African-American History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African-Americans and since 1976 every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as African-American History Month. PWPL is offering many programs to commemorate African-American History Month, including the following:

**Friday, February 7 at 12:15 p.m.**
Sandwiched In: Free African-American Communities in the 19th Century
Dr. Marsha J. Tyson Darling will focus on the evolution and social agency of free African-American communities in the aftermath of the American Revolution, dating from 1787 to the eve of the Civil War. While we are accustomed to the understanding that slavery enveloped the lives of the majority of African-Americans in the ante-bellum period, it was the evolution of free African-American communities formed after the American Revolution that served to create and sustain significant self-help organizations and institutions; it is not well known that these communities were vital to anti-slavery abolitionist efforts.

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Jacob Lawrence: The American Struggle
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PWPL’s Nonfiction Book Group is reading Unexampled Courage: The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodward and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring by Richard Gergel.

**Tuesday, February 25 at 7:15 p.m.**
Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion
This month’s selection is The Crossover by Kwame Alexander.

**Thursday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m.**
First and Second Grade Book Discussion
This month’s selection is Whoosh by Chris Barton.

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2020 Library Budget Vote and Board of Trustees Election Timeline

Saturday, February 1 ....................... Nominating petitions available
Monday, March 9 ............................. Nominating petitions due
Monday, February 17 ....................... Absentee ballot applications available
Wednesday, February 12 ............... Budget Hearing #1
Wednesday, March 18 ..................... Budget Hearing #2
Tuesday, March 31 ......................... Personal Registration Day
Tuesday, March 31 ......................... Budget Hearing #3 / Meet the Candidates
Tuesday, April 7 ............................. Budget Vote / Trustee election

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 five-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 Friday, February 7. If you are interested in running for a seat on the library board, your petition must be returned by Monday, March 9. The annual budget vote and trustee election takes place on Tuesday, April 7. For more information, contact library administration at 516-883-4400, ext. 1100.

Save the Date

FOL Book & Author Luncheon
Friday, May 8 at 11 a.m.
North Hills Country Club, Manhasset

The Friends of the Library will host its 51st Annual Richard D. Whittemore Book & Author Luncheon on Friday, May 8 at 11 a.m. at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset. The luncheon is the FOL’s sole fundraising event and for decades has been one of the most prestigious literary functions on the North Shore, regularly drawing an audience of 350 Library supporters.

The two featured authors will be announced in the March newsletter and via news stories, social media postings and Library email messages. Reservation brochures will be available April 1 in the Library and online at www.pwpl.org/fol. For information email fol@pwpl.org. The FOL welcomes individual and corporate luncheon sponsors beginning at $250. To learn about the benefits of sponsorship – which include bypassing first-come, first-served ticketing to this sellout event – please contact FOL vice president Nancy Wright at 516-883-8418 or nprw@aol.com, or board member Margaret DeSiervo at 516-883-2722 or margaretdesiervo@yahoo.com. Sponsors, please commit by April 1 in order to guarantee seating.

Port Washington Public Library presents...

Now Available for use in the Library!

Available for adults & teens (Grades 7+)
Inquire at our service desks in the lower level Lab and North Wing
May be used for long periods of time during Library hours

Made Possible by Friends of the Library
Lee Aitken Receives the Friends of the Library Award

The Friends of the Library proudly announces that Robert Lee Aitken is the recipient of the Friends of the Library Award.

Mr. Aitken, who goes by Lee, was an elected member of the PWPL Board of Trustees for more than twenty years and served as its President for seven. He helped steer many crucial library initiatives. He is a ninth-generation Port Washingtonian and an attorney with a local law practice who is involved in many civic endeavors.

“Lee’s leadership was solid and sound; his judgments were wise; his admiration and respect for the Port Washington Public Library showed in all his actions. As a board member and board leader, he guided the library through major construction projects. He encouraged advances in technology, always with the view of promoting excellence,” said FOL President Amy Bass, herself a recipient of the award in 2014.

The Friends of the Library Award, established in 1991, honors individuals for their outstanding volunteer service to the library over many years. The recipients – of which there have been just 12 to date – are recognized with a permanent plaque bearing their names in the library lobby.

