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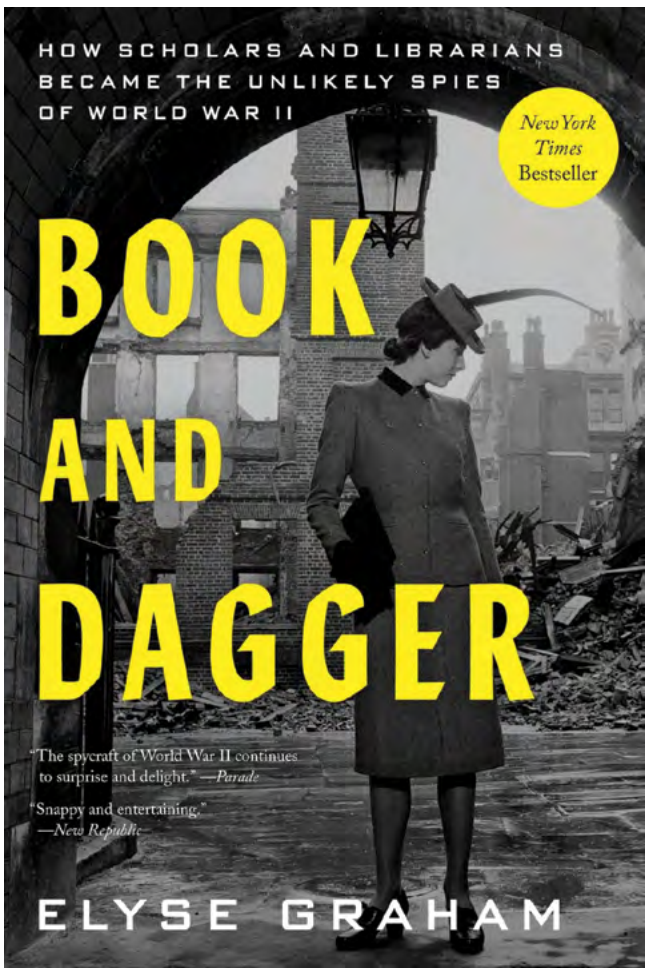
November & December 2026



FOL University Featuring: Dr. Elyse Graham

Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m.
Lapham Room and on Zoom

FOL University, the Friends of the Library's scholarly lecture series, will feature Stony Brook Professor Dr. Elyse Graham, author of the bestseller *Book and Dagger: How Scholars and Librarians Became the Unlikely Spies of World War II*. The book features a gripping true story of espionage about a group of academics who helped beat the Nazis. Dr. Graham will appear in conversation with John O'Connell, former president of the PWPL Board of Trustees. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Register at pwpl.org/events. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Scan the QR Code for more information and registration.

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Port Washington Play Troupe Presents: *A Christmas Carol - A Radio Play*

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
& Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m.
Lapham Room

Experience Charles Dickens' beloved A Christmas Carol as it might have been heard in the golden age of radio. Anthony E. Palerm's faithful adaptation brings Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the spirits of Christmas to life with live actors, Foley sound effects, haunting music, and Victorian carols. Watch and hear the magic unfold onstage in this spirited 90-minute holiday production—a festive experience for the whole family. *Brought to you by the Port Washington Play Troupe in collaboration with the Port Washington Public Library and a generous grant by HEARTS PW.*

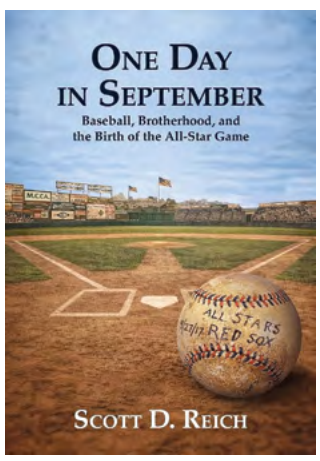
Veterans Oral Histories On NY Heritage

This year, The History Center received a donation of 13 oral history interviews of members of the VFW Henderson-Marino Post 1819 in Port Washington. Collected by Boy Scout Troop 7 as part of the Eagle Scout Project of Jeremy Rodgers, these oral histories focus on the personal stories of several local veterans with the intention that their experiences, service, and sacrifices are documented for future generations. Each interview has been fully transcribed and all are accessible at bit.ly/pwploralhistories.

Community Spotlight with Scott Reich — Author of *One Day in September*

Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Lapham Room

Join us as we spotlight community member, Scott Reich, who is the author of a new book, *One Day in September - Baseball, Brotherhood, and the Birth of the All-Star Game,* which tells the little-known story of a baseball game played on a September afternoon at Fenway Park in 1917. The game's greatest stars, Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, Tris Speaker, Walter Johnson, Connie Mack and more took the field together in an exhibition played not for standings or championships, but for a colleague who had died, and for a cause larger than the game itself. Mr. Reich will appear in conversation with John O'Connell, former president the PWPL Board of Trustees. Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



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QUICK READS

Special Holiday Hours:

Wed., November 26
Open from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
for Thanksgiving Eve

Thurs., November 27
Closed for Thanksgiving Day

Thurs., December 24 – Fri., December 25
Closed for Christmas

Thurs., December 31 – Fri., January 1
Closed for New Years

Visiting Hours:

Monday & Tuesday.....9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday.....11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday & Friday .....9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday .....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday .....1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesdays, November 18 & December 16 at 7:30 pm in the Hagedorn Room.
All are welcome.

