**PWPL is Now Fine Free for All!**

We are happy to formally announce The Port Washington Public Library will not be charging overdue late fines for any circulating materials moving forward.

In a message from Keith Klang, Library Director, he stated, “Beginning in 2022, overdue fines will be permanently eliminated at the Library. We are not alone in making this permanent change as several Libraries on Long Island, in New York City, and around the country have done the same. Eliminating overdue fines reduces barriers, makes our Library more accessible for all and actually increases the number of materials coming back to the Library for others to enjoy.”

**What Does This Mean?**

- Patrons are still responsible for returning or renewing items they check out on or before the due date.
- Borrowing privileges may be suspended for patrons until a replacement fee has been paid or the overdue material(s) have been returned.

**PWPL Announces 2022-2024 Strategic Plan**

Visit [www.PWPL.org/Vision2024](http://www.PWPL.org/Vision2024) for a walk through of this exciting announcement!

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**FOL University: Dr. Merve Emre on “The Responsibilities of the Literary Critic”**

University of Oxford English professor and 2003 Schreiber H.S. graduate

**Sunday, January 23 at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom**

What is the function of criticism at the present time? What, if any, are the responsibilities of the critic? To begin to answer these questions, this talk draws on the writings of exemplary literary critics of the past—T.S. Eliot, Virginia Woolf, Edmund Wilson, Elizabeth Hardwick—to map a future for criticism. It stresses the importance of judgment and justification, aesthetics and politics, and finally, the interrelation between life and literature.

These questions will be explored by Professor Emre as part of the Friends of the Library’s popular FOL University series. Dr. Emre, who received a B.A. from Harvard and a Ph.D from Yale, is the author of *The Annotated Mrs. Dalloway* (2021), *Paraliterary: The Making of Bad Readers in Postwar America* (2017), *The Ferrante Letters* (2019), and *The Personality Brokers* (2018), which was selected as one of the best books of 2018 by the *New York Times*. She is also a highly regarded literary critic with reviews appearing in *The New York Review of Books*, *The Atlantic*, and other publications. In 2022, she will serve as one of the judges of the International Booker Prize.


**Please Note:** This virtual event was originally scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021. If you had previously registered for this event, you do not need to register again. You will receive reminder emails with the event details and link. If you would like to register for the event you will receive the Zoom link information by email.

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**Your Library Card Brings the World to You All Day Every Day!**

Get yours today at: [PWPL.org/get-a-library-card](http://PWPL.org/get-a-library-card)
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 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 February 1. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Library board, your petition must be returned by Monday, March 14. The annual budget vote and trustee election takes place on Tuesday, April 12. For more information, contact Library administration at 516-883-4400, ext. 1100.

2022 Library Budget Vote and Board of Trustees Election Timeline

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LinkedIn Settings

January 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Learn about new LinkedIn settings that can help protect your profile, connections, and other important security settings. Presented by Maria Themistocleous-Frey, President of Executive Consultants of New York, Corp. Made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. Space is limited. Please register early.

How to Maximize Your LinkedIn Profile

January 22 at 1:00 p.m.

In this workshop, participants will identify the ‘must haves’ for a LinkedIn profile that attracts attention and gets you noticed. Presented by Maria Themistocleous-Frey, President of Executive Consultants of New York, Corp. Made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. Space is limited. Please register early.

How to Read & Understand Employment Contracts

January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Starting a new job can be a stressful endeavor. Many companies now require new hires to sign contracts. Join us for a workshop that will help you demystify standard and 1099 contracts and give you the confidence to enter into agreements with potential employers. Presented by corporate executive recruiter, Maria Themistocleous-Frey, President & Founder, ECNY, Corp. and labor relations attorney, Amanda Barker, Esq. Made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. Space is limited. Please register early.