A ceremony was held at the library on December 19 to unveil the addition of Lee’s plaque. He is pictured with Amy Bass. At the event Lee was presented with proclamations in his honor on behalf of Judi Bosworth, Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead; Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Nassau County Legislator; and Tony D’Urso, New York State Assemblyman. For more information on the FOL and to see the full list of FOL Award winners, visit pwpl.org/fol.

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Natalie Douglas has been called “a true force of nature” and in a “league of her own” by Clive Davis of The Times (UK). PWPL is proud to welcome her to perform her To Nina...a Tribute to Nina Simone concert. Natalie has wowed audiences on three continents with this critically acclaimed celebration of the iconic Dr. Nina Simone. Accompanied by her music director, Brian Nash, Natalie performs songs recorded by the legendary singer, including “I Loves You Porgy,” “My Baby Just Cares for Me” and “I Put a Spell on You.” PWPL thanks the Friends of the Library for its support of this program.

Upcoming Bathroom Renovations

In the coming weeks we will begin renovations to the bathrooms in The Lab on the Lower Level, including the addition of a new, family-friendly unisex bathroom. Once renovations to the bathrooms on the Lower Level are completed, renovations to the Lobby bathrooms will begin.

All the bathrooms have not been fully renovated in over 30 years and are due for improved accessibility and modernization.

We anticipate this project taking several months to complete. Progress on the renovations will be posted on our website, www.pwpl.org, on social media, and on signage in the Library throughout the duration of the project.

We appreciate your patience as we work to complete this critical facility project.

Afternoon on Broadway: Tanisha Mitchell presents Porgy & Bess

Monday, February 24 at 3 p.m.

Named as a “Mover and Shaker” by Library Journal, Tanisha Mitchell is best known for her innovative work in the arts at the Metropolitan Opera and the Freeport Memorial Library. She has built an arts outreach company that brings a new spin on opera lectures by using technology, artifacts and even her own singing to teach and inspire audiences.

Porgy and Bess

Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess is a folk opera that continues to cast an indelible impression on African-American culture and the opera world. In this singing talk, Tanisha Mitchell will explore the history behind the opera and play and perform memorable selections from legendary productions. The audience will also discuss the poignant question: Is Porgy and Bess truly an African-American opera? Sponsored by the Music Advisory Council.
Priority seating at all events is reserved for Port Washington residents and cardholders.

**EXHIBITS:**

Adler Gallery: Painter Steve Lampasona’s exhibit focuses on realism. On view February 1 through March 2. Artist reception Saturday, February 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

**REGISTRATIONS:**

(PWPL card number is required for registration)

Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Class on Sat. March 7, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration begins on Wednesday, February 5th at 11:00 a.m. Payment of $28 via check or money order, payable to Empire Safety Council, will be collected by the instructor during class.

**IN PROGRESS:**

Applying for Jobs Online, Using LinkedIn for Your Job Search, Investing Basics: Helping You Make Educated Decisions, Financial Wellness 101. Developing an Organic Vegetable Garden with Reese Michaels on Saturday February 15 at 2:00 p.m. Register in person or online at www.pwpl.org/events. Space is limited.

**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**6 THURSDAY**

Happy Birthday, Babe Ruth! The Babe Ruth Story (1948-106 min.). William Bendix portrays the baseball great, who was born this day in 1895. Claire Trevor, Charles Bickford and Sam Levene co-star in this docudrama from producer/director Roy Del Ruth and screenwriters Bob Considine and George Callahan. 7:00 p.m.

**7 FRIDAY**

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Live @ PWPL: Natalie Douglas Sings to Nina... A Tribute to Nina Simone See article in newsletter. 7:30 p.m. FOL

**8 SATURDAY**

Applying for Jobs On Line Companies use Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) to screen job candidates. Most resumes never make it through these systems. This workshop provides specific strategies job seekers can use to strengthen their resumes and improve networking connections to gain entry into the door for interviews. Presented by professional career counselor, Karen McKenna, and made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. 10 a.m.

Using LinkedIn for Your Job Search LinkedIn is the premier platform for professional social networking. Learn how to use LinkedIn to enhance your job search strategy by taking full advantage of its key features. Presented by professional career counselor, Karen McKenna, and made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. 1 p.m.