EARLY VOTING

The Library will be an Early Voting Location from Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, November 1. We will be open for regular voting on Election Day. For more info, visit: nassaucountyny.gov/566/Board-of-Elections

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

Island Hills Chorus - Jingle All The Way

Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m.
Lapham Room
Come hear those sleigh bells ring! Join the Island Hills Chorus as they perform your favorite holiday tunes a capella, in 4-part harmony. Every song will be preceded by a brief but amusing historical tidbit, adding to your artistic and intellectual enjoyment. The Island Hills Chorus performs under the direction of Laura Riffaud.

Record Trax: The PWPL Listening Club

Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Join Tony Traguardo and Jack Warren for the kick-off meeting of "Record Trax," the Library's new B.Y.O.M. (Bring Your Own Music) listening party! We invite you to bring two or three tracks (vinyl or CD) that you feel resonate with you, and will represent who you are to fellow music enthusiasts. The intention is for each month's selections to relate to a specific theme. For our debut event, the theme is "Winter" (e.g., Johnny/ Edgar, Hank Snow, "Hazy Shade...," "2000 Miles," etc.). The club's purpose is to promote musical exchange through listening, discussing, offering comments, etc. While participation is not mandatory, it would certainly enhance the experience for all involved!

On View in the Adler Gallery

Natalie Wood: *Ghost Garden* from November 3 - December 29
Artist Reception and Talk: Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Natalie Collette Wood is a multidisciplinary artist based in New York City whose work explores the intersections of nature, memory, and the built environment. Working across sculpture, installation, painting, and collage, Wood combines living and organic materials including moss, native plants, flowers, and vines with found objects, textiles, and photographic imagery to create layered environments shaped by cycles of growth, decay, and renewal. Drawing from materials and ecologies encountered in her Bronx surroundings, her practice considers how natural systems inhabit, transform, and reclaim domestic and architectural space. Recent highlights include the solo exhibition Nesting at Sugar Hill Children's Museum and projects presented at Wave Hill, the New York Botanical Garden, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, and the Andrew Freedman Home. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Vogue Italia*, and *FLAUNT*.

History Center Spotlight

This little boy must have been extra good throughout the 1938 calendar year! For the holidays, he received a gift that many children have requested, but not received, from Santa: a pony!

We hope that your celebrations are as happy and memorable as this family's undoubtedly were.

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS (Continued)

Port Washington Library Foundation
"Funding the Future of the Library"

The Port Washington Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the mission of which is to raise and manage funds, bequests and endowments to support the needs of the Library not covered by taxes. Money is raised via the Annual Fund appeal, the annual Gala, programs, major gift solicitation, planned giving, and by the Roots Teen Leadership Program though which local teens learn leadership skills and apply them to further some of the Foundation's many long- and short-term projects and services.

Foundation funds support the five Library Advisory Councils, Books for Dessert, career counseling, History Center projects, and the Homegrown Readers Program. In addition to its annual support— and thanks to the incredible generosity of local private donors—the Foundation finances many of the Library's major capital projects, including the renovation of the technology lab and the state-of-theart Jackie and Harold Spielman Children's Library.

The Foundation is always seeking enthusiastic new community members to participate in its mission and would love to hear from you. Please reach out to Leila Noor, PWLF Director of Development, or Samantha Adler, PWLF Board President, for more information! To contribute, go to pwlfoundation.com/donate. For more information, email Leila Noor at leilanoor@gmail.com

PORT WASHINGTON
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Port Washington Notecards
Perfect for holiday cards and gifts!

Featuring four iconic images from Port Washington's past, these notecards are the perfect gift for anyone who loves our town. Each gift box contains 20 notecards: 5 each of 4 different scenes. Your purchase supports the Friends of the Library.

Ask for them at the Circulation Desk in the lobby. $15 per box.

Friends of the Library (FOL)
"Linking the Community with the Library"

For 60 years, the Friends of the Port Washington Public Library (FOL) has worked alongside PWPL staff to keep our Library vibrant and responsive to community needs.

As the Library's longest-serving volunteer organization, the FOL raises money for essential initiatives not covered by taxpayer funds. Our support more than doubles the Library's program-services budget, making possible the Museum Pass Program, online homework help, ESOL and citizenship classes, adult lectures, SoundSwap concerts, cultural festivals, free SAT prep, Halloween Scavenger Hunt and much more. The FOL is the sole funder of technology in the "Lab," including 3D printers, Cricut craft machines and podcasting equipment. We help bridge the community's digital divide by subsidizing public access to copiers and printers and underwriting 100 WiFi hotspots that patrons can borrow for home internet access. Through the Library of Games & Gadgets, patrons can borrow digital action cameras, video game systems, musical instruments, tool sets and other unique items.

