

## Lunar New Year 2024 Celebration

**Sunday, February 18 from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m.  
Lapham Meeting Room**



**C**elebrate the Year of the Dragon with a memorable Lunar New Year event! Experience the power and good fortune symbolized by the majestic dragon in Asian cultures. Enjoy mesmerizing performances and demonstrations, including the Traditional Dragon Dance, Fan & Ribbon Dance, Tai chi, and Chinese calligraphy. This highly anticipated event promises to bring people from all backgrounds together to ring in the new year with joy. *Register*

online at [pwpl.org/events](http://pwpl.org/events). Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Don't miss the closing Lunar New Year celebration at Landmark on Main Street on Sunday, February 25 starting at 11:00 a.m. Visit [landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://landmarkonmainstreet.org) for details.

## Black History Month at PWPL

In celebration of Black History Month, the Port Washington Public Library is proud to offer several programs that explore the many contributions African Americans have made to our shared cultural history. *These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

**Art Lecture with Alice Schwarz:  
Joshua Johnson, An American Painter  
Tuesday, February 6 at 12:00 p.m.  
in Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom**

An exploration of the folk portraits by Joshua Johnson, the earliest known professional Black painter.

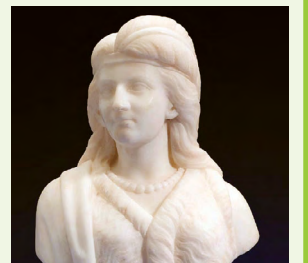
**Sandwiched In with Ron Brown:  
Madam C.J. Walker, First Female Self-Made Millionaire  
Friday, February 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**



Recognized as the first female self-made millionaire in America, Madam C.J. Walker pioneered her own brand of cosmetics and hair care products for African American women in the Midwest. By 1913, she was a successful businesswoman and moved her operation to Harlem. She supported African American philanthropic organizations, universities, and artists and remains one of the business success stories of the Harlem Renaissance.

**Sandwiched In with Dennis Raverty:  
Edmonia "Wildfire" Lewis and Henry Ossawa Tanner  
Friday, February 23 at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

Examine the lives and work of sculptor Edmonia Lewis and painter Henry Ossawa Tanner. Both of these artists relocated to Europe permanently to pursue their artistic careers. This presentation will examine sacred themes and the exploration of black identity in their work.



**Art Lecture with Thomas Germano:  
The Harlem Renaissance and Transatlantic Modernism  
Thursday, February 29 at 3:00 p.m.  
in Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom**

Explore a new exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art showcasing multimedia works by Black artists. Their work depicts daily life in growing cities like NYC's Harlem and others across the United States during the 1920s-40s, the early decades of the Great Migration when millions of African Americans left the segregated South.

## TAX HELP AVAILABLE

Register for a private tax help session, courtesy of AARP. Sessions are on Tuesdays from February 6 through April 9 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

You do not have to be an AARP member. To register for an appointment, visit the reference desk or call 516-883-4400 x 1400. Priority will be given to PW residents for the first six weeks. Non-residents may sign up for sessions beginning March 12.



## Winter Book Bingo

Join us for Library-Wide Winter Book Bingo! Kids, teens, and adults can register online or in person at all service desks. The first ten people from each age group to get a bingo (5 across, horizontally, diagonally, or vertically) will win a prize. Please bring all bingo cards back to the Library by March 22. PWPL patrons only. *Sponsored by Friends of the Library.*

## QUICK READS

### 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.

### Holiday Hours

The Library is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, February 19 for President's Day.

### Plant A Row Returns!

Plant a Row Gardening Series is coming back in March! See March issue for more details. *View their exhibit currently in the Library's Community Gallery!*

The Library will once again serve as an Early Voting location for the upcoming Special Election from Feb. 3 to Feb. 11. For more details, visit the [Nassau County Board of Elections website](http://Nassau County Board of Elections website).

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## 2024 Library Budget Vote and Board of Trustees Election Timeline

- Nominating Petitions Available .....Thursday, February 1, 2024
- Nominating Petitions Due .....Friday, March 8, 2024
- Absentee Ballot Applications Available .....Monday, February 12, 2024
- Budget Hearing #1 .....Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Budget Hearing #2 .....Wednesday, March 20, 2024
- Meet the Candidates Night .....Wednesday, March 27, 2024
- Budget Information Session .....Wednesday, March 27, 2024
- Personal Registration Day .....Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- Budget Vote/Trustee Election .....Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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 February 1. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Library board, your petition must be returned by Friday, March 8. The Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election takes place on Tuesday, April 9. For more information, contact Library administration at 516-883-4400, ext. 1100.