**9 SUNDAY**

Jonathan Swensen, Cello See article in newsletter. 3 p.m. MAC

**10 MONDAY**

Virtual Visits: The Louvre (Part 1) Art historian Ines Powell will share her insights into this iconic museum. Part one of this three-part series that will concentrate on the galleries dedicated to ancient art. 2:30 p.m. FOL

General Tech Help @ The Lab Our teen tech-xperts are available to answer any technology questions you might have, whether you’re setting up a new smartphone or tablet, trying to brush up your Microsoft Office skills for work, or need help with your social media accounts. Bring any device you would like assistance with and come ready with questions. Walk-ins are welcome, but preference will be given to those who make an appointment by calling (516)883-4400 ext. 1900. 2:30 p.m. FOL

Investing Basics: Helping You Make Educated Decisions Investing is multi-faceted and daunting for most. Presented by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. Made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. 7 p.m.

Film Movement Screening: The Charmer (2017-102 min.). A young Iranian man named Esmail (Ardalan Esmaili) is desperate to meet a woman who can secure his stay in Denmark. As time is running out, he meets Sara (Sohe Rezanejad), but his past is catching up with him. Director Milad Alami scripted with Ingeborg Topsoe. Subtitled. First up, writer/director Pearl Gluck’s short Summer (2018-19 min.), about two girls at a Hasidic sleepaway camp. 7:00 p.m.

**11 TUESDAY**

Hypertension Screenings Blood pressure screenings provided by St. Francis Hospital. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. FOL

**Fiction Book Group**

We will be discussing Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead. Copies available at the Information Desk. 7:30 p.m.

**12 WEDNESDAY**

Current Job Opportunities: Drop-in and Apply Local companies are looking to fill over 100 positions for administrative, manufacturing and skilled trade opportunities. Use this drop-in service to find out which companies are hiring. A representative from Manpower will be on hand to discuss employment prospects, and can also assist with the application process. This is a service that takes place on the second Wednesday of each month from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. No appointment necessary. Se habla español. 12 – 4 p.m.

**Photography Club of Long Island meeting**

Katherine Criss, speaking on the topic “How to Edit Art for an Exhibition.” See article in newsletter. 7:30 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Public is invited to attend. 7:30 p.m.

Nickel Boys

Fiction Book Group

**14 FRIDAY**

Sandwiched In: Valentine’s Day Love Songs In celebration of Valentine’s Day, Dan Lupo returns with a 4-piece band to perform some classic love songs, including “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You.” Joining Dan on stage will be George Karaisarides and Mariel Monsour on vocals, and Joe Bordonaro on drums. 12:15 p.m.

Around the World with Ron Brown: Senegal Senegal is the most westward point in Africa. Explored by the Portuguese in the 15th century, it was a major port for treasures such as gold, ivory, spices and ebony. After the Portuguese, the French built the cities of Dakar and St. Louis. Even now, these cities reflect the history of the European influence on Africa. Note the early start time: 2:30 p.m. FOL

**Film: Judy** (2019-119 min.). Emotionally fragile showbiz legend Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) prepares to perform at London’s Talk of the Town club in the year 1960. Screenwriter Tom Edge adapted Peter Quilter’s stage play End of the Rainbow for director Rupert Goold. 7 p.m.

**15 SATURDAY**

Developing an Organic Vegetable Garden with Reese Michaels

Learn techniques including square foot gardening and how and why to compost at a special family session of this popular workshop. Both adults and children are welcome. Presented by master gardener Reese Michaels. Co-sponsored by Plant a Row for the Hungry, Port Washington. Registration in progress. 2 p.m.

**Film: Once Upon a Time in...Hollywood** (2019-161 min.). This sprawling drama from writer/director Quentin Tarantino looks at life in Hollywood in the summer of 1969 through the eyes of fading TV star Rick Dalton (Leonardo Di Caprio) and his longtime friend and stunt double, Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt). Recommended for adults. 2 p.m.
17 MONDAY

PWPL is open from 1 to 5 p.m. in honor of Presidents Day

Film: Blinded by the Light
(1998-115 min.). In England in 1987, Javed (Viveik Kalra) – a teenager from a Pakistani immigrant family – learns to live his life, understand his family and find his own voice through the music of American rock star Bruce Springsteen. Producer/director Gurinder Chadha (Blinded by the Light) scripted with Sarfraz Manzoor, from his memoir, Greetings From Bury Park: Race, Religion, Rock ‘n’ Roll. 2 p.m.