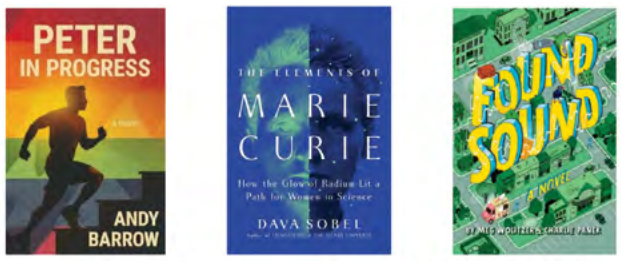
The FOL is a major champion of the PWPL History Center, helping preserve and expand access to Port's rich history. Our Bogen Memorial Fund supports the purchase of thousands of works of literature. Notably, the FOL also presents impactful programs of its own, including our signature Book & Author Luncheon, FOL University lectures and Paperback Swaps.

The all-volunteer FOL is an independent 501(c)(3) organization supported by our annual Fall Appeal and Luncheon sponsorships. Every gift makes a difference. Please donate online at pwpl.org/fol/support, scan our QR code, or mail a check to: One Library Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050. We welcome your feedback at fol@pwpl.org.

FOL FRIENDS OF THE PORT WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOL Winter Book Sale

Shop at the FOL's $10 Signed Book Sale! November 9 - 22 in the Library Lobby. A large selection of books signed by bestselling authors will be available, each just $10. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. Just select a book and pay at the Circulation Desk or by scanning the QR Code that will be on the display. Great for holiday gifts! Stop by this season for this wonderful opportunity!



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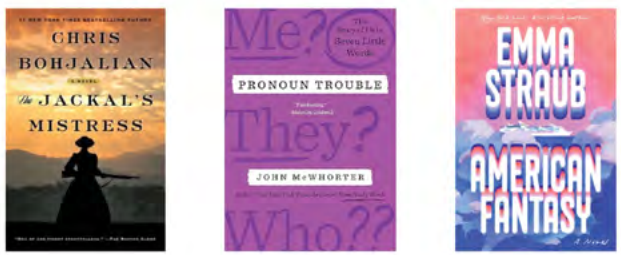
Signed Book Sale!



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

English Classes for Adults

Ready to feel more confident speaking English? Come learn, practice, and connect with others in our **free ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes.**

Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your English skills, our welcoming classes give you a supportive place to practice:

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Everyone is welcome! Take the next step in your English-learning journey and find your voice in English. **Learn. Practice. Connect. Grow.**

Funded by the Friends of the Library thanks to a generous grant from the Peter & Jeri Dejana Foundation.

A Volunteer ESOL Tutor's Story

Learning, Community, and Connection
By Laura Montllor

I've been a volunteer teacher for a few years, and like many ESOL teachers, I'm retired. Currently, I teach beginner classes with eight students from six countries: Japan, Venezuela, Turkey, Brazil, Korea, and Iran. Despite their diverse backgrounds, my students share a strong determination. They practice diligently, are brave, persistent, and are not afraid of making mistakes. They respect each other, help one another, and have fun. I'm grateful for them and the Friends of the Library for funding this program. The ESOL library classrooms provide a peaceful oasis that inspires us all.

Upcoming ESOL Program

Traditional Dances of the Hispanic World
Saturday, November 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Travel through the Hispanic world with an exciting showcase of traditional dances from different Spanish-speaking countries, featuring live performances of tango and flamenco. This celebration brings to life the vibrant rhythms, traditions, and extraordinary cultural diversity that enrich the Hispanic heritage.

Hispanic Heritage Highlights

Cooking Demo 2026. Photo Credit: Remberto Garcia. "Causa Rellena" Thank you to our ESOL student, Rita Ramirez from Peru for delighting us with this delicious traditional dish from Peru.

Fashion Show 2026. Photo Credit: Trey Choate. Performers: Gregory Cioffi, Viki Martinez, Josselyn Portillo & Rochelle Martin. Featuring ESOL Fashion designer Karla Nunez and classmates Marcela Soto, professional stylist, Jhomel Gonzalez, makeup artist, Heidi Sanchez, baker.

Our ESOL students and tutors proudly brought the colors, cultures, and traditions of all 21 Spanish-speaking countries to Fiesta in the Park in Port Washington! This wonderful event was made possible through a partnership with Landmark on Main Street, the Town of North Hempstead, the Parent Resource Center, and the Port Washington Police Department.

Salsa Dancers - Feel The Rhythm 2026. A live Latin orchestra and an evening filled with music, culture, and fun while learning the basic steps of salsa and bachata from professional dancers.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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. For a full listing of adult events, visit PWPL.org/events.

Sponsorships:

AAC – Art Advisory Council
FOL – Friends of the Library
HAC – Health Advisory Council
MAC – Music Advisory Council

November/December Registrations:
(For limited-space programs i.e. exercise)

- **Evening Unwind Yoga -** registration began October 19
- **Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course**
  Saturday, November 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  Registration Begins on Monday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m.

  Saturday, December 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  Registration Begins on Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m

America 250th Celebration*
**All America 250th Celebration Events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Registration is required unless stated otherwise.

Wednesday, November 2

Spice of the Month
9:00 a.m. (While Supplies Last) - South Wing
Stop by the South Wing to pick up this month's featured spice. Supplies are limited, so come early! *No registration is required. Sponsored by the HAC.*

Evening Unwind Yoga (runs through December 14)
6:30 p.m. - Lapham Room
Unwind from your day and prepare for a restful night with a gentle, slow-flow yoga class. Suitable for all levels. Please bring your own mat. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, and is required. *Port Washington residents only. Sponsored by the HAC.*

Wednesday, November 4

Discussion Group 60+: Never Too Late to Keep Dreams Alive
7:00 p.m. - Hagedorn Room
Join us for an informal discussion that aims to build community with intelligent discussion, laughter and social interaction.

Community Spotlight with Scott Reich -
Author of *One Day in September*
7:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
(See cover for more details)

Friday, November 6

Sandwiched In with Dr. William Thierfelder:
Bioluminescence in Nature
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
Join Dr. William Thierfelder as he explores the causes of bioluminescence and delves into ten of the most intriguing lightproducing life forms.

Sunday, November 8

MAC Concert: Camerata Opera Company: Victor Khodadad
3:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
Join us for a performance with Mr. Victor Khodadad, a classically trained actor and singer who has performed extensively across the U.S. in leading operatic roles. He currently serves as Artistic Chair and Production Director of New Camerata Opera, championing immersive productions and fostering the next generation of opera audiences.

Tuesday, November 10

Hypertension Screenings
11:00 a.m. - Reading Room
Blood Pressure screenings sponsored by St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center.

Wednesday, November 11

Art Lecture with Alice Iglehart: Grounded in Clay
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
Pottery of the Southwest is not just a utilitarian art form but also a vital element of Pueblo culture. Join Alice W. Iglehart, museum educator, for a talk on process, design, and narratives of indigenous clay making. *Sponsored by the FOL.*

What You Need to Know Before Going to the ER and Hospital
3:45 p.m. - Hagedorn Room
This session will help patients and families navigate the hospital experience with greater confidence and with less stress. Learn with Sara Merwin, MPH, co-author with Karen A. Friedman, MD, of *The Informed Patient: A Complete Guide to a Hospital Stay*, how to prepare, communicate with hospital staff, promote safety, and advocate for yourself or a loved one. *Sponsored by the HAC*.

Friday, November 13

Sandwiched In with Ron Brown: The Skyscraper
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room and on Zoom
Join Ron Brown for his ongoing series about New York City as he explores the world of skyscrapers and how NYC conquered the Heavens.

Medicaid Sign-Up Help
2:00 p.m. - North Study Room
Free, walk-in assistance from the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.

SoundSwap: THE COWSILLS Are Back!
7:30 p.m. - Lapham Room
Legendary musical artists The Cowsills make a return appearance! This incredible trio has made our library their Long Island "residence." Bob, Susan and Paul Cowsill will once again delight our audience with their harmonies, stories, humor, and classic hit songs.

Sunday, November 15

FOL University Featuring Author Elyse Graham
2:30 p.m. - Lapham Room and on Zoom
(See cover for more details)

Tuesday, November 17

Making Your Money Last In Retirement:
A Career and Finance Program
2:00 p.m. - Mezzanine Room
In this session, experts from Morgan Stanley will answer questions and discuss the best methods for making your money last in retirement. Presenters will also review investment options, types of retirement accounts, and how to lower your tax bracket.

Friday, November 20

Sandwiched In with Claire Bellerjeau:
The Discovery of David Maltbie
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room and on Zoom

Join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau as she shares her exciting new research about David Maltbie, a Patriot spy from Connecticut who gathered intelligence in New York during the Revolutionary War. *Sponsored by the FOL.*

SoundSwap: Let It Bleed Performs Music of the Rolling Stones
7:30 p.m. - Lapham Room

Let It Bleed, the definitive Rolling Stones tribute band, is composed of seasoned musicians and lifelong fans of the Stones who have dedicated themselves to faithfully recreating the sounds and energy of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band.

Sunday, November 22

Island Hills Chorus Presents – Jingle All the Way
3:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
(See page 2 for more details)

Tuesday, November 24

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano:
Giacometti and the Temple of Dendur
2:00 p.m. - Lapham Room and on Zoom

Professor Thomas Germano will present a visual lecture discussing the MET's exhibition, the ancient Egyptian Temple, while placing Giacometti's art, life, and inspiration into the context of 20th century art.

Saturday, November 28

Traditional Dances of the Hispanic World
2:00 p.m. - Lapham Room

Travel through the Hispanic world with an exciting showcase of traditional dances from different Spanish-speaking countries, featuring live performances of tango and flamenco. This celebration brings to life the vibrant rhythms, traditions, and extraordinary cultural diversity that enrich the Hispanic heritage.

Sunday, November 29

SoundSwap: Andrew Weiss & Friends Perform 'Acoustic Dead'
2:00 p.m. - Lapham Room

Long Island's Andrew Weiss and Friends are a unique blend of Laurel Canyon folk rock and the sonic flourishes of late-70s power pop. These local artists performed before thousands, and alongside the likes of Counting Crows and Rob Thomas, and are thrilled to bring their music to our Lapham stage!

DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, December 1

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano – Roy Lichtenstein
2:00 p.m. - Lapham Room

Professor Thomas Germano will present a visual lecture highlighting the Whitney Museum's centennial exhibition dedicated to Roy Lichtensein, one of Pop Arts beloved creators.

Wednesday, December 2

Discussion Group (60+) - Gratitude for Our Gifts
7:00 p.m. - Hagedorn Room

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

Friday, December 4

Sandwiched In with Dennis Raverty: The Bauhaus at 100
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room and on Zoom

Join award-winning educator Dennis Raverty for a presentation about The Bauhaus school, which attracted an international faculty of distinguished artists, designers and architects, would go on to become the most influential art and design school of the century.

Sunday, December 6

MAC Concert: Something Special Big Band
3:00 p.m. - Lapham Room

This 18 piece ensemble band was organized in the mid-nineties to preserve big band music. They will perform the classic hits of great bands in the golden era and the contemporary arrangements of more modern big bands. Led by Dr. Philip Costa, Adjunct Professor Emeritus, of Queensborough Community College.

Monday, December 7

Spice of the Month
9:00 a.m. (While Supplies Last) - South Wing

Stop by the South Wing to pick up this month's featured spice. Supplies are limited, so come early! *No registration is required. Sponsored by the HAC.*

Tuesday, December 8

Hypertension Screenings
11:00 a.m. - Reading Room

Blood Pressure screenings sponsored by St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center.

Wednesday, December 9

Art Lecture with Alice Iglehart - A Close Look:
Washington Crossing the Delaware
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room and on Zoom

As we near the end of our celebration of America at 250, join museum educator Alice W. Iglehart in an in-depth exploration of a 19th-century painting depicting a turning point in the 1776 War of Independence from the British. *Sponsored by the FOL.*

Friday, December 11

Sandwiched In with Ron Brown: How NYC Invented the Holidays
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room

Join Ron Brown as he continues his series on New York City.Today the American holiday season, from Thanksgiving to New Years, has been celebrated in every nation of the world. But few realize some holiday traditions were in fact invented in NYC.

Medicaid Sign-Up Help
2:00 p.m. - North Study Room
See previous month for details.

Port Washington Play Troupe Presents:
A Christmas Carol – A Radio Play
7:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
(See cover for more details)

Saturday, December 12

Repair Cafe
1:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
(See page 8 for more details)

Sunday, December 13

Port Washington Play Troupe Presents:
A Christmas Carol – A Radio Play
3:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
(See previous event for more details)

Tuesday, December 15

Record Trax: The PWPL Listening Club
7:00 p.m. - Lapham Room
(See page 2 for more details)

Friday, December 18

Sandwiched In with Greg Blank:
The Career, Life and Films of Marlon Brando
12:00 p.m. - Lapham Room

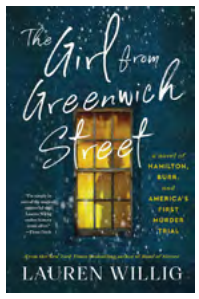
Film historian Greg Blank explores the life and career of Marlon Brando, one of the most influential and enigmatic figures in film history.

ADULT 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.*

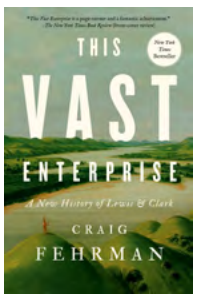
Fiction: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. | Mezzanine Room

November 24
A Founding Mother
by Stephanie Dray
and Laura Kamdie

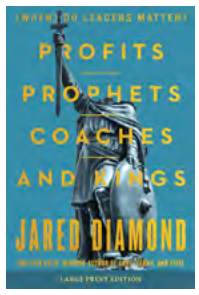


December 15
The Girls from Greenwich Street
by Lauren Willig

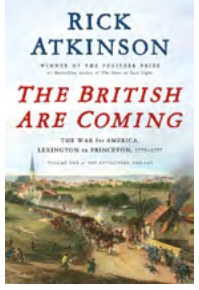
Nonfiction: Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. | Hagedorn Room



November 12
This Vast Enterprise: A New History of Lewis and Clark
by Craig Fehrman

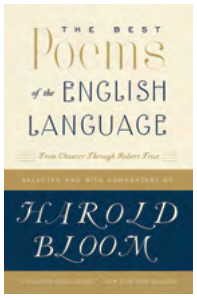


December 10
Profits, Prophets, Coaches and Kings
by Jared Diamond



Revolutionary Reads
Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.
Hagedorn Room

December 1
The British Are Coming
by Rick Atkinson



Poetry Readers Circle
Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.
Hagedorn Room

November 19 & December 17
The Best Poems of the English Language from Chaucer to Frost
edited by Harold Bloom

**The Adventures in Classic Readings, Poetry Readers Circle and Revolutionary Reads Club are sponsored by FOL's Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund.*

COMMUNITY MEET-UPS

Ongoing Weekly Events in the Mezzanine Room
No registration required.