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#### Library Hours

Please see front cover for Library hours. Or visit us online at [PWPL.org/Information/Hours](http://PWPL.org/Information/Hours)

Residents of the Port Washington Union Free School District are entitled to a PWPL card, which may also be used at any Library in Nassau County. To apply for a card, stop by the Library with proof of residence or apply online at [PWPL.org/Get-A-Library-Card](http://PWPL.org/Get-A-Library-Card).

Non-residents who work in Port Washington may also apply.

#### Vision:

To enhance the well-being of every community member.

#### Mission Statement:

The Port Washington Public Library is an inclusive center for community engagement, knowledge, and personal enrichment.

## Accessibility and Ease of Access at the Library



We strive to make the Library welcoming for people of all abilities. The PWPL website has a new accessibility plugin allowing users to select the accessibility features they need in order to access the content of the Library’s website. Click the round icon in the lower right corner of the website to get started.



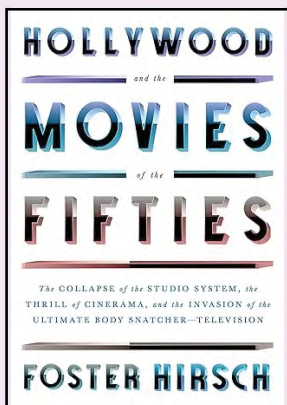
PWPL has several Assistive Listening Devices that can be used in our Lapham Meeting Room during events. These devices will help provide more clarity for those experiencing hearing issues. To request accommodations, call the Library at 516-883-4400 ext. 1110.

## Author Events

Registration is required for both events and priority will go to Port Washington cardholders.

### Meet Author Foster Hirsch

Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
in Lapham Meeting Room

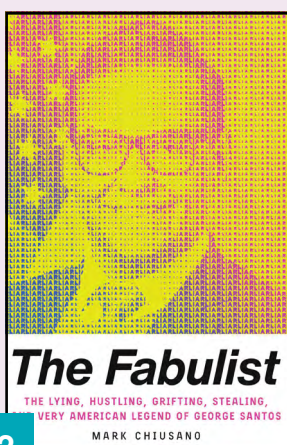


Join author Foster Hirsch as he discusses his new book, *Hollywood and the Movies of the Fifties*. Described as “a rich, expansive, and penetrating work of film and social history,” this book delves into Hollywood’s most turbulent decade. It explores the demise of the studio system, which occurred during the post-World War II years and the atomic age and delves into the movies that reflected the seismic shifts of this era. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. *Co-sponsored by the Gold Coast Arts Center.*

There will be a special film screening of the 1951 suspense film, *A Cause for Alarm!* on February 6 at 7:00 p.m., an excellent primer for the author event!

### Meet Author Mark Chiusano

Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom



Join author and former *Newsday* columnist Mark Chiusano as he discusses his new book, *The Fabulist: The Lying, Hustling, Grifting, Stealing, and Very American Legend of George Santos*. Combining the best of boots-on-the-ground journalism, dishy backroom dealings, and glittery details about Gold Coast mansions, *The Fabulist* is truly stranger than fiction. In addition to discussing his new book, Mr. Chiusano will also discuss what it’s like to be a writer and journalist in 2024 and his experience covering George Santos since 2019.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

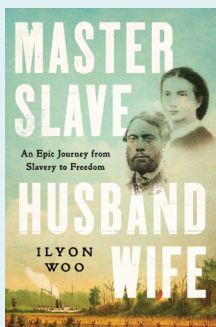
## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) News

**ESOL Offerings:** For more information about our ESOL offerings, please contact Peggy O’Hanlon at [ohanlonp@pwpl.org](mailto:ohanlonp@pwpl.org) or 516-883-4400 x1308. This service is free to all members who live or work in Port Washington.