Strategies for Your 401K When You Leave Your Job

January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Leaving your place of employment does not mean leaving your 401K behind. In this workshop, learn strategies about your 401K and its place in planning for your future. Moderated by Maria Themistocleous-Frey of ECNY, Corp. Presented by Ginny Bove and John Spoleti, financial advisors with Strategies for Wealth. Made Possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. Space is limited. Please register early.
Barry Waller & Tony Traguardo Perform “A Tribute to Papa Nez”
‘SoundSwap’ Event ‘Live at Lapham’
Friday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m.
In-person and on Zoom (Hybrid Event)

Whether as a member of The Monkees, the founder of The First National Band, or as a solo artist, Michael Nesmith’s genre-crossing music was always unique and exceptional. Long Island musicians Barry Waller and Tony Traguardo (Rough Around the Edges) will perform songs by the incomparable ‘Papa Nez’, who passed away on December 10. Tony will also tell stories behind some of the songs during a musical evening that promises to be both fun and poignant.

Made possible by the Friends of the Library.
Registration required, visit www.pwplinesthumbrownpapertickets.com

In-person in the Hagedorn Meeting Room and on Zoom (Hybrid Event)

In The Bomber Mafia, Malcolm Gladwell weaves together the stories of a Dutch genius and his homemade computer, a band of brothers in central Alabama, a British psychopath, and pyromaniacal chemists at Harvard to examine one of the greatest moral challenges in modern American history. The Bomber Mafia is a riveting tale of persistence, innovation, and the incalculable wages of war. Copies of the book are available on Libby and may also be reserved for pickup at the Library.

Participants are invited to join us in person or via Zoom. Visit www.PWPL.org/events to register.
**January 2022**

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**
Subscribe to our YouTube channel for special content such as yoga, qigong, musical performances, and more! Visit YouTube.com/portwashingtonpubliclibrary

**PWPL Uses Zoom**
PWPL is using the Zoom Conferencing Platform for online events. Users without a device can call into our sessions. Visit Zoom.us/download to get Zoom on your computer. Need help? Email Library@PWPL.org or call 883-4400 x 1900.

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**4 Tuesday**
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m.  
  (hybrid program) See page 8 for details.

**5 Wednesday**
- Chess at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom  
  See page 8 for details.

**6 Thursday**
- Baby Rhyme Time at 9:30 a.m.  
  (In-person Program) See page 8 for details.

**7 Friday**
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m.  
  (hybrid program) See page 8 for details.  

Virtual Sandwiched In with Bob Waldman: The Animation of Myron Waldman: Starring Superman, Betty Boop and Popeye at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom  
In a career that spanned seven decades, animator Myron Waldman brought to life such favorites as Popeye, Betty Boop, Superman, Casper the Friendly Ghost and many others. Television producer/writer/historian Bob Waldman returns with a personal look at his father’s classic cartoons from the Golden Age of Animation. Zoom registration information available at PWPL.org/events

**11 Tuesday**
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m.  
  (hybrid program) See page 8 for details.  

- Crochet Workshop at 6:00 p.m.  
  (In-person Program) See page 8 for details.

**12 Wednesday**
- Chess at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom  
  See page 8 for details.

**13 Thursday**
- Baby Rhyme Time at 9:30 a.m.  
  (In-person Program) See page 8 for details.

- Nonfiction Book Discussion: The Bomber Mafia: A Dream, a Temptation, and the Longest Night of the Second World War by Malcolm Gladwell at 1:30 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room and on Zoom  
  (Hybrid Event) See page 3 for details.

