Port Washington Nurse Sandra Lindsay, First to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine in US Contributes to Oral History Collection

Excerpt from COVID-19 Memory Project Contribution:

PWPL: What are your hopes for the Port Washington community in getting through this pandemic?
Lindsay: My hope is that the Port Washington community will come together to do their part in making a difference and that means getting vaccinated if you’re still on the fence. Get information, be informed, ask the right questions, be curious. It’s fine to be curious and ask questions because we understand that getting vaccinated is a personal choice.

PWPL: Did you have any doubts about taking the vaccine?
Lindsay: No, no not at all. My mind was made up that I was going to take the vaccine. I see this as the way forward. Wearing our masks, social distancing, hand washing... these are preventative measures and will help reduce the spread, but the vaccine gives us the impact that we need right now in this global crisis.

A Note from the Director…

Last month we welcomed the new year with an optimistic attitude focused on new beginnings. With the introduction and rollout of the first COVID-19 vaccines (including the very first vaccine administered to Sandra Lindsay, an ICU nurse from Port Washington) we remain hopeful that 2021 will bring better days.

February at the Library focuses on “Black History Matters.” We celebrate and honor the achievements, contributions, storytelling, and joy of past and present Black changemakers, civil rights activists, authors, artists, politicians, philosophers, and others who have paved the way and made “good trouble” in the fight for equality.

We will continue in our mission to engage collaboratively and compassionately with our neighbors and community partners, offering programming and sharing books and resources that incorporate all perspectives, and fostering an openness that makes all feel welcome.

As always, I welcome your comments and feedback. You can connect with me by phone at 516-883-3728 or by email at Library@PWPL.org.

Stay well and safe,
Keith Klang, Library Director

Expanded Building Hours Beginning February 16!
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

QUICK READS

Curbside & Building Hours
Mondays & Tuesdays – Curbside 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Building Hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – Curbside Hours 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays & Fridays – Curbside 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Building Hours 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays – Curbside & Building Hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours
The Library is open from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15 for the President’s Day Holiday.

COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline
Open 7:00 a.m.-10 p.m., 7 days a week
Eligible New Yorkers may schedule vaccination appointments: 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).
Port Washington Public Library

is proud to announce that we have been nationally recognized as a 2020 Star Library!

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Pictured: Town of North Hempstead Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte presenting a certificate of recognition to PWPL Director Keith Klang, PWPL Board of Trustee Members Adrienne Saur and Nancy Comer.

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 include:

- Create and develop the mission of the Library
- Secure adequate funding for the Library’s service programs
- Exercise fiduciary responsibility for the use of public and private funds
- Adopt policies and rules regarding Library governance and use

2021 Library Budget Vote

Monday, February 1 .......................... Nominating petitions available
Monday, March 8 ............................. Nominating petitions due
Monday, February 15 ........................ Absentee ballot applications available
Wednesday, February 10 .................... Budget Hearing #1
Wednesday, March 17 ........................ Budget Hearing #2
Tuesday, April 6 .............................. Personal Registration Day
Tuesday, April 6 .............................. Budget Hearing #3 / Meet the Candidates
Tuesday, April 13 ............................. Budget Vote / Trustee election

Save the Date

Friends of the Library’s 52nd Annual Book & Author Program

A Virtual Celebration

Friday, May 14, 2021  12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Featuring

Geraldine Brooks, Best-Selling Novelist
Blake Bailey, Author of “Philip Roth: The Biography”
with Moderator Susan Isaacs

Online reservations will be possible via a special webpage beginning April 1. Please check PWPL.org/foi or email foi@PWPL.org for more information in the coming months. Tickets will be $50 for this virtual event.

The Book & Author program is the FOL’s sole fundraising event. Individual and business sponsors are sought beginning at $250. Sponsorships include complimentary tickets and extensive publicity. For more information on sponsorships, please email Ellen Zimmerman at ellengzimm@yahoo.com.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Port Washington Public Library is a center for community engagement, knowledge and personal enrichment.
The CAO places over 1,600 individuals per year in positions including flight attendants, customer service representatives, management, baggage handlers, sales associates, restaurant managers, drivers, maintenance and security guards. Registration is required and begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9. Once you have successfully registered at PWPL.org/events, the Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode will be emailed to you.

Presented by the Council for Airport Opportunity (CAO), a nonprofit trade association created in 1972 in collaboration with airline companies, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Mayor’s Offices of the City of Newark and City of New York, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center.

LinkedIn Crash Course
Monday, February 1 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 836 0740 6084 | Passcode: 768769 | Dial In: 1 646 558 8656
LinkedIn is the premier social media platform for professional networking. This Crash Course is designed to get your LinkedIn profile in shape to attract the connections you want.

Resume Formatting Basics
Monday, February 8 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 812 0338 0294 | Passcode: 914756 | Dial In: 1 646 558 8656
Resumes can be difficult to construct if one is unfamiliar with how to use the features of word processing software. While templates can be helpful, they do not always cooperate when changes need to be made or when uploading to employment portals. This hands-on workshop will focus on the basics of resume formatting using two of the most popular word processing programs: Microsoft Word and Google Docs. Please download and/or sign in before joining the Zoom room.

Career Strategy Zoom Drop-in
Monday, February 22 at 7 p.m.
Do you have questions about your job search? Do you need some help with LinkedIn or practicing interview questions? Register for this Career Strategy Zoom session and receive individual assistance from Career Strategist Maria Themistocleous-Frey of Executive Consultants of New York, Corp. Registration required for this workshop. Please Note: Registration begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9. Career Strategy Zoom Drop-In is open to all but limited to 10 participants. Once you have successfully registered at PWPL.org/events, the Zoom meeting ID and passcode will be emailed to you along with the registration confirmation.

A News Update About AARP Tax Assistance
We recognize that AARP Tax Assistance is a vital service to many in our community. Our organization is working closely with AARP to bring this service back to PWPL, though safety dictates that it will be executed differently than in years past. Should this service return, it would be tentatively scheduled to start after March 1st. Please continue to check our website and newsletter for updates on this start date.

In the meantime, you may visit AARP.org or taxaideqa.aarp.org after February 12th and utilize the “Taxslayer” free file option. Residents can file their own tax return and ask for AARP help and guidance.

Did you know you can now access the Value Line Investment Survey online? This service includes the following:
- Investment Survey – 1,700 large company reports
- Small & Mid Cap – 1,700 small company reports
- Selection & Opinion
- Over 100 Industry Listings
- Historical & Financial Data
- Stock Screener
- Printable PDFs

Please visit www.PWPL.org/research and login with your PWPL Library card to get started!

Online Access to Value Line®

Career Opportunities at Local Airports:
An Employment Presentation by the Council for Airport Opportunity
Monday, February 22 at 2 p.m.

The CAO places over 1,600 individuals per year in positions including flight attendants, customer service representatives, management, baggage handlers, sales associates, restaurant managers, drivers, maintenance and security guards. Registration is required and begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9. Once you have successfully registered at PWPL.org/events, the Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode will be emailed to you.

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Job Search Boot Camp • Spring 2021
This 8-week intensive Zoom workshop is designed to help participants obtain employment.

Mondays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 19, 26, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. on February 23 for Port Washington and TONH Residents. Registration for all others begins on March 2 at 10 a.m. Preference will be given to first time registrants. PLEASE NOTE: Once registered, Zoom information will be sent prior to the first class.

Participants will learn how to:
- Conduct an effective job search
- Develop job objectives, personal branding, and elevator pitches
- Improve resume and cover letters

Job Search Boot Camp is made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. Presented by Maria Themistocleous-Frey of Executive Consultants of New York, Corp. and the ECNY Foundation, a non-profit corporation that specializes in professional development.

Job Search Boot Camp • Spring 2021
FEBRUARY 2021

Check our website for the latest listings as we may be adding events after you receive this newsletter. Don’t miss out on anything fun! PWPL.org/events

PWPL ON YOUTUBE
Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to view special content such as yoga, qigong, musical performances, and more! Visit YouTube.com/portwashingtonpubliclibrary

PWPL IS NOW USING ZOOM
Smartphone and tablet users can download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app. Users without a device can use a phone to call into our sessions. Visit zoom.us/download to get the Zoom Cloud Meetings app. Users without Smartphone and tablet users can download the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 825 1158 1873 Passcode: 783813 or Dial In: 646-558-8656

1 Monday
■ A Time for Kids at 10:00 a.m. See page 8 for details and Zoom information.
■ Art Talk with Professor Thomas Germano: Writing the Future: Basquiat and the Hip Hop Generation at 3:00 p.m. This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 853 6039 8283 Passcode: 870948 or Dial In: 646-558-8656
■ Linkedin Crash Course at 7:00 p.m. See page 3 for details and Zoom information.

2 Tuesday
■ Virtual Story Time at 10:00 a.m. See page 8 for details and Zoom information.
■ Hybrid Sandwiched In with Tanisha Mitchell: Cotton: The Dream and Hope of the Slave in Spirituals and Slave Narratives at 12:00 p.m. This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 825 1158 1873 Passcode: 783813 or Dial In: 646-558-8656
• This Black History celebration, presented by Tanisha Mitchell, will highlight some slave narratives in a touching audiovisual tribute. In addition, this special program will include Ms. Mitchell singing a spiritual live for the audience. She is best known for her innovative work in the arts at the Metropolitan Opera and the Freeport Memorial Library.

3 Wednesday
■ Elementary Science with A Time for Kids at 4:00 p.m. See page 8 for details and Zoom information.
■ Valentine Pop Up Craft at 7:00 p.m. See page 7 for details and Zoom information.

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■ Digital Privacy Seminar at 7:00 p.m. Join our PWPL tech-xperts as they discuss best practices to protect your home computer, smartphone and other devices. Learn how to recognize scams and phishing, as well as avoid hacking attempts. This program is for beginners as well as experts. Register at PWPL.org/Events.
■ Master Gardener Series with Cornell Cooperative Extension: Part One at 7:00 p.m. This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 884 2338 8771 Passcode: 733698 or Dial In: 646-558-8656
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6 Saturday
■ Visit the Library: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear masks.
■ Virtual Sandwiched In with Napoleon Revels-Bey: Jazz: The Unique American Roots and Branches at 12:00 p.m. This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 842 9607 0706 Passcode: 922719 or Dial In: 646-558-8656
■ Join award-winning musician and educator Napoleon Revels-Bey as he explores the wonderful world of Jazz music. Jazz is recognized as an original form of musical expression that originated in New Orleans in the late 19th and early 20th century inspired by the African-American experience, with roots in the blues and ragtime.

7 Sunday
■ Visit the Library: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear masks.

8 Monday
■ STEAM Fair in a Bag at 4:00 p.m. See page 8 for details and Zoom information.
■ Resume Formatting Basics at 7:00 p.m. See page 3 for more details.
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10 Wednesday
■ Craft to Go: Chinese New Year Ox See page 8 for details and Zoom information.
■ Monthly Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 881 0242 4013 Passcode: 040867 or call: 646-558-8656

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Port Washington Play Troupe’s Kate Beckman presents: In Celebration of Love at 7:30 p.m.
This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 845 2051 0561 Passcode: 040867 or call: 646-558-8656
Following her holiday programs last fall, actor/director Kate Beckman kicks off Port Washington Play Troupe’s 2021 virtual season with In Celebration of Love. Perfect entertainment to enjoy with someone you care about on a cozy winter night.
23 Tuesday

Virtual Story Time at 10:00 a.m.
See page 8 for details and Zoom information.

Fiction Book Discussion: Deacon King Kong by James McBride at 7:30 p.m.
See page 6 for details and information.

24 Wednesday

Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion at 4:00 p.m.
Monthly book discussion for children in fifth and sixth grade. This month’s selection is The Insignificant Events in the Life of A Cactus by Dusti Bowling. The book is available for pickup in the Children’s Room or downloadable via Hoopla (found at pwpl.org/children under Children’s Resources). For children in grades 5 & 6.

26 Friday

Virtual Sandwiched In with William Thierfelder: Up, Up and Away: African Americans in Space at 12:00 p.m.
This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 839 7984 1529 Passcode: 165017 or Dial In: 646-558-8656 To help celebrate Black History Month, Dr. Bill Thierfelder will introduce us to some of the remarkable African Americans who’ve helped shape America’s space program and who’ve introduced millions to the wonders of the Universe. Those who have read books like Rise of the Rocket Girls or seen films like Hidden Figures, are well aware of the group of African-American women who helped to make the space race of the 1960s and the space program today the success that it was and is. This audio/visual presentation examines the lives of these trailblazers, including scientists Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan as well as astronauts Mae Jemison and Ronald McNair. Who are these adventurous women and men, and how did some of them help launch NASA into the Civil Rights revolution and into our burgeoning era of lunar and Martian exploration?

22 Monday

Career Opportunities at Local Airports at 2:00 p.m.
See page 3 for more details.

STEAM Fair in a Bag at 4:00 p.m.
See page 8 for details and Zoom information.

Career Strategy Zoom Drop-In at 7:00 p.m.
See page 3 for more details.

Master Gardener Series with Cornell Cooperative Extension: Part Two at 7:00 p.m.
This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application. Meeting ID: 863 7906 6278 Passcode: 305668 or Dial In: 646-558-8656

Ongoing Events

These are ongoing series, so be sure to check our Facebook page, our YouTube playlist, or our website for a link to the video.

Tony T’s Tune Talk
Media and Reference Librarian Tony Traguardo hosts a series of music-related videos, including reviews and recommendations, that will span musical genres and eras. Put on a pair of headphones or crank up that stereo system to enjoy!

Digital Diaries – Diving Into Entertainment Databases!
Each week, Tony will look into some of the entertaining books, “infotainment,” and multimedia that can be found on the databases available through the Library, and on a number of the free-to-all databases available online. These clips will surely lead you to some great movies, TV shows, music, books, and comics available to stream, borrow or download. Give us a watch, you never know what hidden gems you may discover!

SoundSwap Virtual Round Table
Join Tony Traguardo for a lively weekly round table discussion/lecture presentation that will cover a wide range of music-related topics, artists, and genres. Keep watch on the Library’s Facebook and the website ‘Events’ page for links to the Spotify playlist that will serve as the basis for each week’s discussion.

Winifred Boyd’s Weekly Qigong Exercise Instruction
Qigong is an ancient Chinese exercise and healing technique that incorporates meditation, controlled breathing, and movement. Certified Qigong instructor Winifred Boyd Dipl., MS, LAc, RM, offers a series of Qigong exercises to promote physical, mental, and spiritual wellness.

Virtual SoundSwap - Live Musical Performances and Interviews with Musicians
Tony Traguardo will host periodic live musical events that will feature local and national artists performing exclusive sets for our Library audience.

Key to Events:
- Children’s Room
- TeenSpace
- Career and Finance
- Ongoing Events
- Black History Matters Event

Note: The Library will be open 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for President’s Day
A wise and witty novel about what happens to the witnesses of a shooting. In September 1969, a fumbling, cranky old church deacon known as Sportcoat shuffles into the courtyard of the Cause Houses housing project in south Brooklyn, pulls a .45 from his pocket, and in front of everybody shoots the project's drug dealer at point-blank range. The reasons for this desperate burst of violence and the consequences that spring from it lie at the heart of Deacon King Kong, James McBride's funny, moving novel. As the story deepens, it becomes clear that the lives of the characters — caught in the tumultuous swirl of 1960s New York — overlap in unexpected ways.

Copies of the book are available on Libby and may also be reserved for curbside pickup at the Library. This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application.

Meeting ID: 817 5872 1072, Passcode: 11050 or call: 646 558 8656

Warm, wise, and revelatory. Becoming is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations, and whose story inspires us to do the same.

Copies of the book are available on Libby and may also be reserved for curbside pickup at the Library. This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application.

Meeting ID: 825 8678 9338, Passcode: 11050 or call: 646 558 8656

In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. In her memoir, she invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her; from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world’s most famous address.

This is a virtual program available through the Zoom application.

Meeting ID: 825 8678 9338, Passcode: 11050 or call: 646 558 8656

**Vegetable Gardening Series**

**Part One: Reasons to Grow a Vegetable Garden**

Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this important 5-part series in February and March to learn how to grow your own vegetables. Part One topics include the impact of climate change on growing vegetables, ordering seed vs. transplants, and types of vegetables that grow well on Long Island.

Meeting ID: 884 2338 8771, Passcode: 733698 or call: 646 558 8656

**Part Two: Planning Your Successful Vegetable Garden**

Monday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Part Two of this 5-part series will include topics such as soil requirements, location, plant selection and layout. The presentation will be led by Master Gardeners from Nassau County Cornell Cooperative Extension and Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Port Washington.

Meeting ID: 863 7906 6278, Passcode: 305668 or call: 646 558 8656
Valentine Heart Pop-Up Card Craft

Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m.
In this hands-on workshop, we will engage and spark creativity while focusing on the creation of a pop-up book style card. Registration is in progress at PWPL.org/Teens for teens in grades 7-12.

Inspired Ink Wants to Know...
What or who do you love? Share your poems and short stories about love with PWPL’s teen literary magazine, Inspired Ink. Visit us at inspiredinkpwpl.com. We would LOVE to hear from you.

WHAT YA READING?

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.
In honor of Black History Month, let’s discuss current YA African American authors and celebrate their amazing body of work. Teens in grades 7-12 can register at PWPL.org/Teens beginning February 1.

Optical Illusion Workshop for Teens

Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Learn about the concept of optical illusions and create your own. Teens in grades 7-12 can register at PWPL.org/Teens beginning February 25.

TeenSpace

#BlackHistoryMatters Picks

Celebrate Black History Month with books for teens. Here are some of our recommendations from the past year:

Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson
When legendary R&B artist Korey Fields spots Enchanted Jones at an audition, her dreams of being a famous singer take flight. Until Enchanted wakes up with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night. Who killed Korey Fields? Before there was a dead body, Enchanted’s dreams had turned into a nightmare. Because behind Korey’s charm and star power was a controlling dark side. Now he’s dead, the police are at the door, and all signs point to Enchanted.

Dear Justyce by Nic Stone
Incarcerated teen Quan Banks writes letters to Justyce McCallister, with whom he bonded years before over family issues, about his experiences in the American juvenile justice system.

Smash It by Francina Simone
Challenging herself to overcome long-held insecurities at the beginning of her junior year, Liv lands an unexpected role in her high school’s hip-hopera production of Othello that helps launch her journey of self-empowerment.

Charming as a Verb by Ben Philippe
Hiding less-than-honest business practices behind his charming smile and Ivy League ambition, a popular Haitian-American star debater is blackmailed by an intense classmate who wants to improve her image at school.

The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person by Frederick Joseph
The author prevents race-related anecdotes from his past, weaving in his thoughts on why they were hurtful and how he might handle things differently now, in hopes of bringing more race awareness to Americans.

All Boys Aren’t Blue: A Memoir-Manifesto by George M. Johnson
A first book by the prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist shares personal essays that chronicle his childhood, adolescence and college years as a Black queer youth, exploring subjects ranging from gender identity and toxic masculinity to structural marginalization and Black joy.
**Virtual Programs**

Virtual programs will take place using Zoom. Zoom programs can be accessed by installing the Zoom app on your computer, smartphone, or tablet or by calling in using a cellphone or landline. The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants up to 15 minutes before the program begins. These virtual programs are for children age birth to sixth grade with an adult. We are continually adding new programs. For the most up-to-date program information, please visit us at PWPL.org/Children.

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**Early Childhood**

Register online at PWPL.org/Children. Once registered, the Zoom login information will be emailed to you before the class begins.

- **A Time For Kids**
  Monday, February 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
  Ms. Karen from A Time For Kids presents a fun, fine motor skill program with music and movement on Zoom. For ages 1 ½ to 5 years.

- **Story Time**
  Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 23 and Fridays, February 5, 12, 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
  Join your favorite librarians online for stories, songs, and fingerplays. Please note: Tuesday and Friday are separate registrations.

- **Elementary Science with A Time For Kids**
  Wednesday, February 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  Using simple household items, kids can learn early scientific processes and conduct their own science experiments at home along with Ms Isabella. This program helps to engage the early elementary students who benefit from hands on learning and interaction. For children in pre-k to second grade. Suggested materials are listed on our website.

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**February Vacation Week**

Register online at PWPL.org/Children. Once registered, the Zoom login information will be emailed to you before the class begins.

- **The Magic of Chemistry with Lisa Lou**
  Tuesday, February 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
  Using ingredients found in everyday life, a balloon inflates all by itself, colors appear and disappear in a glass of plain water. Liquids magically become solids. This delightful show will enchant the audience while introducing simple and effective science concepts. For children in grades 1 to 6. Made possible by the Children’s Advisory Council.

- **Family Yoga**
  Wednesday, February 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
  Spend time stretching as a family (in a spot away from your furniture). Join yoga instructor Lenora Gim as she guides you through a series of poses and provides helpful techniques on mindfulness.

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**First through Sixth Grade**

Register online at PWPL.org/Children. Once registered, the Zoom login information will be emailed to you before the class begins.

- **STEAM Fair in a Bag**
  Monday, February 8, 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  Register to pick up cool STEAM activities at the library and then meet on Zoom to learn about various concepts. Registered participants will be notified when their February STEAM bag is ready to be picked up. For children in grades 1 to 6. Made possible by The Donald & Barbara Zucker Family Foundation.

- **Craft to Go: Chinese New Year Ox**
  Curbside pickup dates are Wednesday 2/10, Thursday 2/11, Friday 2/12 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  Register to pick up all the materials needed to make a book-folding ox at home in time for Chinese New Year. For children in grades 3 to 6. Made possible by The Children’s Advisory Council.

- **Fifth and Sixth Grade Book Discussion**
  Wednesday, February 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
  Monthly book discussion for children in fifth and sixth grade. This month’s selection is The Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling. The book is available for pickup in the Children’s Room or downloadable via Hoopla (found at pwpl.org/children under Children’s Resources). For children in grades 5 & 6.

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**Magic with John Reid**

Thursday, February 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Learn how to do amazing magic tricks with household items! For children in grades 2 to 6. Made possible by the Children’s Advisory Council.

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**February History Month**

Celebrate Black History Month

- **The Undefeated**
  by Kwame Alexander

- **Black is a Rainbow Color**
  by Angela Joy

- **Something to Say**
  by Lisa Moore Ramée

- **Genesis Begins Again**
  by Alicia D. Williams

- **The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read**
  by Rita L. Hubbard