18 TUESDAY

Film Movement Screening: Amnesia
(1997-96 min.). Young techno musician Jo (Max Reimelt) befriends a solitary old woman named Martha (Marthe Keller), who no longer plays the cello she keeps in her seaside home. A Barbet Schroeder film. In several languages with English subtitles. First up, Anna Maguire’s short Your Mother and I (2016-13 min.). Julie Sarah Stone and Don McKellar play daughter and father in this Dave Eggers adaptation. 7 p.m.

19 WEDNESDAY

Family Film: The Lion King
(1998-118 min.). Jon Favreau produced and directed this CGI-rich remake of Disney’s 1994 animated classic, which still boasts the songs by Tim Rice and Elton John. The voice cast includes Donald Glover, Seth Rogen, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Alfre Woodard, Billy Eichner and Beyoncé Knowles-Carter and James Earl Jones. 2:30 p.m.

Film Movement Screening: Apprentice
(2007-96 min.). Corrections officer Aiman (Fir Rhaman) attracts the attention of Rahim (Wan Hassaf Su), the prison’s chief executioner. Boo Junfeng scripted and directed this drama from Singapore. First up, Boo’s short The Casuarina Cove (2009-19 min.), in which a former military officer recalls a relationship formed on a gay beach in Singapore. Both films are subtitled. 7 p.m.

20 THURSDAY

Nonfiction Book Group
We will be discussing Unexamplified Courage: The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Watkins Waring by Richard Gergel. Copies available at the Information Desk. 1:30 p.m.

Film Movement Screening: The Ardennes
(2017-93 min.). Kenny (Kevin Janssens) gets out of jail to find that his girlfriend Sylvie (Veere Baetens) has moved in with his brother Dave (Jeroen Perceval), Director Robin Pront scripted with Mr. Perceval. First up, Pront’s short Injury Time (2010-15 min.), about three soccer fans. Both films are subtitled. 7 p.m.

21 FRIDAY

Sandwiched In: Office of the President Series: Part Two: How the JFK Assassination Changed the Constitution. Join Professor James Coll for a discussion that will examine constitutional provisions dealing with a premature vacancy in the presidency, and legal changes over time in the order of presidential succession. 12:15 p.m.

E-Readers for the Perplexed
Feel like you could be getting more out of your e-reader? Confused about how to access e-books? PWPL staff experts will cover the basics and offer tips and tricks. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own devices. Register at pwpl.org/events or at the Library. This is a workshop where registration is required for attendance. 2:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday, Robert Young! The beloved actor, best known for Father Knows Best (1954-60) and Marcus Welby, M.D. (1969-88), stars in Edwin L. Marin’s comedy Married Before Breakfast (1937-71 min.). 7 p.m.

22 SATURDAY

AARP Defensive Driving Class
Kindly bring your driver’s license, AARP card (if member), pen, lunch, snacks, and drinks. Fee $20 for AARP Member and $25 for non-members. Check payable to AARP. This class is open to Port Washington Public Library Card holders only. 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. with a 30-minute break.

23 SUNDAY

Film: Downtown Abbey
(2019-121 min.). Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, Michelle Dockery, Elizabeth McGovern, Maggie Smith, Imelda Staunton and Penelope Wilton return in a stately drama from director Michael Engler and screenwriter Julian Fellowes. 2. TUESDAY

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Smartphone Tech Help@ The Lab
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Financial Wellness 101
At this workshop you will learn the basic principles of saving cash for emergencies such as unemployment • Protecting your family from financial pitfalls • Wedding planning • College planning • Vacationing responsibly • Retiring comfortably
Presented by Cetera Investors and made possible by the Career & Personal Financial Center. 7 p.m.

24 MONDAY

Film Movement Screening: Bad Lucky Goat
(2017-76 min.). Teenager Corn (Honlenny Huffington) and his sister Rita (Kiara Howard) embark on a journey of reconciliation and comic misadventure. Sandy (Jenny Tai) returns to Taiwan to see her father off to prison. Both films are subtitled. 7 p.m.