- Art Talk with Professor Thomas Germano: Surrealism: Beyond Borders at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom  
  Since its origins in Paris in the 1920s, Surrealism has had an international scope, but knowledge of the movement has been formed primarily through a Western European concentration. Professor Germano reconsiders a broader scope of Surrealism, wider in geography and chronology by looking at artworks from Eastern Europe, The Caribbean, Asia, North Africa, Australia and Latin America through seventy-five years of work produced across 45 countries. Zoom registration information available at PWPL.org/events

**14 Friday**
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m.  
  (hybrid program) See page 8 for details.  

Virtual Sandwiched In with William Van Dorp: A Field Guide to Ships in New York Harbor at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom  
Have you ever wondered… “Is that a ship or a barge? What is on that vessel? How many people might work on that boat and what are their duties and schedules?” All these questions and more will be addressed in this illustrated talk by William Van Dorp, photographer and expert on many of New York’s major waterways. Similar to the field guides to birds, trees, and fish, Mr. Van Dorp will explore the wide variety of types of ships that navigate New York Harbor. Sponsored by the Library’s Nautical Advisory Council. Zoom registration information available at PWPL.org/events

- David Bennett Cohen In Concert: ‘SoundSwap’ Event ‘Live at Lapham’ Doors Open at 7:30 p.m. Hybrid Program Available In-Person and on Zoom  
  Pianist and songwriter David Bennett Cohen returns to the PWPL stage where he will perform songs from his solo releases and his years with Country Joe and the Fish. Made possible by the Friends of the Library. Registration required at www.pwpldbc.brownpapertickets.com

**15 Saturday**
- SAT Math Test Prep Series at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom  
  This series (January 15 & 22) will focus on the math section of the test. Port Washington teens in grades 9-12 can register at PWPL.org/teens beginning January 3. Teens are encouraged to attend both sessions. This series will be led by SAT/ACT Sense. Copies of the textbook will be available for pick-up in TeenSpace. The Zoom link will be emailed to you before the first class. Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

**16 Sunday**
- The Library will be open 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Afternoon on Broadway with Stephen Nachamie: A Tribute to Stephen Sondheim at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom  
Join Award Winning Director Stephen Nachamie as he celebrates the life and legacy of Stephen Sondheim, one of Broadway’s greatest musical creators. He was the composer and lyricist for such shows as West Side Story, Gypsy, Company, Follies, Sweeney Todd, and Into the Woods. Today’s program will look at what made Sondheim unique among his peers and look at the lasting impact he has had on Broadway musical theater over the decades. Zoom registration information available at PWPL.org/events

**18 Tuesday**
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m.  
  (hybrid program) See page 8 for details.

Art Lecture with Alice Schwarz: Home Sweet Home: American Interiors at the Met at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom  
Following the great success of her previous program on historic interiors at the Met, please join museum educator, Alice W. Schwarz, in an exploration of the historic interiors in the Met’s American Wing (1620 – 1914). The discussion will focus on the development of the American chair within each room coupled with the material culture and fashion of the centuries. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Please note the new day and time for Alice W. Schwarz’s art lectures; every third Tuesday at noon. Zoom information available at PWPL.org/events

- Crochet Workshop at 6:00 p.m.  
  (In-person Program) See page 8 for details.

Support Group for Caregivers of Elderly Relatives in Lapham Meeting Room  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. See page 3 for details.
Wednesday
- Chess at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom (In-person program) See page 8 for details.
- Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room and on Zoom (Hybrid Program)
  Members of the public are welcome to attend in-person or virtually. Zoom registration information available at PWPL.org/events

Thursday
- Baby Rhyme Time at 9:30 a.m. (In-person Program) See page 8 for details.
- Book Tasting at 4:00 p.m. (In-person program) See page 8 for details.
- College Essay Workshop at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. See page 7 for details.

