The Almanac Singers and left bodies of work that have influenced generations of musicians. Perlman and Romas will

perform such classic songs as "Union Maid," "Talking Union Blues," "Lonesome Traveler" and "If I had a Hammer."

Ira Perlman has appeared at numerous Long Island folk venues performing both well-known and obscure folk songs. He is a past president of the Folk Music Society of Huntington.

Denise Romas got her first guitar at age 11, and immersed herself in the music of Peter, Paul and Mary

and Joan Baez. She performs at venues across Long Island.

Born and raised in the eastern Kentucky mountains, Jean Ritchie (1922-2015) grew up singing the old music brought over by her ancestors from Scotland, Ireland and England. Trained at the University of Kentucky as a social worker, she came to New York in 1947 for her first job at the Henry Street Settlement on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Ritchie preferred to sing without instrumental accompaniment, but occasionally accompanied herself on autoharp, guitar and handmade plucked lap or mountain dulcimer. Over the years, her name became synonymous with Appalachian music. She recorded thirty albums and wrote seven books. Ritchie lived with her family in Port Washington for many years, and was a long-time member of the Library's Music Advisory Council. Each year we celebrate her legacy with a folk concert held in her honor.

Made possible by the PWPL Music Advisory Council.

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Holiday hours

Happy New Year! We will be closed on Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1. On Monday, January 16, we will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Thank you!

A big thank you to the Garden Club for bringing beautiful decorations and holiday cheer to the Library!

It's Puzzle Month!

January 29 is National Puzzle Day, but we're celebrating all month long. Working on puzzles improves memory, cognitive function and problem solving skills. Pick up your daily *NY Times* crossword at the Information Desk, spend some quiet time working on the community jigsaw in the Reading Room or try to outsmart us by answering our weekly Librarian Brainteaser. There will be prizes!

Adult Coloring

Our adult coloring meetups are on hiatus for the winter, but we will have books and pencils available anytime at the Research Desk.

Rokus, iPods, Nooks

These devices have been relocated to the Reading Room, right next to the Information Desk. Get the latest movies, TV shows, music and e-books. Ask the librarian at the desk for help getting started!

Homebound service

PWPL makes housecalls! If you or a loved one is unable to visit the Library, let us know and we will arrange for free delivery of books and other materials. For more information contact Keith Klang at 516-883-4400, ext. 135 or kklang@pwpl.org.

An evening with sports expert George Vecsey

On Wednesday, January 25 at 7 p.m., author, columnist and Port resident George Vecsey will join host Randy Cohen to discuss his career and his favorite person, place and thing. The interview will appear on a future installment of Cohen's podcast *Person Place Thing*. Guitarist Bennett Harris will provide musical interludes throughout the evening.

Vecsey, a sports columnist at *The New York Times* from 1982 through 2011, has written about such events as the FIFA World Cup and the Olympics, and on a wide variety of sports including tennis, football, basketball, hockey, soccer and boxing. Baseball, the sport he's covered since 1960, is his favorite.

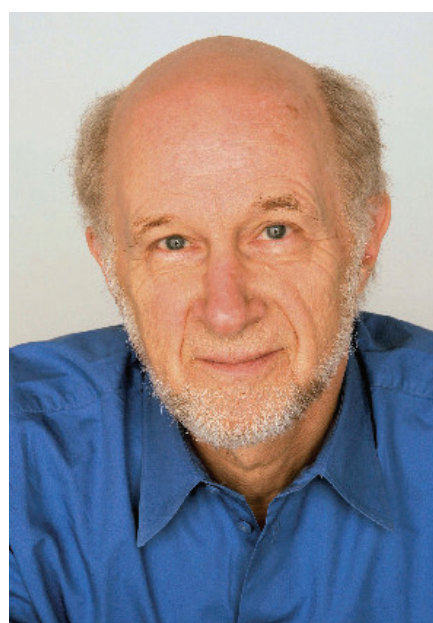
He has written and contributed to more than a dozen books on sports and other topics, including *Baseball: A History of America's Favorite Game* and *Loretta Lynn:*

Coal Miner's Daughter (with country singer Loretta Lynn), which was made into an Academy Award-winning film. Vecsey has also served as a national and religion reporter for *The New York Times*, interviewing the Dalai Lama, former British prime minister Tony Blair, evangelist Billy Graham, and a host of other noteworthy figures.

In addition to assisting Loretta Lynn, Vecsey has helped several other high-profile figures write their autobiographies, including country singer Barbara Mandrell and Chinese human rights activist Harry Wu. His work in this field has ranged from co-writing to consulting.