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— Save the Date! —

## The Friends of the Library's 55th Annual Book & Author Luncheon Friday, May 10, 2024 at The Garden City Hotel

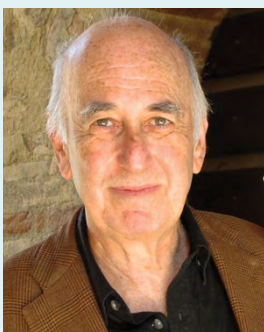


Featuring Ilyon Woo, author of the nonfiction best-seller *Master Slave Husband Wife*, one of *The New York Times*' "Best 10 Books of 2023." She will appear in conversation with Port's own Kelly McMasters, essayist, nationally bestselling author, and Hofstra professor. Check upcoming issues of

the Library newsletter and [pwpl.org/fol](http://pwpl.org/fol) for information on event sponsorships (available February 1) and tickets (available March 1).

— Save the Dates for FOL's Spring Events! —

- **FOL University** • Sunday, March 10, at 2:30 p.m. in the Lapham Room and on Zoom. Featuring Phillip Lopate, one of America's preeminent essayists and critics, speaking about his new book, *A Year and a Day: An Experiment in Essays*. Visit [pwpl.org/events](http://pwpl.org/events) to register.



- **Paperback Swap** • Saturday, March 23, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Lapham Room.

At this free event, patrons of all ages share thousands of books. Donated books are ONLY accepted during event hours. Check the March newsletter or [pwpl.org/events](http://pwpl.org/events) for further event instructions.

— In the Adler Gallery —

## AAC Collects Collected Works from the Private Collections of The Art Advisory Council



Artwork from the private collections of the Art Advisory Council members will be on display through February. Don't miss this unique opportunity to view many talented, award-winning artists who have had brilliant careers in the visual arts. The exhibit will be on view from January 4 through February 27.

*Jim Dine. Heart for Film Forum, 1993*

## The Lab Programs

Visit the PWPL Lab on the Lower Level of the Library 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!

### Cricut Craft: In My Mug Era

Taylor Swift fans come together for these two programs where we will design mugs of our favorite era or Taylor Swift moment. Use Cricut Design Space to create your own design and the Cricut Maker 3 and Cricut Mug Press to create the mug! All supplies will be provided.



**Wednesday, February 7 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Hagedorn Meeting Room**

For teens in grades 7-12 only. *Registration starts January 24.*

**Wednesday, February 28 • 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Hagedorn Meeting Room**

Anyone 8 and up is welcome. Participants under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration starts February 14.*

### Microsoft Office for the Perplexed Wednesday, February 14 • 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Hagedorn Meeting Room**



Learn the basics of Microsoft Office. This slowpaced class will cover topics such as creating a Word document or Excel sheet. *Registration starts February 1.*

### Introduction to 3D Design Wednesday, February 21 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hagedorn Meeting Room

Learn how to design simple 3D printable objects using Tinkercad. Anyone 8 and up is welcome. Participants under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration starts February 7.*



## HISTORY CENTER SPOTLIGHT

Celebrate Black History Month by listening to or reading digitized interviews from the History Center's African American oral history project! In the 1980s, PWPL collected oral histories from members of several prominent local Black families, whose roots in this area date back generations. The interviews are full of fascinating stories and descriptions of life in Port Washington, both at the turn of the century and in the decades beyond, directly from African American members of our community who played a pivotal role in shaping the history of our town. Visit [bit.ly/BlackOralHistories](http://bit.ly/BlackOralHistories) to access these invaluable local history resources! *Pictured: Marjorie, William ("Pop") and Minnie Biddle on the front porch of their Harbor Road home, 1932.*



Check our website for the latest listings at [PWPL.org/events](http://PWPL.org/events)

**PWPL ON YOUTUBE**

[YouTube.com/portwashingtonpubliclibrary](https://www.youtube.com/portwashingtonpubliclibrary)

**“HYBRID” PROGRAMS**

Hybrid programs can be enjoyed at the Library in-person or virtually via Zoom. Users without a device can call into our sessions. Need help? Email [Library@PWPL.org](mailto:Library@PWPL.org) or call 883-4400 x1900.

**PLEASE NOTE:**



Registration is required unless stated otherwise. Register for all events at [pwpl.org/events](http://pwpl.org/events)

**REGISTRATIONS IN FEBRUARY**

Type the program name in “Keyword Search” to be directed to the registration link.