Friday
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m. (Hybrid program) See page 8 for details.
- Virtual Sandwiched In with Marie Ruggles: “Optimize Your Immune System,” Combat Viruses and Age Gracefully with a Nutrition Prescription at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom
  Learn about science-based ways to protect yourself from unnecessary illness. Now is the time to stock your kitchen pharmacy, to combat the common cold, flu, other viruses, and the dreaded A, B, Cs of aging – arthritis, brain drain and cancer. Join Marie Ruggles, who is a clinical nutritionist, certified diabetes educator and author of the award-winning book Optimize You Immune System, to learn how to build a natural kitchen pharmacy to keep your family healthy all year long. Marie Ruggles has a master’s degree from Columbia University in Nutrition & Public Health. She’s outlined a roadmap with simple action steps that deliver real-time results! Zoom registration information available at PWPL.org/events

Saturday
- LinkedIn Settings at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. See page 2 for details.
- SAT Math Test Prep Series at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. See page 7 for details.
- How to Maximize Your LinkedIn Profile at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. See page 2 for details.

Sunday
- Virtual FOL University - Dr. Merve Emre on "The Responsibilities of the Literary Critic" at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom (Rescheduled from Nov. 14)
  The Friends of the Library welcomes Schreiber High School graduate and University of Oxford English professor, Merve Emre, as part of its FOL University series. Professor Emre will explore such questions as: What is the function of criticism at the present time? What, if any, are the responsibilities of the critic? To begin to answer these questions, this talk draws on the writings of exemplary literary critics of the past—T.S. Eliot, Virginia Woolf, Elizabeth Hardwick—to map a future for criticism. It stresses the importance of judgment and justification, aesthetics and politics, and the interrelation between life and literature. Register at bit.ly/FOLU2022

Monday
- Craft to Go: Owl Pillow at 10:00 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- First, Second, & Third Grade Book Discussion at 4:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- How to Read & Understand Employment Contracts at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
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Tuesday
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m. (Hybrid program) See page 8 for details.
- Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grade Book Discussion at 7:15 p.m.
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- Fiction Book Discussion: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson at 7:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom (Hybrid Event) See page 6 for details.

Wednesday
- Chess at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Climate Awareness Garden: Soil Science at 4:30 p.m. (In-person Program)
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- Baby Rhyme Time at 9:30 a.m. (In-person Program) See page 8 for details.

Friday
- Story Time at 9:30 a.m. (Hybrid program) See page 8 for details.
- Virtual Sandwiched In with Brittany Hines - Author of “Peace by Piece: Dancing in the Light of Spiritual Truth Beyond Diagnosis” at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom
  As we begin a new year, the Library is proud to welcome local Port Washington resident and author, Brittany Hines, to discuss her new book Peace By Piece, and how she learned to find strength and purpose through her diagnosis of a chronic disease, Type 1 diabetes. Hines uses her own life-changing experience to teach people who are living with a setback the key to creating a harmonious life. She shares a spiritually enlightening approach to reclaiming a sense of purpose, a feeling of authenticity, and a relationship with one’s Higher Self through connecting to the Universe. Through vulnerability, laughter, and Hines’ wisdom, her story conveys hope and inspires others how to take their power back! Zoom registration information available at PWPL.org/events
- International Lego Day Challenge at 4:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Film Screening: ‘The Phantom of the Opera’ (1925) Featuring Live Interview with Score Composer Craig Safan at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom (Hybrid Event) See page 6 for details.

Ongoing Events...
- Available on the PWPL Youtube Channel for Viewing throughout the Month
- Digital Diaries – Diving Into Entertainment Databases!
  A look into some of the entertaining books, “infotainment,” and multimedia that can be found on the databases available through the Library. These clips will surely lead you to some great movies, TV shows, music, books, and comics available to stream, borrow or download.
- Tony T’s Tune Talk
  A series of music-related videos, including reviews and recommendations, that will span musical genres and eras.
- Winifred Boyd's Weekly Qigong Exercise Instruction
  Certified Qigong instructor Winifred Boyd Dipl., MS, LAc, RM, offers a series of Qigong exercises to promote physical, mental, and spiritual wellness.