- **Mahjong —** Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
- **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 the FOL.
- **Scrabble —** Fridays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

During Banned Books Week at PWPL we had over 230 people attend 6 programs during the week, and we gave away nearly 250 copies of banned or challenged books. Our display in the lobby provided people with information from ALA about Book Banning, as well as a copy of the Library Bill of Rights. We also offered some advocacy tips from PEN America. One of the highlights was a screening of the powerful documentary *The Librarians* which illustrated how librarians across the country are finding themselves on the front lines of an organized effort to restrict access to hundreds and hundreds of books. *Banned Books Programs were sponsored by the FOL.*

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

Circut For The Perplexed (Demo)
Thursday, November 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Back by popular demand, this demonstration will cover Cricut basics to bring your arts-and-crafts skills to the next level! *Registration begins October 22.*

Beginner Sewing: Oven Mitt
Monday, November 9 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
& 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Protect your hands in the kitchen, while also learning how to use the library's sewing machine! This is a beginner level project. Sign up for only one sewing class. *Registration begins October 26*.

Identifying AI Images and Videos
Friday, November 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Hagedorn Room
AI-generated images and videos are everywhere. In this 1-hour program, learn how to tell if content is authentic or machine-generated and why the difference matters. *Registration begins October 30.*

Beginner Embroidery: Canvas Tote Bag
Monday, November 16 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the embroidery machine by embroidering a canvas tote bag. This is a beginner level project. Sign up for only one embroidery class. *Registration begins November 2.*

Google Docs For The Perplexed
Thursday, November 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Google Docs is a great tool to use for writing up essays, for school work, or writing your next big story. Learn about sharing documents, exporting final drafts and viewing and editing requests. *Registration begins November 5.*

DIY Help
Tuesday, November 24 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bring your own material and ask for one on one time with a librarian to help you use the equipment in The Lab. Everyone is welcome in the Lab; those who are 11 or younger need to be accompanied by an adult. Walkins are also welcome. *Registration begins November 10*.

AI For The Perplexed (Demo)
Thursday, December 3 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Come to see how you can integrate AI into your everyday routine in this hands-on demonstration. *Registration begins November 19*.

Beginner Embroidery: Canvas Tote Bag
Tuesday, December 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Learn how to use the embroidery machine by embroidering a canvas tote bag. This is a beginner level project. Sewing and Embroidery classes are for teens and adults only. Sign up for only one embroidery class. *Registration begins November 24.*

Smartphones For The Perplexed
Thursday, December 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
This program will guide you through the knowledge and support to best use your iPhone or Android device as well as providing examples of different app uses and potential next steps for your tech. *Registration begins December 3.*

DIY Help
Monday, December 21 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
See other program above for details. *Registration begins December 7.*

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. Priority will be given to PW residents. Age groups vary by class. *You will lose your spot if you are more than 15 minutes late to the programs.*

Cricut All Abilities: Gift Tags
Tuesday, November 17 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the Cricut Maker 3 to make gift tags for any special occasion. All abilities are welcome, but participants under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult. All supplies will be provided. Priority is given to Port Washington card holders. *Registration begins November 3.*

Cricut Family Craft: Hot Cocoa Mug
Monday, December 7 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
With the cold weather coming in, warm up with a mug designed by you! This class is for children and their guardian. Priority will be given to Port Washington card holders. *Registration begins November 23.*

Cricut All Abilities: Paper Snowflakes
Monday, December 14 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Learn how to make 3-dimensional paper snowflakes using the Cricut Maker 3. All abilities are welcome, but participants under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult. All supplies will be provided. Priority is given to Port Washington card holders. *Registration begins November 30.*

Cricut Craft: Hot Cocoa Mug
Tuesday, December 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
With the cold weather coming in, warm up with a mug designed by you! Learn how to design mugs with the Cricut Mug Press. Priority will be given to Port Washington card holders. This class is for teens and adults only. *Registration begins December 1.*

Repair Cafe

Join us on Saturday, December 12 in the Lapham Room from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to connect with volunteer experts and hobbyists to get broken items fixed instead of throwing them out! Please note: volunteers will do their best to repair items but cannot guarantee things will be repaired. Please fill out the form at goldcoastlibrary.org/repaircafe/ to register and feel free to email us at library@pwpl.org with any questions.

MADE IN THE LAB

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 have questions regarding the Lab services, please call (516) 883-4400 ext. 1900.

TEEN SPACE – 7th through 12th Grade

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

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

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

America 250 Escape Room Challenge
Tuesday, November 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate America's 250th with an exciting Escape Room Challenge! Solve clues and puzzles, test your problem-solving skills, and race to escape before time runs out. No history knowledge required. *Registration begins October 20. Register individually for one session only; group registration is not available*.

Cocoa Bomb
Thursday, November 5 from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Watch a fun demonstration of how Cocoa Bomb shells are made, then create your very own! Get creative by decorating your Cocoa Bomb with festive chocolate swirls, sprinkles, and candies. *Registration begins October 22.*

Petal Party Teen Lyric Discussion
Friday, November 6 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Join us for a discussion of Ariana Grande's newest album, *Petal*! We'll listen to the album together, followed by a Q&A session where fans can share their thoughts and discuss their favorite songs. Snacks will be provided, and one lucky attendee will win merchandise from Ariana Grande's R.E.M. Beauty line. *Registration begins October 23.*

Ink it Up! DIY Temporary Tattoos
Thursday, November 19 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
In this workshop we will make creative, temporary tattoos using stencils as well as free hand. Supplies will be provided. Note: these designs can last for 3+ days. Smocks will be provided. *Registration begins November 5.*

Creative Readers

Mondays, November 9,16, 23, 30
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Hagedorn Room

Creative Readers is a program for middle and high school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Participants will engage in multi-sensory activities, creating and acting out scenes, making props, and learning theater skills. High school volunteers will be trained to work with the participants, and behavioral support will be available at each session.