25 TUESDAY

Earth Day Film Festival Part One: Paris to Pittsburgh (2019-77 minutes) As part of the Library’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day this year, PWPL is partnering with local members of Transition Towns, an organization focused on climate change and sustainability, to present a three-part documentary film series. Paris to Pittsburgh shines a light on the many forgotten people and communities who have been affected by climate change in our country, as well as solutions for how we can fight back and reduce our carbon footprint. State and city leaders have stepped up to meet the goals of the Paris climate agreement. Learn about Fleet Farming in Orlando, training ex-cons to install solar panels, new jobs in wind energy and New York City’s revolutionary zero waste campaign. Rachel Brosnahan narrates 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEET-UPS

Chess
Join a game, every Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Scrabble
Join a game, every Friday at 2 p.m.

Next Chapter
A current events discussion group, meeting the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Great Books
This discussion group meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Selections available at the Information Desk.

SPONSORSHIP KEY
AAC Art Advisory Council
CAC Children’s Advisory Council
FOL Friends of the Library
HAC Health Advisory Council
MAC Music Advisory Council
NAC Nautical Advisory Council
Events Sponsored by the advisory councils are funded by donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation. Events sponsored by Friends of the Library are noted in listings. FOL also provides refreshments for Sandwiched In.

28 FRIDAY

Sandwiched In: Jacob Lawrence: The American Struggle
Alice Schwarz, museum educator with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, returns to explore the work of African-American modern artist Jacob Lawrence. An upcoming exhibit at the Met features the artist’s series of paintings that focus on times of war and conflict in America from the Revolutionary War through Westward Expansion. The exhibit will be on display at the Met from June 2 to September 7. 12:15 p.m.
CPR Certification in Spanish
Wednesday, March 4 from 7 - 9 p.m.
Registration is in progress, and you must register at the ESOL Office to attend this class.

Learn CPR, choking and AED techniques in order to help children and adults in case of emergency. Presented by Galo Gallardo EMT from the P.W. Fire department. Lapham Room. Price: $10.00 pp

Steve Lampasona
On view February 1 through March 2
Artist Reception Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.

Painter Steve Lampasona has been teaching art in New York and Long Island for over thirty years. Although his main focus is realism, he is proficient in a variety of mediums. In 2013 Lampasona opened his own art school, The Artist's Studio, located on the grounds of the Muttontown Preserve and the Chelsea Mansion in East Norwich, NY.

He was an adjunct professor at Suffolk County Community College and an instructor at the Nassau County Museum of Fine Art and the Art League of Long Island. An exhibiting artist at O.K. Harris and Gallery Henoch in New York City, Lampasona is currently represented by the Capricorn Gallery in Washington, D.C.

How to Edit Art for an Exhibition
Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Photography Club of Long Island (PCLI) will feature Katherine Criss, a fine art photographer, painter and collagist, speaking on “How to Edit Art for an Exhibition.” With more than twenty years of experience in the world of art and photography, Criss has showcased her artwork in a wide variety of venues around New York and on Long Island.

Criss introduced her newest art, including a challenging series of mural-sized abstractions, in her October 2019 solo exhibit, Meditations in Paint 7 Pixels, at the B.J. Spoke Gallery in Huntington. She will use this body of work to illuminate her thoughts.

The Photography Club of Long Island (PCLI), formerly known as the Port Washington Camera Club, was founded in 1975 and hosts free monthly programs at the Port Washington Public Library as a community service from September through June each year. For more information, visit www.pcliphotography.org. The Photography Club of Long Island is a 501(c)(3) art education organization.

Earth Day Film Festival at PWPL
As part of the Library’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, we are partnering with Transition Town Port Washington to present a three-part documentary film festival. The series begins on February 28, continues on March 20 and concludes on Earth Day, April 22. A community discussion will follow each film. Find out what you can do right here in Port Washington. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Friday, February 28:
Paris to Pittsburgh (2018 – 77 min.)
shines a light on the many forgotten people and communities who have been affected by climate change in our country, and offers solutions for how we can fight back and reduce our carbon footprint. State and city leaders have stepped up to meet the goals of the Paris climate agreement. Learn about Fleet Farming in Orlando, training ex-cons to install solar panels, new jobs in wind energy and New York City’s revolutionary zero waste campaign. Rachel Brosnahan narrates. 7 p.m.