Key to Events:
- Children’s Room
- Teenspace
- Career and Finance Program
Raynham Hall, in Oyster Bay, was the home of Robert Townsend, one of George Washington’s most trusted spies during the American Revolution. The 20-room homestead, which has been converted into a museum, offers a vivid look at nearly three centuries of history and sends visitors back to the days of the Founding Fathers and the Culper Spy Ring. Raynham Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is purportedly haunted (see lihauntedhouses.com). Located at 20 West Main Street, Oyster Bay. PWPL Library card holders can reserve the Print-and-Go pass at www.PWPL.org/museumpass. This pass admits 2 adults and 2 children. Please call the museum ahead of time at 516-922-6808 to reserve a time slot on the day of your visit. (www.raynhamhallmuseum.org)

Film Screening: ‘The Phantom of the Opera’ Featuring Live Interview with Score Composer Craig Safan
Friday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom (Hybrid Event)

Fiction Book Discussion: Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson
Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m.
In-person in the Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom (Hybrid Event)

Love your rental music program (AKA Library of Games and Gadgets)! I took out an acoustic guitar, drums & keyboard to see if my 14 year old would like to play. As a result, he got a keyboard for Hanukkah and is loving it! *Giant Smiley Face*
SAT Math Test Prep Series
Saturdays, January 15 (No calculator class) & January 22 (Calculator class) 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
This series will focus on the math section of the test. Port Washington teens in grades 9-12 can register at PWPL.org/Teens beginning January 3. Teens are encouraged to attend both sessions. This series will be led by SAT/ACT Sense. Copies of the textbook will be available for pick-up in TeenSpace. The Zoom link will be emailed to you before the first class. This event is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

SAT Verbal Test Prep Series
Saturdays, February 5 & 12 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
This series will focus on the verbal section of the test. Port Washington teens in grades 9-12 can register at PWPL.org/Teens beginning January 3. Teens are encouraged to attend both sessions. This series will be led by SAT/ACT Sense. Copies of the textbook will be available for pick-up in TeenSpace. The Zoom link will be emailed to you before the first class. This event is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

College Admissions Essay Workshop
Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m.
College Admission Essay Specialist Ethan Mann will teach you the college essay basics, show you essays that worked, and help you start to tell your story. Registration begins January 3 at PWPL.org/Teens for Port Washington teens in grades 9-12 with their parents. The Zoom link will be emailed to you before the event.

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 and will be notified when their certificates are available for pick up. Submit your reviews to youngadult@pwpl.org. Be sure to include your full name and grade in school.

TeenSpace Staff Top Picks from 2021

“Kate in Waiting” by Becky Albertalli
Best friends Kate Garfield and Anderson Walker share a love of theater and crushes on the same guys, but when one of their long-distance crushes shows up at their school, real feelings might end their friendship.

“Last Night at the Telegraph Club” by Malinda Lo
When Lily realizes she has feelings for a girl in her math class, it threatens Lily’s oldest friendships and even her father’s citizenship status and eventually, Lily must decide if owning her truth is worth everything she has ever known.

“Concrete Rose” by Angie Thomas
A gang leader’s son finds his effort to go straight for the sake of his child challenged by a loved one’s brutal murder, in a poignant exploration of Black coming-of-age set seventeen years before the events of the award-winning book, The Hate U Give.

“Instructions for Dancing” by Nicola Yoon
After witnessing a couple kiss Yvette thinks of how their romance will end in heartbreak, then while taking dance lessons she starts to fall for an adventurous boy, and she starts to question all she thought she knew about love.

“The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler’s Ghettos” by Judy Batalion with Winifred Conkling
Presents the untold story of the young Jewish women who became resistance fighters against the Nazis during World War II.

“Nubia: Real One” by L.L. McKinney
Nubia has always stood out because of her Amazonian strength, but even though she uses her ability for good she is seen as a threat, so when her best friend Quisha is threatened by a boy who thinks he owns the town, Nubia risks everything to become the hero society tells her she is not.