**Cricut Craft: Taylor Swift in My Mug Making Era:** Registration opens Feb. 14. See pages 3 & 7.

**Defensive Driving Course • February 17**  
Registration opens Feb. 1.

**Cricut Craft: Vinyl Stickers • March 13 at 6:30 p.m.:** Registration opens Feb. 28.

**Key to Events:**

- Adult Program
- Children’s Room
- Teenspace
- Career & Finance Program

**Friday, February 2**

■ **Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **Sandwiched In - Beam Me Up!: The Creation of Star Trek at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

Join Clive Young for *Beam Me Up*, which traces the fascinating creation of the best-known science fiction franchise of all-time.



■ **Coding for Kids at 4:30 p.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

**Saturday, February 3**

■ **Inside the Musician’s Mind: Rex Fowler of Aztec Two-Step at 2:00 p.m.**  
See page 6 for details.

**Sunday, February 4**

■ **Folk Artist Dave Ruch in Concert at 3:00 p.m.** See page 6 for details.

**Monday, February 5**

■ **A Time For Kids-Baby Start at 10:00 a.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **A Time For Kids at 10:45 a.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **Preschool Story Time at 1:30 p.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m.**  
See page 7 for details.

■ **Valentine Pop-Up Card at 7:00 p.m.**  
See page 7 for details.

**Tuesday, February 6**

■ **Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **Art Lecture: Joshua Johnson - American Painter at 12:00 p.m.** See cover for details.

■ **Snowflake Mug at 6:30 p.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **Support Group for Caregivers of Elderly Relatives at 7:00 p.m. in Children’s Workshop Room**

This support group for adults will give participants the opportunity to talk with others experiencing similar circumstances and share ideas for the best ways to handle a variety of situations. *Registration required.*

■ **Film: Cause For Alarm! (1951 - 74 min.) at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**



Join us for this special film screening of *Cause for Alarm!*, scheduled to coincide with the Author Event with Foster Hirsch on Thursday, February 8 at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 7**

■ **Teen Cricut Craft: In My Mug Era at 4:00 p.m.** See page 7 for details.

■ **Small Business Workshop: Preparing a Business Plan at 7:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room**

Topics covered in this session include start up costs, preparing a budget, projections, and methods for getting financing. Presented by the Long Island chapter of SCORE.

■ **Discussion Group (Ages 60+): Treat Yourself on Valentine’s Day at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

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

**Thursday, February 8**

■ **Nonfiction Book Club at 1:30 p.m.**  
See page 6 for details.

■ **Meet Author Foster Hirsch at 7:00 p.m.**  
See page 2 for details.

**Friday, February 9**

■ **Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **Sandwiched In: Madam C. J. Walker, First Female Self-Made Millionaire at 12:00 p.m.** See cover for details.

■ **Medicaid Sign-Up Help from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in North Study Room**  
Free, walk-in assistance from the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.

■ **SoundSwap: The Jann Klose Band at 7:30 p.m.** See page 6 for details.

**Saturday, February 10**

■ **Hootenanny: The Beatles and the British Invasion at 2:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

Join us in celebrating the Beatles’ historic arrival at Kennedy Airport in New York on February 7, 1964. Be part of the festivities with historian Tony Traguado and local musicians, enjoying rare Beatles footage, spirited live performances, and singalongs.



**Monday, February 12**

■ **Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m.**  
See page 7 for details.

**Tuesday, February 13**

■ **Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**  
See page 8 for details.

■ **Hypertension Screenings from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Joan and Arnold Saltzman Reading Room**

Blood Pressure Screenings - St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center.



■ **Budget Hearing/Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Children’s Workshop Room**

Budget Hearing #1. All are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, February 14**

■ **Microsoft Office for the Perplexed at 2:30 p.m.** See page 3.

## Friday, February 16

- **Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m.**  
See page 8 for details.
- **Sandwiched In: Make Up or Break Up? Love Duets at the Opera at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

In celebration of Valentine's Day, join Tanisha Mitchell as she explores some of the drama, passion, and pain of love through some of opera's most famous duets. Ms. Mitchell will also offer a live performance of an aria for our audience.

- **Alzheimer's Information Session from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room**

Representatives from Parker Institute's Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands program will be available to provide information on their services to Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

## Saturday, February 17

- **Defensive Driving Course at 9:30 a.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room**

Course will be from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Registration required.* Priority will be given to PWPL cardholders. Payment of \$33 will be collected.

## Sunday, February 18

- **Lunar New Year 2024 from 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.** See cover for details.

## Monday, February 19

**HOLIDAY HOURS:** The Library is open from 1-5 p.m. in observance of President's Day.

## Wednesday, February 21

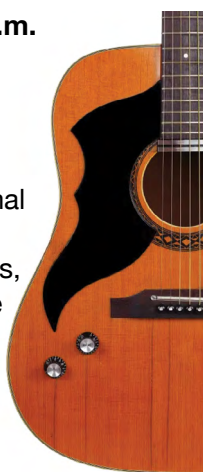
- **Craft: Snowman Pom-Pom Popper at 11:15 a.m.** See page 8 for details.
- **Robotics Fun! at 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.** See page 8 for details.
- **Introduction to 3D Design at 6:30 p.m.** See page 3.
- **Small Business Workshop: Marketing Strategies at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

People who already have a business or are starting a new business will benefit from a program that will focus on developing a marketing plan, performing market research, pricing, advertising and promotion, internet marketing, and, importantly, methods for tracking results. Presented by the Long Island chapter of SCORE.

## Thursday, February 22

- **Spin, Pop, Boom at 2:30 p.m.** See page 8 for details.
- **Homebrew Music at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room**

The series aims to unite music enthusiasts and showcase talented local artists within our Library community. These informal monthly gatherings feature live performances by group members, with one performer taking on the role of host and headliner while showcasing other highly skilled local musicians.



## Friday, February 23

- **Sandwiched In: Edmonia "Wildfire" Lewis & Henry Ossawa Tanner at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room** See cover for details.
- **SoundSwap: David Bennett Cohen at 7:30 p.m.** See page 6 for details.

## Monday, February 26

- **Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m.** See page 7 for details.
- **Adventures in Classic Readings at 6:30 p.m.** See page 6 for details.

## Tuesday, February 27

- **Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.** See page 8 for details.
- **College Funding at 7:00 p.m.** See page 7 for details.
- **Fiction Book Club at 7:30 p.m.** See page 6 for details.

## Wednesday, February 28

- **1-2-3 Play with Me at 11:30 a.m.** See page 8 for details.
- **Cricut Craft: In My Mug Era at 6:30 p.m.** See page 3.
- **Meet Author Mark Chiusano at 7:00 p.m.** See page 2 for details.

## Thursday, February 29

- **Art Lecture: The Harlem Renaissance and Transatlantic Modernism at 3:00 p.m.** See cover for details.



## Community Meetups in the Mezzanine Meeting Room

- **Chess** – Join a game every Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m.
- **Needlecraft BYOP (Bring your Own Project)** – Join us every Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. to work on your project and get ideas from fellow crafters.
- **Mahjong** – Join us for a game of Mahjong every Thursday from 12 to 3 p.m.
- **Scrabble** – Join us for a game every Friday from 2 to 5 p.m.

## Museum Pass Spotlight:

Raynham Hall was the home of Robert Townsend, one of George Washington's most trusted spies during the American Revolution. The



museum sends visitors back to the days of the Founding Fathers and the Culper Spy Ring. Like a guided tour? Call the museum in advance or book tickets online. See [PWPL.org/museumpass](http://PWPL.org/museumpass) for more information. *Sponsored by the Friends of Library.*



The following free digital resources are now available online directly at [PWPL.org](http://PWPL.org) or through the Libby App by Overdrive.

**Craftsy** - Includes over 1,400 in-depth instructional video classes from basic instruction to advanced techniques on fabric and yarn crafts, baking, drawing, woodworking, and much more. **Craftsy én español** is also available for Spanish speakers.

**IndieFlix** - Thousands of full-length feature films, shorts, documentaries, and TV series from around the world.

**Qello Concerts** - Thousands of on-demand full-length music performances, concert films, and music documentaries.

**Great Courses** - Includes more than 250 courses, led by the world's top experts, covering a broad range of subjects, such as science, mathematics, history, literature, travel, business, and personal development.

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**Kanopy** - Includes over 30,000 movies, documentaries, foreign films, and TV shows for all ages.

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## February Book Clubs

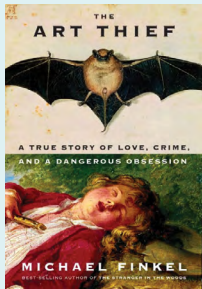
Join fellow readers at the Library for an engaging discussion at our book clubs. Copies of the books can be found at the Information Desk and on Libby.

### Nonfiction Book Club:

Thursday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m.

in Hagedorn Meeting Room

***The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession***  
by Michael Finkel



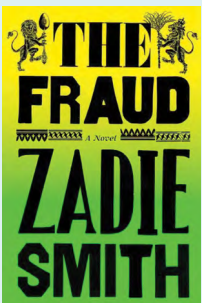
This riveting true story of art, crime, love, and an insatiable hunger to possess beauty at any cost draws us into the strange and fascinating world of a prolific art thief who stole and kept more than 300 objects until one final act of hubris brought everything crashing down.

### Fiction Book Club:

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Mezzanine Meeting Room

***The Fraud*** by Zadie Smith



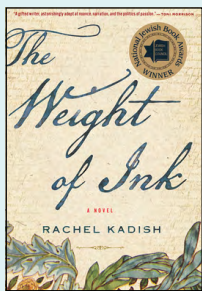
In 1873 Victorian London, with the city mesmerized by the Tichborne Trial, wherein a lower-class butcher from Australia claims he is the rightful heir of a sizable estate and title, Mrs. Eliza Touchet becomes determined to find out if he's who he says he is or if he's a fraud.

### Adventures in Classic Readings:

Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Mezzanine Meeting Room

***The Weight of Ink*** by Rachel Kadish



Experience a compelling tale featuring Esther Velasquez, a remarkable young woman breaking gender barriers as a scribe for a blind rabbi in 17th Century London, and Helen Watt, a modern history professor in the 21st Century racing against colleagues and illness to unveil the true genius behind the rabbi's work and correct the historical record.

*All Adventures in Classic Readings participants will receive a complimentary copy provided by the Friends of the Library's Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund.*

## Inside the Musician's Mind: Rex Fowler of Aztec Two-Step

Saturday, February 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Lapham Meeting Room

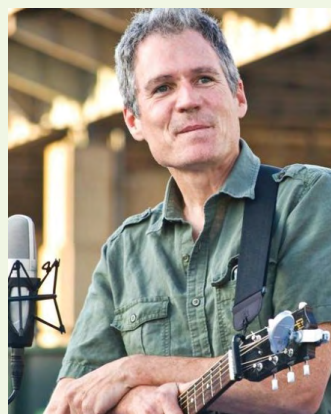
Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman were partners for 45+ years in the musical duo Aztec Two-Step. Hear about Rex's experiences and his continuing musical adventures, now with Aztec Two-Step 2.0. He will also discuss and read passages from his recently released memoir, *See, It Was Like This...* Books will be available for signing and purchasing. *Sponsored by the Friends of Library.*



## Folk Artist Dave Ruch

Sunday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Lapham Meeting Room



Dave Ruch presents "Traditional and Historical Songs of New York State," telling the stories behind the songs of real-life "Yorkers" from days gone by — farmers, lumbermen, children, housewives, lake sailors, canallers and more — collected through considerable research and interpreted for all to enjoy with mandolin, banjo, guitar, jaw harp, and more. *Sponsored by the Music Advisory Council.*

## SoundSwap Events

### The Jann Klose Band

Friday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Lapham Meeting Room



Jann Klose is an award-winning pop singer-songwriter raised in Kenya, South Africa, Germany, and the United States. Singles from his most recent album, *Surrender* (2023), have accumulated over 5 million streams and charted on Top 40 radio both here and in his native South Africa. Jann has worked with such artists as Pat Benatar, Annie Haslam, The Yardbirds, Rosanne Cash, and Roger

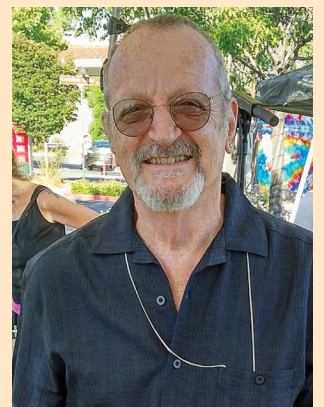
McGuinn. Join Jann and his band for what promises to be a great evening of live music!

