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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO PORT'S LIBRARY

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Special Edition

April 7 Budget and Trustee Vote Postponed – Future Date to Be Announced

PWPL Invites You to Complete the 2020 Census

For 2020, the US Census Bureau has invited members of our community to complete their census responses online. Data collected from the census helps our government decide how to disburse more than $675 billion dollars in federal funding. If our community under-reports our population totals, we could miss out on sorely needed federal dollars. Projections show that Nassau County could receive an additional $579 million in federal funding for schools, roads and other necessities if the census accuracy rate is increased from 85% to 95%. In addition, the census is used to determine how many representatives New York State can send to Congress — losing even one member of Congress will reduce our influence at the federal level.

Your responses to the census are confidential and important. Please consider participating today!

For more census information, visit 2020census.gov or email library@pwpl.org for census assistance.

PWPL lo invita a completar el Censo 2020

Para el 2020, la Oficina del Censo de EE. UU. ha invitado a los miembros de nuestra comunidad a completar sus respuestas del Censo en línea. Los datos recopilados del Censo ayudan a nuestro gobierno a decidir cómo distribuir más de $675 mil millones de dólares en fondos federales. Si nuestra comunidad no reporta los totales de nuestra población, podríamos perder la ayuda monetaria federal que tanto necesitamos. Las proyecciones muestran que el Condado de Nassau podría recibir $579 millones adicionales en fondos federales para escuelas, carreteras y otras necesidades si la tasa de precisión del Censo aumenta del 85% al 95%. Además, el Censo se usa para determinar cuántos representantes puede enviar el estado de Nueva York al Congreso; perder incluso un miembro del Congreso reducirá nuestra influencia a nivel federal del gobierno.

Sus respuestas del Censo son confidenciales e importantes. ¡Por favor considere participar hoy! Para obtener más información sobre el Censo, visite 2020census.gov o envíe un correo electrónico a library@pwpl.org para ayuda con el Censo.

A Note from the Director…

Dear Port Washington Community,

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the danger that it poses to all segments of our population, particularly at-risk individuals, the Port Washington Public Library will be closed until further notice. Seeing the doors of our Library closed at this time is difficult, but it is absolutely necessary to keep our community safe.

While the physical doors to our building may be closed, the Library is always open 24/7 — online. From bestselling eBooks, to engaging downloadable audiobooks, to hundreds of newsstand magazines like The Economist and The New Yorker, and even Academy Award winning films — there is an amazing amount of content available to you, right from your living room, by visiting, pwpl.org/downloads. Have some free time to gain a new skill? You can learn a new language using Mango Languages, brush up those computer skills with a Lynda.com learning course, or research a topic of interest in one of our professional, peer-reviewed databases by visiting, pwpl.org/research. With many students now home from school, Tutor.com, an online platform that provides one-on-one tutoring in an array of subjects, can prove invaluable. Many of these online resources can be downloaded as an app, so you can listen on the couch, in the car, or while you’re out for a stroll.

Just a few final PWPL news items to leave you with:

• We have extended the due date on all items currently checked out until after PWPL re-opens. Please do not return any checked-out materials to the Library at this time, as we have temporarily closed our return bins.

• Library cards that were set to expire have been automatically renewed through July 1 so you can continue to enjoy our online resources without interruption.

• We realize you, or someone you know, might not have a library card. Not to worry! Visit pwpl.org/get-a-library-card to sign up for a digital library card today.

Of course, PWPL staff is always here to help provide information and assistance when you need it. Please email library@pwpl.org or 516-883-4400 ext. 1101 to connect with us. While we cannot see you during the next few weeks, know that we are thinking of you, and wishing you and your families good health and safety.

