Meet bestselling novelist Lauren Belfer

The author of A Fierce Radiance and City of Light returns with And After the Fire

Join the Friends of the Library on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. for a special evening with author Lauren Belfer.

The New York Times-bestselling author of A Fierce Radiance and City of Light returns with a powerful and passionate new novel—inspired by historical events—about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both their lives.

In Berlin, in 1783, aristocrats and commoners alike frequent the city’s glittering salons. Christians and Jews mingle freely, despite simmering anti-Semitism. Sara Itzig Levy, a renowned musician, conceals the manuscript of an anti-Jewish cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach, an unsettling gift from her Bach’s son, her teacher. This work and its disturbing message will haunt Sara and her family for generations to come.

In the ruins of Germany in 1945, American soldier Henry Sachs takes a souvenir, an old music manuscript. From a seemingly deserted mansion and mistakenly kills the girl whose family has been murdered.

In America in 2010, Henry’s niece, Susanna Kessler, struggles to rebuild her life after she experiences a devastating act of violence on the streets of New York. When Henry dies soon after, it provokes in Susanna the long-hidden music manuscript. She becomes determined to discover what it is and to return it to its rightful owner, a journey that will challenge her preconceptions about herself and her family’s history—and also offer her an opportunity to finally make peace with the past.

Interweaving the stories of Susanna, Sara and their families, And After the Fire traverses two hundred years of history, from the eighteenth century through the Holocaust and into today, seamlessly melding past and present, real and imagined. Lauren Belfer’s deeply researched, evocative and compelling narrative resonates with emotion and immediacy.

Lauren Belfer is from Buffalo, New York. NY. At Swarthmore College, she majored in Medieval Studies. She holds an M.F.A. from Columbia University. In addition to her three novels, Belfer’s fiction has been published in the Michigan Quarterly Review, Shenandoah, and Henfield Prize Stories. Her nonfiction has appeared in the New York Times Book Review, Washington Post Book World and the Christian Science Monitor. She lives in New York City.

Ms. Belfer will be interviewed by Keith Klang, the Library’s Head of Adult Services.

Copies of And After the Fire will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.

In the Karen and Ed Adler Gallery

Ginger Balizer-Hendler

The Art Advisory Council welcomes Long Island-based artist Ginger Balizer-Hendler, who will exhibit She’s a Rainbow in the Adler Gallery from June 1 through 30.

Balizer-Hendler studied English and Theater Arts at SUNY New Paltz, and interior design at LIU Post and the New York Institute of Technology. She studied painting at the Nassau County Museum of Art and the Art League of Long Island. She integrates her fascination with theater and design into her work, imbuing it with fanciful strokes of color and whimsy.

Balizer-Hendler’s work often explores narratives that obscure what lies beneath the surface. Embellishments such as found objects and collage invite us to look deeper. The layering is symbolic of the many faces we wear: our emotions, public and private personas and the subconscious.

In 2012, Balizer-Hendler’s mixed media piece, Mother Earth’s Party Dress, received an Award of Merit from the Long Island Biennial. In 2013, she received a residency at The Vermont Studio. Her book The Adventures of Gingerella was published in 2015; she is currently adapting it into an opera. Her new series of paintings is evocative of ancient symbols and mythology inspired by travel to Morocco and India.

Join Ginger Balizer-Hendler for a reception in the Adler Gallery on Saturday, June 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Summer Sundays

Beginning on June 26, we will be closed on Sundays through Labor Day weekend. Sunday hours (1 to 5 p.m.) will resume on September 11.

Special TechDesk

Every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m., bring your tech questions and devices to the Reference Desk in the South Wing for friendly, one-on-one assistance. Learn to use the Library’s online resources and get tips on how to make the most of your gadgets. In June, there will be two additional sessions focusing on OverDrive and hoopla, our e-book and streaming media services. Learn to use these services on Mondays, June 6 and 13 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Study Hall for teens

On Monday, June 13, Library hours will be extended until 11 p.m. for study time 5 to 9 p.m. and 7 through 12 to study for exams. No registration is required. Snacks will be provided. Be sure to check in between 7:30 and 9 p.m.; there will be no admittance after 9 p.m.

Baby Bump

If you are expecting, you and your partner are invited to join the next Baby Bump group, meeting June 7, 14 and 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It’s a place for expectant parents to learn, socialize and be part of a support group to build confidence. To sign up, contact Fran Powell at powell@pwpl.org or 516-883-4400, ext. 150. Sponsored by the Elise and Marvin Tepper Early Childhood Project.

Model Boat Regatta

On Sunday, June 5, Harborfest will feature the Model Boat Regatta, which allows Port’s third graders to race their model boats at Baxter Pond. The exciting event is sponsored by the Marvin and Elise Tepper Intergenerational Fund of the Library Foundation as well as the PWPL Nautical Advisory Council.

Memory Screenings

On Tuesday, June 14 from noon to 3 p.m., Senator Jack M. Martins and the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America present free, 10-minute, confidential screenings to gauge memory, language and thinking skills. Results are not a diagnosis, but may suggest the need for further evaluation. Appointments must be made by calling Senator Martins’ office at 516-746-5924.
Ken Kresge performs the songs of Vin Roddie

On Friday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m., pianist Ken Kresge will perform the songs of Vin Roddie in tribute to this popular local talent.

For many years, Roddie was the main attraction at the piano of several Port Washington venues, notably the Club House and the Waterview Restaurant. Roddie, a classically trained musician, performed arrangements of favorites from the Great American Songbook and his original tunes, frequently joined by some faithful followers.

In the 1950s and ’60s, he composed and published many songs, ranging in style from the romantic “We Have A Love” to the humorous “Cuchy Frito Man” to the patriotic “Soviet-American Space Salute.”

Born Vincent Rodomista in Far Rockaway, Roddie and his wife moved to Port in 1956. He died on January 16, 2014 at the age of 92. Join us for a special night of music and Port Washington memories.

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SoundSwap welcomes folk duo The Nields

Folk-rock band The Nields formed in 1991. As a five-piece band, they toured much of the United States, performing with artists such as Dar Williams, Moxy Früvous, 10,000 Maniacs, Ani DiFranco and Catie Curtis. Following the dissolution of the band, sisters Katryna and Nerissa Nields have continued to successfully record and tour as a duo.

The Nields’ albums are often an eclectic mix of ideas and music styles, but clear themes emerge. Love and China (2002) was about the fragility of love and relationships. The Full Catastrophe (2012) explored the messy experience of raising a family. XVII (2015) has The Nields looking out from midlife, focusing on themes of time, love and community. The primary inspiration behind XVII was Nerissa and Katryna’s hero, Pete Seeger.

“As the work of the Everly Brothers or the McGarrigle Sisters has amply demonstrated, there are few sounds as sublime as close harmony.”

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The Long Island Sound Swing Band plays in tribute to Charlie Fertitta

Join the Long Island Sound Swing Band for a rousing tribute to trumpeter Charlie Fertitta on Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m.

Fertitta, a Port resident for 30 years, died in 2015. As a young trumpet player, he led his own band and continued his interest in later life by participating in several bands, including the Port Washington Community Band and the PilSner Band, both of which played summer concerts at the Sousa Band Shell.

The Long Island Sound Swing Band, an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to the promotion of swing dancing on Long Island, playing your favorite tunes from a bygone era.

Manhasset Bay summer boat tours are back!

Experience a new perspective on Port’s beautiful waterfront with a 90-minute boat tour.

This summer’s tours will take place on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m., Sunday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 18 at 1:30 a.m., Thursday, June 30 at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 30 at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday, July 31 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a special night of music and Port Washington memories.

SoundSwap is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Healthy sleep: sleep well, age well

On Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m., the Health Advisory Council and the Friends of the Library welcome behavioral sleep psychologist Dr. Saul Rothenberg of the Katz Institute for Women’s Health at Northwell Health (formerly the North Shore-LIJ Health System), who will look at the importance of a good night’s sleep to overall health, and provide tips for good sleep habits.

Dr. Rothenberg is a licensed psychologist and a diplomat of the American Board of Sleep Medicine since 1988. He was one of the first sleep specialists in the United States to be certified in Behavioral Sleep Medicine. He specializes in the behavioral treatment of sleep disorders in children, adolescents, and adults. He has been with the Northwell Sleep Disorders Center since 1996.