### David Bennett Cohen

Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Lapham Meeting Room

Pianist and songwriter David Bennett Cohen returns to the PWPL stage. His blues, folk, and boogie-woogie career began over fifty years ago as a member of Country Joe and the Fish. He was also a member of The Blues Project and played with artists like Jimi Hendrix, Richard Thompson, Jerry Garcia, and Huey Lewis. Hear David perform songs, including some from his most recent album, *Seems Like a Good Time for the Blues*, which has received universal rave reviews.



## The LIBRARY OF GAMES and GADGETS

RESERVE ONLINE AT [PWPL.ORG/LOGG](http://PWPL.ORG/LOGG)



**Light Therapy** is beneficial in many ways. Sitting in front of a light therapy lamp for 30-60 minutes daily will help provide more energy, better mental health, improved sleep, and more. Light Therapy Lamps are available to borrow for 14 days and can be reserved at [pwpl.org/LOGG](http://pwpl.org/LOGG) or available as express grab-and-go at the circulation desk. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

# TeenSpace

## Grades 7-12



### Teen Gaming

**Mondays, February 5, 12, & 26 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

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

### Valentine Pop-Up Card

**Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

Make your own Valentine Pop-Up Card! Not only will your creation pop out, but open it up and see what treats are in store for your valentine. *Registration begins January 22.*

### College Funding

**Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

Teens and their parents are invited to learn how to build a college funding plan and how to educate their teens on the various tools available. Additional topics include student loans and the cost of a four-year degree. *Registration begins February 13.*

### Let's Play Chess!

**Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Calling all chess rookies and masters! Sharpen your chess skills and strategy while having fun playing with other players. Drop in for a game!



### Submit a Teen Review & Earn Community Service Credit!

Port Teens in grades 7-12 can earn 2 hours of community service by reading, playing games, listening to podcasts, or watching shows and movies, then submitting a review. Teens may submit up to 3 reviews per month and receive 2 hours of community service credit for each review. Reviews should be between 50-100 words.

To submit a review, visit [pwpl.org/Teens](http://pwpl.org/Teens) or scan the QR Code.



### Cricut Craft: In My Mug Era

**Wednesday, February 7 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Hagedorn Meeting Room**

Taylor Swift fans! Come design a mug of your favorite era or Taylor Swift moment. Use Cricut Design Space to create your own design and the Cricut Maker 3 and Cricut Mug Press to create the mug! All supplies will be provided.



*For teens in grades 7-12 only. Registration starts January 24.*

## FOR THE ROMANTICS

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



#### **Our Cursed Love by Julie Abe**

When a love potion gone wrong causes Cam to forget his best friend Remy completely, they travel through Tokyo to rediscover his memories, make new ones, and maybe even fall in love all over again.

#### **Artifacts of an Ex by Jennifer Chen**

After creating an art exhibit inspired by heartbreak, Chloe meets Daniel. Still, Chloe's unresolved feelings and Daniel's fear of being a rebound hinder their romantic prospects, leading Chloe on a journey to rediscover love and prove to Daniel she is ready for a genuine connection.

#### **Gwen & Art Are Not in Love: The Path to True Love Never Did Run Straight by Lex Croucher**

In medieval England, the bickering Arthur and Gwen find common ground in their secret romantic interests, leading them to form an unexpected alliance while navigating Camelot's summer festivities.

#### **Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute by Talia Hibbert**

To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt, and their messy past to find the adventure bringing them closer together, sparking a whole new kind of relationship.

#### **The Fall of Whit Rivera by Crystal Maldonado**

Forced to organize the fall formal together, frenemies and exes Whit and Zay find sparks still flying between them and wonder if their feud has been a big misunderstanding all along.

#### **With or Without You by Eric Smith**

Known for their very public food truck rivalry, Jordan and Cindy put on an act to drive up business, but when their fake feud lands them a reality TV show pilot, they are trapped between pursuing their dreams or their love.

#### **Didn't See That Coming by Jesse Q. Sutanto**

Playing anonymously as a guy to avoid harassment from other male players, 17-year-old gamer girl Kiki, whose online best friend doesn't know her true identity since they've never met in real life, unwittingly transfers to his school where romantic chaos ensues.