Registration begins October 6, and participants will be notified by October 27. For more information, email youngadult@pwpl.org. Registration applications: bit.ly/CreativeReadersBookClub.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Brittany Beauty Academy Visit
Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Curious about a career in the beauty industry? Join us for an informative event featuring a representative from Brittany Beauty Academy, who will walk you through the process of applying to and attending their Nail Technology Program. *Registration begins November 25. Parents are welcome to attend.*

Make Your Own Soap
Thursday December 10 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Design your own beautiful, creative soaps in elaborate shapes, colors, and scents. You can make soaps inspired by flowers, seashells, stars, animals, fruits, or other imaginative designs. Add various colors to make each soap unique. *Registration begins November 25.*

Make Your Own Coaster
Friday, December 18 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Create your own unique coaster by choosing your favorite colors, patterns, shapes, and decorations. Add personalized details such as names, initials, pictures, or fun designs. *Registration begins December 4.*

Tile Art
Monday, December 21 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Create your own colorful tile artwork using different shapes, patterns, colors, and textures. Arrange tiles to make beautiful designs such as flowers, landscapes, animals, abstract patterns, or personalized pictures. *Registration begins December 7.*

SAVE THE DATE

The College Process
Monday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.
College Consultant, Kitty R. Klein will provide students and parents with an understanding of the college process and how to best support students as they navigate through high school and prepare for the application season in senior year. *Registration begins December 21.*

Other Fun Stuff For Teens!

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 comfy chairs, sensory toys, coloring pages, a weighted sensory blanket, and a worry shredder.

KiDS

Attendance Policy:

Please arrive at least 5 minutes early to claim your spot, especially for the Early Childhood programs. If late, your spot will be reassigned to someone waiting. Priority is given to Port Washington residents, and proof of residency is required.

EARLY CHILDHOOD–Babies & Toddlers (Ages 0-5)

Please see event listings for registration requirements. For the most up-to-date program information, please visit us at pwpl.org/children or sign up for our emails.

BABIES

(Ages 0-17 months)

Baby Start
Mondays, November 2 & December 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 - 17 months
Time for Kids introduces little ones to library fun with music, movement, and circle time. *Registration opens November: 10/19; December: 11/23.*

Broadway Babies
Fridays, November 13 & December 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Ages birth - 23 months
Drama with Your Mama engages parents and their little stars through live music, dance, and imaginative play. *Registration opens: November: 10/26; December: 11/23.*

Baby Lapsit
Mondays, November 16 & December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 6 - 17 months
With your child on your lap, we will explore the joys of movement, bouncy rhymes and songs. *Registration opens November: 11/2; December: 11/30*.

Baby Playdate
Mondays, November 30 & December 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Ages 6 - 17 months
Join us for fun, age-appropriate activities that encourage play, exploration, and bonding. *Registration opens: November: 11/16; December: 12/7.*

Baby Rhyme Time
Thursdays, December 3, 10, & 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Ages birth - 17 months
A lapsit story time filled with songs, music, and bouncing rhymes. *Register November 16.*

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

(18 months to 5 years)

A Time For Kids
Mondays, November 2 & December 7 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Ages 18 months - 5 years
Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music, and crafts. *Registration opens: November: 10/19; December: 11/23*.

Sing and Swing
Tuesdays, November 3 to December 22 at 9:30 a.m. OR 10:15 a.m.
Ages 18 months - 5 years
Join our librarians for interactive stories, rhymes, and songs. For Port Washington residents only. Entry is first-come, first-served.

Leaf Your Mark!
Wednesday, November 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Ages 18 months - 4 years
Enjoy fall stories and a leaf-themed craft! *Register October 19.*

Open Play
Thursdays, November 5 to December 17
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Ages 18 months - 5 years
Enjoy open play time with your child. Admittance is first-come, first-served. For Port Washington residents only. No session November 26.

Mostly Movement with Miss Lesley
Fridays, November 6 & December 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Ages 15 months - 4 years
An active, music-filled program that boosts listening and motor skills through interactive playful songs and finger plays. *Registration opens: November: 10/19; December: 11/16*.

Drama With Your Mama
Fridays, November 13 & December 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Ages 2 - 5 years
Join us for live music, storytelling, and imaginative play. *Registration opens: November: 10/26; December: 11/23.*

T-Rex Tea Party
Wednesday, November 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Ages 3 - 5 years
Bring your finest manners and your fiercest roar to a dinosaur tea party filled with stories, crafts, and snacks. *Register November 2.*

Preschool Story Time
Wednesdays, November 18 to December 16
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Ages 2 1/2 - 5 years
Enjoy great stories, songs, and fingerplays while your child develops essential early literacy skills. *Register November 2*.

Early Explorers Playdate
Monday, November 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Ages 2 - 5 years
Explore engaging stations that build motor skills, spark early literacy, and inspire creativity. *Register November 9*.

Welcome Winter Story Craft
Wednesday, December 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Ages 2 - 5 years
Enjoy some cozy winter stories, some songs and a simple craft! *Register December 7*.

GRADE SCHOOL – K through 6th Grade

School age programs are for Kindergarteners to 6th graders. Registration begins two weeks prior to the program. Visit PWPL.org/children for registration and the latest up-to-date information.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Dino Nugget Pillow
Tuesday, November 3 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Grades 5 & 6
Learn the basics of sewing while creating the ultimate snack-cessory: a Dino Chicken Nugget Pillow! Please note, this is a two-hour program. *Register October 19*.

STEM Adventures
Thursday, November 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Grades K - 3
Enjoy learning about different STEM activities through reading, crafting, and a hands-on activity. *Register October 26*.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, November 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Grades 4 - 6
Discover a new graphic novel each month! Read, discuss, and explore the stories, characters, and artwork. Pick up a copy in the Children's Room. *Register October 26*.

Read with Snowball
Saturdays, November 21 & December 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Grades 1 - 3
Read for 15 minutes with Snowball, a super-soft, certified therapy bunny! For PWPL cardholders only. *Registration opens November: 11/2; December: 11/30.*

Early Chapter Book Club
Monday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Grades 2 & 3
Join us for a book discussion and enjoy an activity inspired by the book. Pick up a copy of the book in the Children's Room. *Register November 2.*

Thankful Treats
Tuesday, November 24 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Grades 2 - 6
Dip and decorate Oreos in festive Thanksgiving designs, creating delicious treats to enjoy and share! Please advise of any food allergies in advance. *Register November 9*.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Intermediate Chess
Wednesdays, December 2 to 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Grades 3 - 6
Practice your skills, learn new strategies, and play against other kids. For those with a basic understanding of chess. *Sponsored by the FOL in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. Register November 16.*

Crazy 8s Math Club
Thursdays, December 3 to 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Grades K - 2
This unique club combines math with fun, creativity, and a touch of mischief. *Register November 16*.

Winter STEM Adventures
Monday, December 7 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Grades K - 3
Enjoy learning about different winter themed STEM activities through reading, crafting, and a hands-on activity. *Register November 23*.

Family Baking: Pretzel Rolls
Thursday, December 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Grades 3 - 6
Learn how to work with dough, taste fresh-baked pretzel rolls, and take home your own ready-to-bake pretzel dough. One registration per family. *Register November 30*.

School Break

Theatre Performance:
***The Wizard of Oz*: Youth Edition**
Friday, November 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Grades 1 - 6 with an adult

Sunrise Theatre Company brings live theater to kids! Follow Dorothy, Toto, and their friends on a magical adventure through Dorothy's imagination. Tickets available in the Children's Room beginning November 9. *Sponsored by the Children's Advisory Council.*

Family Movie: *Toy Story 5* (PG, 102 min.)
Monday, December 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
All Ages

Toy Story 5 follows Woody, Buzz, and Jessie as they face a modern challenge when Bonnie's favorite new plaything becomes a smart tablet named Lilypad. *No registration required*.

Grins and Grins
Tuesday, December 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Grades 1 - 6 with an adult
Erin and Ray Grins host an afternoon filled with magic, ventriloquism, circus skills and lots of laughs.Tickets are available in the Children's Room beginning December 14. *Sponsored by the PWPL Children's Advisory Council.*

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LOGG Highlight

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Museum Pass Highlight

Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame · Raynham Hall Museum · Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion | Museum | Planetarium · The Whaling Museum & Education Center

Did you know that PWPL has free passes to many local area attractions and museums on Long Island? Families can visit the Long Island Explorium Museum (Port Jefferson), Long Island Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame (Stony Brook), Raynham Hall Museum (Oyster Bay), Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum & Planetarium (Centerport) or the Whaling Museum & Education Center (Cold Spring Harbor). Two Passes can be reserved and printed online at www.PWPL.org/museumpass up to 45 days in advance. Plan a family outing to one of these fun and interesting venues or check out the other options available in our collection. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

New Assistive Listening Devices

We're excited to announce that we've made our programs more accessible with a new Auri AURACAST assistive listening device system in our Lapham Meeting Room. These devices can be used to amplify and produce clearer audio from any programs held in our meeting room. If you would like to use the device, please ask any of the staff members assisting with the program and they will provide one for you. We also provide headphones and a receiver.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Service Highlight from The Lab

Are you curious about 3D printing or want to see one of your TinkerCAD creations come to life? Maybe you're looking for a unique holiday gift idea? Check out thingiverse.com for inspiration and 3D Print for free at the Library! Print one simple, medium-sized object on our Bambu or Form 3+ resin printer. For more information or to submit a 3D print, please contact 3Dprinter@PWPL.org or call The Lab at 516-883-4400 x1900. *Our 3D printers are made possible through generous support from the Friends of the Library.*