Sincerely,

Keith Klang, Library Director

STAY TUNED! Stay tuned for creative ways in which you will be able to connect with PWPL’s staff for fun and engaging online events. We are excited to bring you online versions of the programs that you know and love. Be sure to check pwpl.org and our Facebook page for important announcements.
F O L  C A N C E L S  B O O K  &  A U T H O R  L U N C H E O N

The Friends of the Library announces with sorrow the cancellation of its Annual Richard D. Whittemore Book & Author Luncheon scheduled for May 8, 2020. The board’s decision was made to conform with government guidelines during the health crisis and with utmost concern for the well-being of luncheon attendees. “We know that so many residents look forward to attending our Book & Author Luncheon every year,” stated Amy Bass, FOL president, “and so our board members are very sad to announce that this spring there will be no luncheon.”

The Book & Author Luncheon is the FOL’s sole fundraising event of the year and our largest source of revenue. Current donors, luncheon sponsors and FOL supporters who already had the luncheon on their calendars are urged to consider making a donation to the FOL so that our support for Library initiatives can continue uninterrupted. Please visit www.pwpl.org/fol/support to donate online or mail checks made out to FOL and mail to One Library Drive, Port Washington NY, 11050. Any donation made through June 1 will be acknowledged on the library website as well as with special signage in the library itself.

*The FOL Book & Author tradition will continue joyfully in May 2021 with the presentation of the 51st annual luncheon.*

W E  W A N T  Y O U R  S T O R I E S

When history making events occur, it is so important to document them for future generations. Are you keeping a personal journal, either written or audio/video recorded? Perhaps a photo journal? Tell us, how is your family dealing with today’s events? What things are you doing to pass the time? Have you had any special moments? Please consider sharing them with our Local History Center so that they can be part of a future collection. Email localhistory@pwpl.org for more details.

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Ancestry.com is a powerful resource for researching your family roots. With access to information like 1790-1940 Census data, passenger lists, as well as birth, death, and marriage records, you will be able to discover an astonishing amount of your family history. Home access is available through April 30th. Visit pwpl.org/research to begin!

W I N D W I N D  S O M E  J O Y !

PWPL is looking for aspiring artists and writers, of all ages, to submit their work with the goal of spreading joy and sparking inspiration. We know these are difficult times — why not help us lift the spirits of others? We will feature distinguished entries on our website, Facebook page, and newsletter. Send your creations to library@pwpl.org.

M I S S I O N  S T A T E M E N T:
The Port Washington Public Library is a center for community engagement, knowledge and personal enrichment.
**Hoopla Service Expands to 16 Downloads Per Month!**

We know you’ve been needing it, so PWPL has increased the number of Hoopla checkouts per patron per month from 8 to 16! By increasing this number, we are hoping to expand access to our collection of digital resources during this challenging time.

Hoopla provides online and mobile access to eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies and TV. To get started visit www.hoopladigital.com or download the mobile app.

Simple to access and use, with no waiting and no hassles, all you need to get started is your PW library card and a web browser, smartphone, tablet, or TV streaming solution. Once you have logged in, you may borrow and view content immediately. The titles in Hoopla have unlimited access, so you will never have to place a hold on an item or wait for its availability.

Once they expire, titles can be instantly checked out again. There are no late fees for this service. Enjoy!

**Preserving our History: Historic Telephone Directories**

The Local History Center is excited to announce an ongoing “Telephone Directory Digitization Project,” made possible through the support of the Friends of the Port Washington Library (FOL). This project, beginning with the digitization of our Telephone Directories from 1925-1930, will be available for online searching on the Local History website (localhistory.pwpl.org). With the immediate goal of ensuring the preservation of our most vulnerable directories, we plan to offer online access to our entire directory collection in the future. Stay tuned!

**The Career & Personal Finance Center is Here to Help!**

Please be reassured that the Career & Personal Finance Center has a team in place to assist anyone in need. If you are experiencing job loss, job insecurity, financial issues, or if you simply wish to get your career back on track after this time of crisis, please reach out to us. **We are here to help.** For assistance, please email the library at library@pwpl.org.

**Museum Pass Program**

**An Update:** Although many museums remain closed, please be assured that when it is safe for our patrons to visit, our passes will become available again for use. Plan for a few new additions and surprises, as well! In the meantime, we encourage you to check the websites of your favorite museums and zoos from around the world as many of them are offering virtual visits. Keep your loved ones safe and healthy. The library would like to thank our FOL for funding this service.

Visit www.pwpl.org/research for a full list of digital resources.

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**Nancy Curtin Internship**

Nancy Curtin began working at PWPL in 1974 and became the Library Director in 1994. When she retired in 2018, a committee was formed to create the Nancy Curtin Internship made up of Library Trustees and representatives from both the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation.

The internship will be given to one local high school student currently in the 11th or 12th grade. Thanks to the generosity of the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library, the intern will receive a $2000 award for a six-week internship.

The intern will be assigned various tasks among multiple departments, including the Children's, Young Adult, Local History and Technology areas of PWPL.

Applications are now being accepted on our website, www.pwpl.org. Finalists will be interviewed.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact internship@pwpl.org.

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**NewsBank**

**Announcing Access to Historical Local Newspapers**

Currently available for web searching are local Long Island newspapers, as well as national news magazines through the Library’s NewsBank database. A link is currently available at pwpl.org’s Learn & Research page. These databases offer full text of many local papers including the Port Washington News, Manhasset Press, Roslyn News, and Great Neck Record, from 1997 to present. It also covers several major national news magazines including The Atlantic, Mother Jones, Newsweek, Popular Science, Smithsonian, The Atlantic, Mother Jones, Newsweek, Popular Science, Smithsonian, and Working Mother. Articles can be printed, downloaded or emailed.

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**ePLI**

**Your Library Card Brings the World to You 24/7**

Access digital entertainment and education on your phone, tablet, smart TV, car, streaming device and laptop anytime!
New Verse Novels
In honor of poetry month, sample some novels told in verse form from the TeenSpace collection.

Here are some recommendations from the past year:

**Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc**
by David Elliott
Explores how Joan of Arc changed the course of history and remains a figure of fascination centuries after her extraordinary life and death.

**Some Girls Bind**
by Rory James
Jamie has a secret. She bind her chest every day to feel more like herself. Jamie questions why she is drawn to this practice and why she is afraid of telling her friends, who have their own secrets. Could she really be genderqueer?

**Not Hungry**
by Kate Karyus Quinn
Unhappy with her weight, June engages in severe dieting and keeps her determined attempts to starve herself a secret. When Toby moves in next door, she learns he has his own private shame.

**White Rose**
by Kip Wilson
The story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.

### Free Homework Help Hours Extended with Tutor.com

Port Washington cardholders can connect with expert tutors via live one-on-one homework help sessions from 9 am to 10 pm daily. These extended hours will be available through the end of June. Over forty subjects are covered including math, science and English, as well as ACT & SAT prep. The service is available in both English and Spanish. Users can drop off essays and math assignments for tutor review. It also provides assistance with résumés, cover letters and interview techniques. To get started, visit pwpl.org and login with your library card number, which is the “Username” for the account. A video tutorial is also accessible at https://my.nicheacademy.com/pwpl/course/1467. Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Need Homework Help? Try Our Homework Databases!

Take advantage of these fantastic databases to find biographies, full-length articles, interactive foreign language lessons, and one-on-one homework help. Please note, some databases may require a library card for access. Visit www.pwpl.org/children/homeworkhelp/

### Khan Academy:
A personalized learning resource for all ages

Struggling to help your children with their homework? “Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. We tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Our math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. We've also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content.” — Khan Academy website.

To get started visit the Learn & Research page at www.pwpl.org/research. Here you will find a link to Khan Academy and many other online courses as well.

### Did you enjoy a wonderful book with your family, but now you can’t remember the title? It happens!

Well, you can save your reading history and always check it later!

Steps to saving your reading history at PWPL.org:

1. Go to My Account on the top right hand side of the web page.
2. Log into your account using your 14 digit barcode on the back of your card and your PIN number (if you do not remember your PIN, use the Forgot your PIN link to reset it).
3. Once you are logged in, select Reading History on the left-hand side of the page.
4. From there, select the Opt In radio button.
5. Your reading / borrowing history will now be stored going forward.