Vecsey's most recent book was 2014's *Eight World Cups: My Journey Through the Beauty and Dark Side of Soccer*.

After the interview, stick around to test your sport smarts. Vecsey will quiz the audience in a fun, informal



trivia session, and separate the fans from the superfans!

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Experience 3D printing technology with our MakerBot Replicator!

Whether you'd like to see a demo, try 3D printing for the first time, or print your own project, our staff can help. Stop by the Computer Lab or contact James Hutter at 3dprinter@pwpl.org to make an appointment.

The MakerBot and related accessories were funded by a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.



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2017 Library budget vote and Board of Trustees election timeline

Nominating petitions available: Wednesday, February 1
Nominating petitions due: Monday, March 6
Absentee ballot applications available: Monday, February 13
Budget Hearing #1: Wednesday, February 15
Budget Hearing #2: Wednesday, March 15
Budget Hearing #3/Meet the Candidates: Tuesday, March 28
Personal Registration Day: Tuesday, March 28
Budget vote/Trustee election: Tuesday, April 4

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 Wednesday, February 1. **If you are interested in running for a seat on the Library Board, your petition must be returned by Monday, March 6.** The annual budget vote and Trustee election takes place on Tuesday, April 12. For more information, contact Library administration at 516-883-4400, ext. 101.

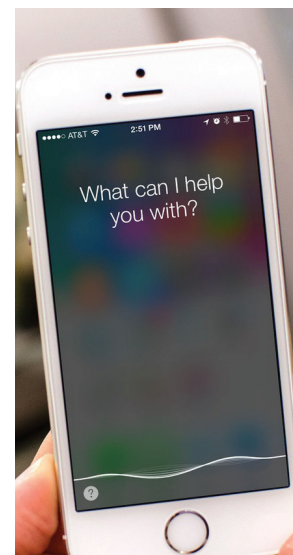
TechTime BY APPOINTMENT

Get new devices for the holidays? This on-demand service will help you get the most out of them, plus more!

Staff from the Computer Services department will meet with you one-on-one and provide a wide range of instruction, including:

- * Computer basics for beginners
- * Setting up email or other online accounts
- * Assistance with your tablets, smart phones and laptops
- * Learning to ensure privacy and security of your online info
- * Using Facebook, Instagram and other social media services
- * Getting started with 3D printing

In order to best match you with the appropriate staff member, we ask that you email James Hutter (hutterj@pwpl.org) with a brief description of your needs. You may also call 516-883-4400, ext. 162. If you just have a quick question, don't hesitate to drop by the Computer Services desk on the 2nd floor at any time.



Three events exploring Long Island Sound

Join us for a three-month 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. The series will focus on three topics:

Environmental Issues

Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Deonarine, Executive Director of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, will join Eric Swenson, Executive Director of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee, to discuss the health of the ecosystem.

In October, the westernmost sections were given an "F" on a report card issued by the Save the Sound organization. Find out what this grade is based on, as well as what dangers threaten Manhasset Bay and Hempstead Harbor and what is being done to protect these invaluable natural resources.

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.

Captain McGrath has been educating people of all ages about sport fishing for over thirty years.

This series is made possible by the PWPL Nautical Advisory Council.



A LOOK AT THE NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



Exciting things are happening behind this wall... and you can take a sneak peek!

We have begun construction of the Jackie and Harold Spielman Children's Library, and special windows allow you and your kids to be part of the action. Come watch as we move into the future with an exciting design that lets kids discover the wonders of learning, creating, and of course, reading.

To learn how to how you can help, contact Lisa Davidoff, Director of Development for the Port Washington Library Foundation, at 516-883-4400, ext. 180 or pwlf@pwpl.org. Online donations are welcomed at pwpl.org/aneleaf.

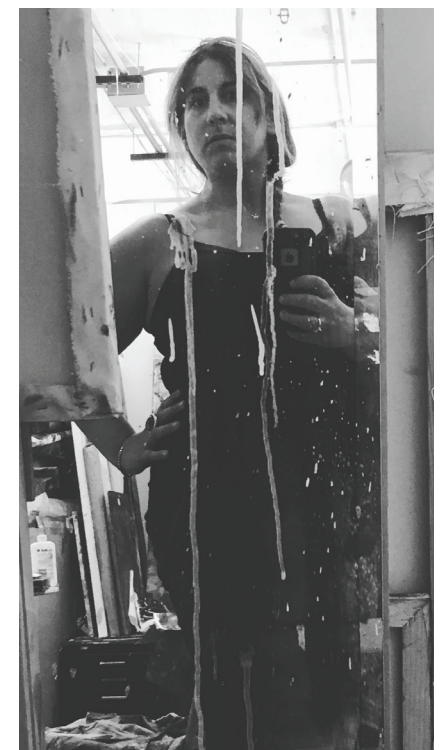
Landscapes by Syd Glasser

From January 3 through 30, visit the Karen and Ed Adler Gallery to enjoy a new exhibit by Brooklyn artist Syd Glasser. Also join the artist at a reception on Saturday, January 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Glasser holds a BA in printmaking from SUNY Binghamton. Shortly after leaving Binghamton, she moved to Brooklyn, where her Sunset Park studio has become a place of solace and meditation. Often combining the beauty she finds in urban and architectural decay with images of figures, horses and landscape, her process blurs the lines between abstract and representation.

For Glasser, art is about the process and experimentation. A recent excursion to Iceland brought her new views of the world—landscapes created by volcanic eruptions and melting glaciers were like living collages. She returned to New York inspired and renewed, and began her first series of landscape images.

Glasser has shown her work in galleries throughout Brooklyn and Manhattan, and has received several awards from SUNY Binghamton for her work in monotype and mixed media. She currently maintains a chashama studio residency at the Brooklyn Army Terminal.



Made possible by the PWPL Art Advisory Council.

New museum passes!

Ring in the new year with a visit to a local cultural institution. We now have twenty-four passes, including eight great additions:

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium • The Frick Collection • Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center • Long Island Children's Museum • Museum of Modern Art • Sands Point Preserve Conservancy • Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum & Planetarium • Walt Whitman Birthplace Association

Reserve at pwpl.org/museumpass or call 516-883-4400, ext. 111. Our new Museum Pass Express service also allows you to choose from a selection of first-come, first-served passes at the Circulation Desk.

The Museum Pass Program is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Tax help, courtesy of AARP

Registration begins on Monday, January 23 for AARP tax help sessions. Appointments are available every Tuesday from February

7 through April 11, between 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Register in-person at the Research Desk or call 516-883-4400, ext. 111.

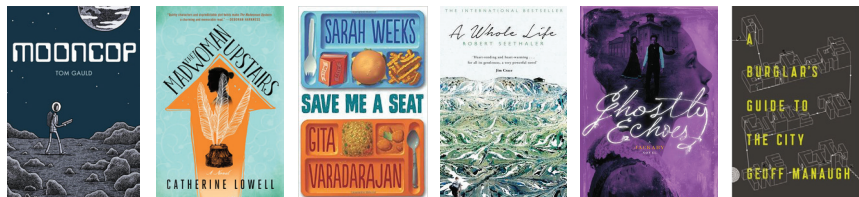
These sessions are offered courtesy of AARP—there are no age or membership requirements. They are limited to Port Washington residents.

Planning on filing yourself? We've got you covered with helpful links and resources, just go to www.pwpl.org/research/tax or click on the 'Tax Links and Resources' link on our homepage.



Stuff Picks

BEST OF 2016



Corinne Camarata, Assistant Director
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

Over a period of fifty years, the lives, fortunes and destinies of two families are intertwined as their children grow to adulthood, sharing a common thread that affects them all. As always, Patchett provides an engaging and affecting read.

Dan Chuzmir, Community Relations
Mooncop by Tom Gauld

As the few remaining residents of a lunar colony trickle back to Earth, the last police officer on the moon struggles with a broken therapy robot, a shrinking apartment building, and his increasing loneliness.

Nancy Curtin, Director
The Madwoman Upstairs by Catherine Lowell

Samantha Whipple—a young American woman—is the last remaining descendant of the Bronte family, of *Wuthering Heights* and *Jane Eyre* fame. After losing her father, a brilliant author, Samantha travels to Oxford in search of a mysterious family inheritance, described in her father's will only as "The Warnings of Experience."

Rachel Fox, Children's Services
Save Me A Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Two fifth-grade boys—Ravi, who has just moved to the United States from India, and Joe, who has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning challenges, discover they are not as different as they thought. Together, they find an unexpected friend, thwart the class bully and gain self-confidence.

Richard Hausdorff, Information Services
Dark Money by Jane Mayer

The author argues that a network of wealthy people with extreme Libertarian views has been systematically influencing and controlling academic institutions, the courts and the United States government.

Keith Klang, Adult Services
A Whole Life by Robert Seethaler

Andreas Egger, a man intimately familiar with the ancient landscapes of his mountain valley home, finds his solitude threatened by the arrival of elements from the modern world.

Jessica Ley, Adult Services
Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick

After his wife's death, Arthur Pepper discovers a charm bracelet hidden amongst her things. He attempts to unravel the story behind each charm, as he discovers facets of his wife he never knew.

Kate Monsour, TeenSpace
Ghostly Echoes: A Jackaby Novel by William Ritter

The third volume in this delightfully offbeat series finds paranormal detective R.F. Jackaby and his intrepid assistant investigating a case close to home: the murder of their kindly landlord, who happens to be a ghost. Filled with memorable characters, absurd humor, and lots of heart to go along with the supernatural, this is a series to treasure.

Janet Tietz, Adult Services
The Summer Before The War by Helen Simonson

Arriving in the village of Rye, England, in 1914, Beatrice Nash, a young woman of good family, becomes the first female teacher of Latin at the local school and falls in love with her sponsor's nephew.

Janet West, Information Services
Burglar's Guide to the City by Geoff Manaugh

An unconventional celebration of heists, break-ins, illicit tunnels, roof jobs and getaways (clean and otherwise). Manaugh, a security expert and architecture blogger, looks at the ingenious ways burglars use buildings, houses, cityscapes and highways to facilitate their crimes.

FOL celebrates fifty years of library service

On the weekend of October 21 through 23, the Friends of the Library welcomed hundreds of patrons in celebration of its 50th Anniversary. The events ranged from a concert featuring Silver City Bound to the return of the popular Paperback Swap at which thousands of books were exchanged.

The culminating event was a lecture on the current world of book publishing by Pamela Paul, editor of *The New York Times Book Review*, who grew up in Port. Paul fondly recalled many hours spent in the Port library, which fostered her lifelong love of books.

The weekend reconfirmed the important role the FOL plays in the life of the library. "Founded in 1966 to rally the community behind the construction of a new library building, the FOL today focuses on community outreach as well as programming, advocacy, volunteerism and fundraising," said FOL President Amy Bass.

The FOL recently funded the purchase of a 3D printer and two



NYT Book Review editor Pamela Paul (in red) with Nancy Wright, Amy Bass and Ellen Zimmerman



Americana band Silver City Bound

telescopes to lend. The Friends is the sole supporter of the Museum Pass program, which now includes passes to twenty-four metro area cultural institutions.

For more information, visit pwpl.org/fol or email fol@pwpl.org.

Save the Date: Book & Author Luncheon

The Friends of the Library's 48th Annual Book & Author Luncheon will be held on **Friday, May 12 at 11 a.m.** at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset. Watch for reservation information beginning April 1. The FOL welcomes individual and corporate Luncheon sponsors. To learn about the benefits of sponsorship, contact Nancy Wright at 516-883-8418 or email fol@pwpl.org.

MEET THE TEAM:

Vanessa Nastro

Vanessa joined us last year as the Head of the Local History Center and Archives. In addition to her degree in Library Science, Vanessa is certified in Archives and Preservation of Rare Materials and is currently studying for a Masters in Art History.

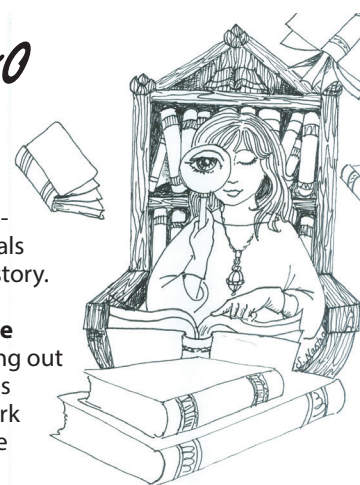
What do you enjoy most about working in the Local History Center? My favorite part is figuring out new and exciting ways to bring these collections to the community. I also enjoy the detective work that goes into researching the archival reference questions that come my way on a regular basis.

What projects are you currently working on? The Library has partnered with Google and will be curating an online exhibit as part of their Cultural Institute. We are very excited to be part of this prestigious project. We have also been beta testing a new local history image sharing app called Chronicle. It allows the Library and its patrons to partner in documenting the photographic story of our town.

What is your favorite part of the Local History Center's collections (so far)? I love working with our Sinclair Lewis collection. We have some beautiful first edition books. I also enjoy trying to transcribe and digitize our many hand-written documents, such as indentures from the 1700s.

Vanessa's other interests are: Photographic archives and art documentation, the secondary art market, travel photography and the fine arts.

Favorite books and authors: *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway, *Atonement* by Ian McEwan, *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt, J.K. Rowling and J.R.R. Tolkien.



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.

Early Childhood

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



1-2-3 Play with Me

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1 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. For ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. *Online registration began December 19—check for availability.*

Tummy Time

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 10:30 a.m. Babies need lots of Tummy Time to develop their muscle strength and coordination. You and your child will be led in song, rhymes and stories. There will be time for playing with rattles, soft blocks and other developmentally appropriate toys. For parents and caregivers with pre-crawling babies ages 3 months and up. *Online registration began December 19—check for availability.*



Sing and Swing Story Time

Fridays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Join us for interactive stories, rhymes and songs. These early literacy practices help build the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. For ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. *Admittance is on a first-come, first-served basis for fifty participants in each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available half an hour before each start time.*

A Time For Kids: Amusement Park

Monday, January 9 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Karen for educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration begins January 2.*

Ready Set Story Time

Mondays, January 23 and 30 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Susie for stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. Experience early literacy practices in action, and discover great books and music. For kids of all ages with an adult. *Admittance is on a first-come, first-served basis for fifty participants in each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available half an hour before each start time.*

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. We emphasize early literacy skills and introduce babies to the magic of books. It's a great way to meet other new parents! For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. *Online registration begins January 26.*

A Time For Kids: Valentine's Day

Monday, February 6 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Karen for educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration begins January 30.*

Preschool Story Time: Session I

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m. You and your child will enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. For ages 2^{1/2} to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration begins January 31.*

Creative Readers

Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 get hooked on reading through the use of drama, games, art, movement and music. Session dates are January 7, 14, 21 and 28 and February 4 and 11. Presented by PortSEPTA and PWPL. For more information, email creativereadersinport@yahoo.com.

School-Age Kids

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

Read and Reach

Fridays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Join us for stories and exercise. For kids in grades K through 2. *Online registration began December 23—check for availability.*

Tween Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Tuesday, January 17 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Calling all fifth grade volunteers! Do you enjoy writing, acting and being creative? Help us brainstorm and design our new Great Library Card Adventure, to be held in April. *Limited online registration begins January 3.*

Third and Fourth Grade Book Discussion

Thursday, January 19 at 4 p.m. *Online registration—check for availability.*

Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 31 at 7:15 p.m. *Online registration—check for availability.*



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. This special bond between parents and children can begin when a child is born.

Port families with babies born anytime in 2016 and 2017 are invited to visit the Children's Room to receive the Born To Read welcome gift! Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

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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!



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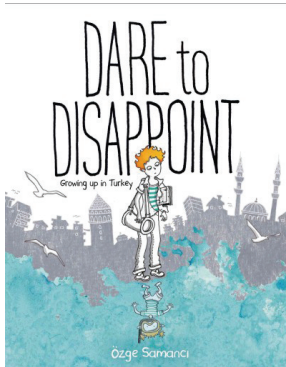
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TEENSPACE'S TOP PICKS OF 2016

Dare to Disappoint: Growing up in Turkey by Özge Samanci

Ozge imagined a life of adventure while her parents and society demanded predictability. She recounts her story using inventive collages, weaving together images of the sea, politics, science, and friendship.



Blood Brother by Rich Wallace and Sandra Neil Wallace

The story of Jonathan Daniels, a white seminary student who was killed while fighting for the rights of African-Americans in the segregated South.

Vietnam: a History of a War by Russell Freedman

An account of how Cold War politics led to one of America's most contentious wars. The author describes how the war began, why it was so difficult to end and how its tragic legacy endures today.

My Lady Jane by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton and Jodi Meadows

On the eve of her marriage to a stranger, Lady Jane Grey is swept into a conspiracy to usurp the throne from her cousin.

Highly Illogical Behavior by John Corey Whaley

Agoraphobic Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.

Math Tutoring

Mondays, January 9, 16, 23 and 30
from 4 to 5 p.m.

Students who need assistance, including SAT/ACT prep, are invited to work with Steven and Leona Handelman, who have extensive teaching and tutoring experience in intermediate and high school math (sorry, no calculus). *No registration required but students must bring their own textbooks and materials.*



Late Night Study Hall

January 23 and 24 from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

We will extend our hours until 11 p.m. for students to study for the Regents exams. *No registration required.*

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