Friday, March 20:
Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story (2014 – 50 min.)
Filmmakers and food lovers Jen and Grant explore the issue of food waste, from production at the farm through retail distribution, right to the back of their own fridge. After catching a glimpse of the billions of dollars of good food that is tossed each year in North America, they pledge to quit grocery shopping and survive only on discarded food. What they find is truly shocking. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22:
Disobedience (2016 – 41 min.)
Produced by 350.org. Disobedience tells the David vs. Goliath tale of frontline leaders battling for a livable world. Meet people in the Philippines, Turkey, Germany, Canada, Cambodia and the United States who are advocating for a better way of life for their families, their communities and their planet. Can social disobedience force reform? Are we powerless? Or are we the only ones who can save ourselves? 7 p.m.

Co-Sponsored by Transition Town Port Washington and the PWPL. Transition Town Port Washington (TTPW) is part of a global social, economic and environmental movement whose mission is to organize and promote a community-wide effort to reduce greenhouse emissions and transform our peninsula to a resilient carbon-neutral economy.

CPR Certification in Spanish
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Learn CPR, choking and AED techniques in order to help children and adults in case of emergency. Presented by Galo Gallardo EMT from the P.W. Fire department. Lapham Room. Price: $10.00 pp

Certificación de CPR en Español
Miércoles, 4 de Marzo de 7 - 9 p.m.
La inscripción está en proceso, y debe registrarse en la oficina de ESOL para asistir a la clase.

Aprendá técnicas de CPR, desobstrucción, y AED para poder ayudar niños y adultos en caso de una emergencia. Presentado por Galo Gallardo EMT del departamento de Bomberos de P.W. Miércoles 4 de marzo, en el salon Lapham. Costo: $10.00 por persona
College Search and Financial Aid Workshop
Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. (A Spanish Language Event)
Learn about the College Search and financial aid application process from Mr. Richard Alvarez, Queens College Vice President for Enrollment and Retention. Mr. Alvarez began his career as an admissions counselor at Montclair State College (now University) then served as part of the enrollment team at Pace University including serving as Director of Admissions, NYC campus. High school teens and their parents are invited to join us for this informational lecture in Spanish. Registration is in progress at www.pwpl.org/teens for Port Washington teens in grades 9-12 with their parents.

Taller de Búsqueda Universitaria y Ayuda Financiera
Martes, 11 de Febrero a las 7 p.m.
Aprenda sobre la búsqueda universitaria y el proceso de solicitud de ayuda financiera con el Sr. Richard Alvarez, Vicepresidente de Inscripción y Retención del Queens College. El Sr. Alvarez comenzó su carrera como consejero de admisiones en Montclair State College (ahora Universidad) luego sirvió como parte del equipo de inscripción en Pace University incluyendo sus servicios como Director de Admisiones, Campus de NYC. Los adolescentes de la secundaria y sus padres están invitados a unirse con nosotros para esta conferencia informativa en Español. La registración comienza el 23 de Enero en www.pwpl.org/teens para adolescentes de Port Washington de los grados 9-12 con sus padres.

College Admissions: Your Roadmap to Success
Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m.
Learn how to determine which colleges are best for you, how to differentiate yourself from other applicants, and how to maximize your admissions and scholarship potential. Registration is in progress at www.pwpl.org/teens for Port Washington teens in grades 9-12 with their parents. This presentation will be led by Michael Binder of Your College Navigator.

Teen Gaming – Fridays, February 14 and 28 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Challenge your friends to an afternoon of gaming on the big screen using our Nintendo Switch. No registration required. Open to teens in grades 7-12.

Teen GSA Game & VR Night – Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m.
Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join our GSA gaming night and play our PlayStation VR or participate in a tabletop game. Participating VR players will need to have a parent/guardian sign a waiver prior to game play. Online registration begins Monday, February 3 at www.pwpl.org/teens.