A $10 fee per person (check or cash) will be collected at the time of registration. Proof of residency is required for the person registering. There is a limit of four spots per registrant, and you may only sign up for one tour.

The boat leaves from Town Dock, rain or shine. Sights include famous landmarks and a variety of birds and other wildlife, so feel free to bring binoculars!

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The upcoming Children’s Room renovation will require some reshuffling. Here’s your quick guide to what’s going where.

What construction is being done?
The interior of the Children’s Room is being completely rebuilt and transformed into a new, state-of-the-art space to be known as the Jackie and Hal Spielman Children’s Library.

When will it happen?
As of this writing (early May 2016), the plan is awaiting final approval from New York State. We anticipate approval in late Spring, at which time we will begin moving materials to their temporary locations.

How long will it take?
From the beginning of construction, we anticipate the project taking nine months to a year to complete.

Will the Library remain open during construction?
Yes, we will maintain regular hours.

Will there be children's books and activities during construction?
Yes, the Children's Room will temporarily relocate to the Media Room, also on the lower level. The bulk of the children's collection will remain available, although the smaller room size will necessitate that a certain percentage be temporarily placed in storage. Children's activities and events will continue, but will be also be somewhat limited due to the reduction in space.

What about the Media Room? Where is that going?
The Media Room contains our DVD, CD and audiobook collections, and previously housed books on related topics, such as film and music. It is also home to the Martin Vogel Photography Gallery.

The books have already been moved to the first floor, and integrated into the non-fiction collection in the North Wing. They are arranged by Dewey Decimal number and may be found in the 780s and 790s.

The audiobook collection will be moved to the south end of the Reading Room, in the shelving which now houses the Science Fiction collection. Science Fiction will be moved up to the mezzanine, where it will be integrated with the general Fiction A-Z collection.

The majority of the DVD and CD collections will be placed in offsite storage for the duration of the project. We will continue to offer new releases, along with a curated selection of catalog titles. As always, requests may be made for loans from other Nassau libraries.

Where will I find the DVDs and CDs that are still available?
In two easily accessible places: the Reading Room and the Community Gallery, which is at the top of the stairs, up one level from the Reading Room and right outside the entrance to the Hagedorn Meeting Room.

New releases and older feature films will be along the north wall of the Reading Room. Additional DVDs such as TV shows and documentaries will be upstairs in the Community Gallery, as will a selection of CDs.

North wall of the Reading Room? Aren’t there magazines there now?
Yes, those magazines will be merged with the ones on the south wall, where all the recent magazines and newspapers will be located. Back issues of magazines, as well as all the issues of low-demand titles, will be available on request at the Reference Desk in the South Wing.

Tell me about the galleries. What will be open?
The Karen and Ed Adler Art Gallery on the lower level will continue to display exhibits. The Martin Vogel Photography Gallery in the Media Room will be closed for the duration of the project. The Community Gallery on the upper level is closed and will house DVDs and CDs.

Will the Library be very noisy during construction?
At times, it will likely be noisy. If you need to use the Library under very quiet conditions, please consider visiting in the evening. Also, consider booking a study room. Our two private study rooms are on the upper level, as far removed from the construction site as possible. They may be booked at the Information Desk, or by calling 516-883-4400, ext. 136.
The Port Washington Library Foundation invites you to the Thirteenth Annual Inspiration GALA

Join us to celebrate the “ABCs of Leadership,” as we honor Ed Adler, PWLF Founding Member and Past President Amy G. Bass, Friends of the Library Board President Nancy Curtin, Library Director Builder, PWLF Founding Member and Past President

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Ticket and sponsorship information at pwpl.org/foundation

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With hoopla and our circulating Roku, your PWPL card is your ticket to convenient, exciting digital entertainment options.

Through the Roku, you get access to our Vudu account, with a selection of the latest, most in-demand movies and TV shows. Getting started is easy—just insert the Roku into the HDMI port on your TV, find your wi-fi network on the list that pops up, go into the Vudu channel, choose a movie and enjoy!

Request a Roku at the Circulation Desk. For instructions and a current list of titles, visit pwpl.org/roku.

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June Book Discussion Groups

FICTION: The Children Act by Ian McEwan. Wednesday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m.
NON-FICTION: How to Live, Or a Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer by Sarah Bakewell. Thursday, June 16 at 1:30 p.m.


Creative Readers thanks its graduating volunteers

Since the spring of 2012, Creative Readers has brought many special people to the Library on Saturday mornings. An inclusive arts and literacy program which brings books alive through dramatic enactment, music, movement and art, the program matches teen buddies with elementary school students for sessions throughout the school year. Creative Readers is co-sponsored by PWPL and PW SEPTA.

Creative Readers Developer and Program Director Elise May and Administrative Director Ann Marie Fitzpatrick, along with Library Director Nancy Curtin, would like to recognize the dedication of the long-time volunteers who are graduating this June: Julianna D’Alessandro, Emily Polk, Adeline Lerner, Emily Polk, Gabrielle Sanft and Benny Schaub.

“Our volunteers extend our reach with their passion and commitment,” says Curtin. “Whether to advise, teach or lend a helping hand, we are so lucky to have a reserve of volunteer talent committed to the Library.”

May shares, “Our Creative Readers volunteers are fabulous! They train, work hard, face challenges with grace and keep coming back. Some have been with us since the program started. We are so proud of them.”

Fitzpatrick agrees, “It has been a wonderful four plus years watching these volunteers mature into adults. These seniors gave up their Saturday mornings to work with their ‘buddies.’ Their commitment to the program is commendable and they became role models for our new volunteer crew. We will miss them.”

A program initially designed to benefit its younger participants, it was quickly realized this was a special program for all involved. In the words of senior Emily Polk, “I thought Creative Readers would be just another bullet to add to my laundry list. Little did I know that my Saturday mornings would become the highlight of my week, and that my experiences and ‘buddies’ in this program would allow me to grow as a person, and change how I view myself and others.”

On Saturday mornings, these kids are not defined by what they can’t do, but rather by their strengths. Creative Readers gives them a platform to break away from their so-called “disability” and express who they truly are.

FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Science, technology, engineering, arts and math education plays a central role in these summer workshops for teens:

Robotics
Tuesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m.
Work in groups to build and program Mindstorm robots!

Forensics Workshop
Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m.
Figure out the types, names and origins of old bones.

CSI: Who Did It?
Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m.
Explore the science of crime scene investigation techniques.

Movie Special Effects
Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m.
Learn to use a blue screen and apply digital movie production techniques.

Please see the back page of this issue for registration information.

TechDesk: we’re here to help!

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

Every Wednesday in June from 2 to 4 p.m., plus two special OverDrive/hoopla sessions on Mondays, June 6 and 13 from 2 to 9 p.m.

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Early Childhood

Tummy Time
Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Babies are spending more time on their backs than ever before due to the recommendations set by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Babies 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. This program is for parents/caregivers with babies aged 3 months to pre-crawlers. Registration began May 19—call for availability.

A Time For Kids: Just Dog
Monday, June 6 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration began May 23—call for availability.

June Jamboree
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Join Ms. Lesley for interactive stories, fun and easy action rhymes and songs to share. The early literacy practices featured each week help build the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. For children of all ages with an adult. No registration required.

Ready, Set, Story Time!
Monday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Join Miss Susie for stories, songs, fingerplays and movement rhymes. Experience early literacy practices in action, and discover great books and music. For children of all ages with an adult. No registration required.

Father’s Day Drop-In Craft
Sunday, June 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Children ages 4 and up with an adult are invited to visit anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. and create a gift to give to Dad on Father’s Day. No registration required.

Baby and Mommy Yoga
Monday, June 20 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 Lenora Gim, certified yoga instructor and local resident. Registrants are asked to wear comfortable clothing and to bring a mat and small blanket for your baby. For mothers with babies ages birth to pre-crawlers. Limited registration begins June 6.

Parenting

Baby Bump
Tuesdays, June 7, 14 and 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
If you are expecting, you and your partner are invited to join the next Baby Bump group. Each week a different professional will lead the class, including a registered labor and delivery nurse, a board certified lactation consultant, and a certified Red Cross/CPR/AED/First Aid instructor. Made possible by the Elise and Marvin Tepper Early Childhood Project. To sign up, contact Fran Powell at powellf@pwpl.org or 516-883-4400, ext. 150.

Summer Events

These are just a few of the many summer activities we will offer for children from birth to 12 years old. Additional events will be listed in our July and August newsletters and at pwpl.org/childrensroom.

Sing and Swing Story Time: Session I
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 at 11 a.m.
Join Miss Lesley for interactive stories, fun and easy action rhymes and songs to share. The early literacy practices featured each week help build the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. For children ages 18 months to 3 years with an adult. Registration begins June 20.

Parachute Play: Session I
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 at 2:30 p.m.
Join Miss Lesley for music, movement and a parachute! This program will develop motor skills and encourage cooperation and self-expression. For children ages 3 to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins June 20.

Play Pals: Session I
Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 at 11:30 a.m.
Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational and creative environment. For children ages 18 to 29 months with an adult—children must be 18 months old by July 6. Registration begins June 20.

Baby Rhyme Time: Session I
Fridays, July 8, 15, 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Join Miss Lesley for interactive stories, songs, fingerplays and movement rhymes. We introduce babies to the magic of books by sharing board books together. This program emphasizes early literacy skills and is a great way to meet other new parents. For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Registration begins June 20.

Brush Bot Racer
Saturday, July 9 at 10 a.m.
Build a mini-racer using a tooth brush head, battery and motor. After building the mini-racer, kids will design a portable race track to test their Brush Bot. For children entering grades 4 to 6. Registration begins June 28.

Ride a Wave
Saturday, July 9 at 11:30 a.m.
Kids will enjoy using model magic as they sculpt a large wave and position a small animal riding the wave. For children from birth to 12 years old. Additional events will be listed in our July and August newsletters and at pwpl.org/childrensroom.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Page Turners
Tuesdays, July 12 and August 9 at 7:15 p.m.
Book discussion for children entering grades 5 and 6. Titles to be announced. Registration begins June 27.

Read and Reach: Session I
Wednesdays, July 13, 20, 27 at 3:45 p.m.
Join us for great stories and fun exercise. For children entering grades K to 2. Registration begins June 28.

P L 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.

The new Jackie and Hal Spielman Children’s Library is coming! See the plans at pwpl.org/aneleaf

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**TEEN SPACE**
for grades seven through twelve

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**Summer at TeenSpace**
Registration begins Saturday, June 11 at 9 a.m. Register at pwpl.org/teenspace (click on “Programs”) or call 516-883-4400, ext. 148. Activities are open to Port residents entering grades 7 through 12 in September 2016. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Summer Reading Club**
July 1 through August 19
Read, write mini-reviews, win prizes! Pick up a packet of materials in TeenSpace.

**Let’s Make Spring Rolls**
Thursday, July 7 at 7 p.m.
Learn to make spring rolls and sauces in this vegetarian food workshop led by chef Jo-Ann Tiranno.

**Robotics (two sessions)**
Tuesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m.
Learn the basics of Lego Mindstorm robotics with The Brick Center. Week 1: Work in groups to build Mindstorm robots. Week 2: Program your robots and get them working!

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Dig through bones and try to figure out the types, names and origins of the bones.

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Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m.
Create a custom designed tote bag using fabric paint. Crafts by Karen will show you how.

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**CSI: Who Did It?**
Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m.
Explore the science of crime scene investigation techniques such as fingerprinting, shoe print analysis and hair and fiber evidence.

**Fondue: It’s Hip to Dip**
Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m.
Chef Jo-Ann Tiranno instructs this hands-on workshop that will have you cooking up a communal pot of pizza fondue and classic chocolate fondue for dessert.

**Teen Coding (two sessions)**
Wednesday, July 27 and Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of computer language, code structure and implementation in this two-part class. HTML and Javascript will be used.

**Book Discussion**
Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Pick up your copy in TeenSpace.

**Movie Special Effects**
Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m.
Become part of the action and learn how to use a blue screen and apply digital movie production techniques with the Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center and Museum.

Food Allergy Disclaimer: Participants concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. The Port Washington Public Library will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to foods consumed or items one may come in contact with while eating at any of our programs.

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We will extend our hours until 11 p.m. for teens to study for final exams. No admittance after 9 p.m., when Library doors will be locked. Snacks will be provided.