## Early Childhood

Find registration start dates and register online at [PWPL.org/children](http://PWPL.org/children)

### Ready, Set, Storytime

**Fridays, February 2, 9, & 16 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

**Ages birth to 5 years with an adult**

Join your favorite librarians for stories, songs, and fingerplays. *No registration required.*

### A Time For Kids-Baby Start

**Monday, February 5 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Ages 3 months to 17 months with an adult**

Join Ms. Karen as we introduce our littlest learners to the wonderful world of library programs. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and stories. Focus is on early literacy, early language development, and socialization. *Registration required.*

### A Time For Kids

**Monday, February 5 from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.**

**Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult**

Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music, and a craft. *Registration required.*

### Preschool Story Time

**Monday, February 5 from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

**For children ages 2-1/2 to 5 years with an adult.**

Enjoy great stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. *Registration closed.*

### Sing and Swing

**Tuesdays, February 6, 13, & 27**

**from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. or 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult**

Interactive stories, rhymes and songs emphasize early literacy skills and help instill a lifelong love of learning. *Admittance is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

### 1-2-3 Play with Me

**Wednesdays, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, & 27**

**from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**For children ages 1-1/2 to 5 years old with an adult.**

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 the importance of play, dental hygiene, fine and gross motor development, language development, and movement. *Registration required.*

## First through Sixth Grade

Find registration start dates and register online at [PWPL.org/children](http://PWPL.org/children)

### Coding for Kids

**Friday, February 2 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Ignite the love of coding by learning to create animations and computer games using Scratch. For children with no prior programming experience in 3rd to 6th grade. For more information visit [youngcoderspw.com](http://youngcoderspw.com). *Registration closed.*

### Dungeons & Dragons for Kids

**Fridays, February 2, 9 & 16 from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.**

A game that engages players in collaborative storytelling, creative problem solving, artistic expression, and exploring a world you help create. Come join our game to expand your horizons and imagine exciting adventures with others. For children in 4th to 6th grade. *Registration closed.*

### Snowflake Mug

**Tuesday, February 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Create a colorful snowflake mug. For children in 3rd to 6th grade. *Registration required.*

### Valentine Card Craft for Kids

**Tuesday, February 13 from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.**

Create a unique 3D Valentine Card. For children in 2nd to 5th grade. *Registration required.*

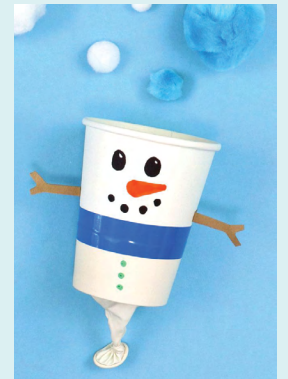
## VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

### Craft: Snowman Pom-Pom Popper

**Wednesday, February 21**

**from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

For children in 1st to 3rd grade. *Registration required.*



### Robotics Fun!

**Wednesday, February 21**

**from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. or 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.**

Learn to code a Sphero Bolt robot and then drive it through an obstacle course. For children in 3rd to 6th grade. *Registration required. Sponsored by the Donald and Barbara Zucker Family Foundation.*

### Spin, Pop, Boom!

**Thursday, February 22 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.**

Mad Scientist defies gravity in this energetic and spectacular special event. The audience will be enthralled by the exotic sounds of the didgeridoo tubes, an explosion of foam, and more! *Tickets are required and will be available at the Children's Services desk beginning February 12.*



## GRANDPARENT RESCUE KIT

Grandchildren coming in for the weekend? Need some fun toys and books to entertain them? We have you covered! **The Grandparent Rescue Kit** may be borrowed for 14 days. Stop by the Children's Room to check one out. Port Washington residency is required.

## CREATIVE READERS

**Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & April 6, 13**

**Kindergarten - 2nd Grade from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**3rd - 5th Grade from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion program where children in kindergarten through 5th grade will use theater, art, movement, and music to bring books to life. Facilitated by Program Director Elise May. Professional behavior support will be at all sessions. For program information and registration, and high school volunteer opportunities, please email [creativereaders@optimum.net](mailto:creativereaders@optimum.net) or visit [PWPL.org/children](http://PWPL.org/children). *Application to register is required and will begin February 5.*