ACT Prep Course Series (4 classes)
Sundays: March 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, February 10 at 10:00 AM on www.pwpl.org/teens for Port Washington teens in grades 9-12. Workshop fee is $100 payable by credit card, cash, check or money order to the Port Washington Public Library. This fee is for 4 sessions. This series will be presented by Curvebreakers Test Prep.

One World Girl Poetry & Prose Workshop Series
Sundays March 29, April 5, 19 & May 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Led by Nassau County Poet Laureate Evelyn Kandel, this workshop will teach girls to use creative expression as a medium for self-love and empowerment. The program is aimed at middle school and high school girls who are passionate about writing. Poetry and prose composed during the workshop will be displayed and published. Space is limited to 12 spots, so sign up now! For more information, or to apply for the workshop, contact Lesley Mazzotta at lesleym@oneworldgirl.org. Applications must be received by Sunday, March 15.

For the Romantics
Check out some of these books that celebrate love, with stories of crushes, lost loves, misguided infatuations and, of course, romance!

Frankly in Love by David Yoon
High school senior Frank Li takes a risk to go after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans will leave him wondering if he ever really understood love or himself.

Watch Over Me by Mila Gray
Eighteen-year-old Zoey struggles to protect her mother and siblings from her violent father, and her brother’s best friend, Tristan, a member of the Coast Guard, tries to make her feel safe.

Love from A to Z by S.K. li
Eighteen-year-old Muslims Adam and Zayneb meet in Doha, Qatar, during spring break and fall in love as both struggles to find a way to live their own truths.

Tell Me How You Really Feel by Aminah Mae Safi
Sana has had a crush on Rachel for years, but when she tried to ask her out it went badly. Now Rachel has cast Sana in her senior project.

The Rest of the Story by Sarah Dessen
Emma doesn’t remember a lot about her mother, who died when Emma was 12. Life is good until Emma is unexpectedly sent to spend the summer with her mother’s family, whom she hasn’t seen since she was a little girl. Can her distant family help her put together the pieces of her past?

Jonathan Swensen, Cello
Accompanied by Noreen Cassidy-Polera, Piano
Sunday, February 9 at 3 p.m.
Jonathan Swensen has captured first prizes at the 2018 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, 2018 Khachaturian International Cello Competition, and the 2019 Windsor String competition.
During the 2019-20 season, Mr. Swensen debuts with the Copenhagen Philharmonic, Philharmonia Orchestra at Windsor Castle, and Sun Symphony Orchestra in Vietnam. He is also a frequent performer in his native Denmark, including the Shubertiaden, the Copenhagen Summer Festival and the Hindsgavai Summer Festival.
A graduate of the Royal Danish Academy of Music, Jonathan currently studies at the Norwegian Academy of Music in Oslo.

Noreen Cassidy-Polera holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School. Her mastery of the complete cello-piano repertory is widely known, and she won the Accompanying Prize at the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.
**Early Childhood**

**A Time For Kids** – Monday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.
Join Ms. Karen for preschool concepts and fun. Enjoy educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 1 ½ to 5 years with an adult. Online registration began January 27; check pwpl.org/children/childrens-programs for availability.

**Preschool Story Time: Session I**
Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17
10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy great stories, songs and fingerplays while your child develops essential early literacy skills. For children ages 2 ½ to 4 years with an adult. Pre-registered program began January 14; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

**Baby Rhyme Time: Session I**
Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.
For children ages 1 ½ to 3 years with an adult. Pre-registered program began January 8; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

**Ready, Set, Story Time – Mondays**, February 10, 24 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Ms. Susie introduces early literacy practices through stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. For children of all ages with an adult. Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 40 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.

**Pre-registered**

**Baby Rhyme Time: Session I**
Thursdays, February 13, 27 and March 3, 10, 17 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a lap sit story session filled with songs, music and bouncing rhymes. It’s a great way to meet other new parents! For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Online registration began January 27; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

**1-2-3 Play with Me**
Wednesday, February 5 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 resource professional will be on hand to discuss behavior, dental hygiene, speech, movement and the importance of play. For children ages 1 ½ to 3 years with an adult. Pre-registered program began January 8; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

**Sing and Swing Story Time**
Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Interactive stories, rhymes and songs emphasize early literacy skills and help instill a lifelong love of learning. For children ages 1 ½ to 3 years with an adult. Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 40 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.