“The Girl from the Sea” by Molly Knox Ostertag
Morgan has a secret. She can’t wait to escape the perfect little island where she lives. She’s desperate to finish high school and escape her family and friends. Morgan’s biggest secret is that she wants to kiss another girl. One night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie. The two become friends but Keltie has some secrets of her own. As the girls fall in love, everything they’re each trying to hide will find its way to the surface, whether Morgan is ready or not.

“Notes from a Young Black Chef A Memoir” by Kwame Onwuachi with Joshua David Stein
An uplifting memoir by the James Beard Award-winning executive chef at Kith/Kin in Washington, D.C. includes coverage of his Bronx childhood, his training in acclaimed restaurants and the racial barriers that challenged his career.

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Early Childhood

Register online at PWPL.org/children

Story Time (hybrid program)
Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 & Fridays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Stories, rhymes, and songs emphasize early literacy skills and help instill a lifelong love of learning. For children ages birth to 5 years old with an adult. **Limited capacity, registration required.** Each date is a separate registration. When the in-person registration is full, send an email to child@pwpl.org to receive the Zoom log-in information.

Baby Rhyme Time (in-person program)
Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
A lapsit story time filled with songs, music and bouncing rhymes that emphasizes early literacy skills and introduces babies to the magic of books. For children ages birth to 12 months with an adult. **Limited capacity, registration required.**

First through Sixth Grade

Register online at PWPL.org/children

Chess (virtual program)
Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Learn the rules and strategies of chess via Zoom and then practice what you have learned by playing against your peers on an online platform. For children in 3rd to 6th Grade. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. Registration required.**

Crochet Workshop (in-person program)
Tuesday, January 11 and 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Learn to crochet and help Residents Forward make crocheted squares for the “Yarn Arms Around Port” project. For children in 4th to 6th Grade. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required.**

Book Tasting (in-person program)
Thursday, January 20 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Learn about new books and share some of your favorites during this "book tasting." For children in 4th to 6th grade. Registered participants will go home with a special treat. **Registration required.**

First, Second, & Third Grade Book Discussion (in-person program)
Monday, January 24 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Monthly book discussion. **Fur, Fins, and Feathers by Cassandra Maxwell. Books will be available at the time of registration in the Children’s Room. Kids should pick up their first book and complete reading by January 24. Registration required.**

Craft-To-Go: Owl Pillow
Pickup in the Children’s Room January 24-29
Kids who love Harry Potter will enjoy creating their own owl themed pillow. For children in 1st to 6th grade. **Registration required.**

Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grade Book Discussion (in-person program)
Tuesday, January 25 from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.
Monthly book discussion. **Stella by Starlight** by Sharon Draper. Books will be available at the time of registration in the Children’s Room. Kids should pick up their book and complete reading by January 25. **Registration required.**

Climate Awareness Garden Workshop:
Soil Science (in-person program)
Wednesday, January 26 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Take a trip into our living soil and learn how to make your own life-supporting soil. For children in 1st to 6th Grade. **Registration required.**

This three-part series of workshops are sponsored by Residents Forward. All programs involve hands-on activities and interactive games. Additional dates are February 16 and March 16.

International Lego Day Challenge
Friday, January 28
Celebrate International Lego Day by using your Legos to make a winter themed creation. **To participate send a picture of your design to child@PWPL.org by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 30. All photos will be displayed in the Children’s Room. Registration is not required. If you need to borrow Legos, please contact us at 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.**

Bringing Lola to Life with an iPad (in-person program)
Thursday, February 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
A sneak-peek into the making of the colorful illustrations in The Song in Lola’s Heart. Meet the characters, watch how they were created and learn how to draw the chunky lettering style used throughout the book. Presented by book illustrator, Michelle Shain. For children in 3rd to 6th grade. **Registration required.**

Congratulations to our adorable friend who has just completed his 1000 Books Before Kindergarten journey! He is pictured here proudly holding up the final booklet he colored in to complete the program. Stop by the Children’s Room to learn more about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!