**A Time For Kids** – Monday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.
Join Ms. Karen for preschool concepts and fun. Enjoy educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Join Ms. Karen for preschool concepts and fun. Enjoy educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Online registration began January 27; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

**First and Second Grade Book Discussion**
Tuesday, February 25 at 7:15 p.m.
In preparation for March Madness, this month’s selection is The Crossover by Kwame Alexander. Registration in progress; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 est. 1600.

**Vacation Week Programs**

**Creative Readers**
Saturdays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4
Grades K-2 at 10:00 a.m. • Grades 3-5 at 11:15 a.m.
Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion program where children with disabilities and children of all abilities in kindergarten through grade 5 will use theater, art, movement and music to bring books to life. Facilitated by Creative Readers Program Director Elise May and supported by the PWPL Children’s Advisory Council. Professional behavior support will be at all sessions. For program information and high school volunteer opportunities please email creativereaders@optimum.net or visit the Creative Readers page on the PWPL website. Online registration began January 27; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600. Please note: Your child must commit to attending all dates. Priority given to first-time registrants.

**Storyfaces**
Tuesday, February 18 at 3:30 p.m.
Artist and storyteller Christopher Agostino brings stories to life on the faces of his audience! In this innovative fusion of theater and visual arts, volunteers are brought on stage and will have their face painted to illustrate the stories as Christopher tells them. For elementary school children in grades 1 through 6 with an adult.

**Kindergarten Through Sixth Grade**

**Global Play Day @ the Library**
Wednesday, February 5 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate Global Play Day while enjoying some “unplugged” time playing classical board games like Connect Four, Candy Land, Uno, Checkers and many more. No registration required.

**Chess – Thursdays**, February 6, 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Learn the rules and strategies of chess. Practice what you have learned by playing against your peers. For children in grades 3 to 6. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. Pre-registered program began January 23; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

**Twen Knitting Workshop**
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 19, 20, 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of knitting and work together to complete a small beginner project, such as fingerless gloves or a scarf. For children in grades 4 to 6. Please note: Your child must commit to attending all three sessions. Register online at pwpl.org/children/childrens-programs.

**Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion**
Tuesday, February 25 at 7:15 p.m.
In preparation for March Madness, this month’s selection is The Crossover by Kwame Alexander. Registration in progress; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 est. 1600.

**Activity Days**

**Ready, Set, Story Time – Mondays**, February 10, 24 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Ms. Susie introduces early literacy practices through stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. For children of all ages with an adult. Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 40 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.

**A Time For Kids** – Monday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.
A Time for Kids, Inc. presents Baby Start. This half hour program is designed to introduce babies, ages birth- 17 months, with a caregiver, to the wonderful world of library programs! Activities include music, movement, finger plays, fine and gross motor development, and circle time. Early literacy, early language development, socialization and group play skills are introduced. Register online at pwpl.org/children/childrens-programs beginning February 3.

**Baby Start – Thursday, February 20 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.**
A Time for Kids, Inc. presents Baby Start. This half hour program is designed to introduce babies, ages birth- 17 months, with a caregiver, to the wonderful world of library programs! Activities include music, movement, finger plays, fine and gross motor development, and circle time. Early literacy, early language development, socialization and group play skills are introduced. Register online at pwpl.org/children/childrens-programs beginning February 3.

**A Time For Kids – Monday, March 2 at 9:30 or 10:45 a.m.**
Join Ms. Karen for preschool concepts and fun. Enjoy educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Register online at pwpl.org/children/childrens-programs beginning February 24.

**1-2-3 Play with Me**
Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 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 resource professional will be on hand to discuss behavior, dental hygiene, mindful parenting, movement and the importance of play. For children ages 1 ½ to 3 years with an adult. Register online at pwpl.org/children/childrens-programs beginning February 24.

**Grownup Book Discussion**
Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Stay connected to other adults and enjoy a lively discussion of the book Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, led by retired librarian Lee Fertitta. For parents and caregivers of young children. Toys will be available for the little ones to play with as the adults chat. Books will be available for pickup at the time of registration in the Children’s Room. Online registration in progress at pwpl.org/children/childrens-programs.

**Event Policies**
Please see event listings for registration requirements. 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 who is waiting. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents.