Letter from the Director

Greetings Port Washington Community Member,

As we start another calendar year and the excitement that comes along with it, I wanted to take a moment to provide our vision for a special 2023 at the Library.

With exciting programs for all ages, flexible study and create spaces, and accessible meetings rooms for community partnerships, we recognize and celebrate our role as an inclusive community center where everyone is welcome.

Our wonderful staff will continue to guide you to the books you love and the resources that you need.

Improvements to the inside and outside of the Library will also be made with interior redesigns and exterior renovations to the façade and roof that will improve services now, and for many years to come.

As we continue to assist you in both traditional and new ways, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. You can reach me by email at library@pwpl.org or by phone at 516-883-4400 ext. 1101. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the Library soon.

Happy New Year!

Keith Klang, Library Director

Sandwiched In with John Lancaster – Author of The Great Air Race: Glory, Tragedy, and the Dawn of American Aviation

Friday, January 13 at 12:00 p.m.

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Join us for this special author event with Mr. Lancaster, who will discuss his new book and provide a visual presentation about this fascinating, but little-known piece of aviation history, which began right here on Long Island. He will also describe how in 2019, a century after the race, he flew the route from Long Island to San Francisco and back again in his two-seater plane, making all the same stops that the daring, reckless, and inspiring pilots made in 1919.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. This is a hybrid event. To join us in-person or via Zoom, register at www.pwpl.org/events

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SEEDS OF BROADWAY
Three Live Theater Events

Have you ever wondered where Broadway shows come from? The Port Washington Public Library is pleased to announce staged readings of three original shows presented throughout January in front of a live audience! The Farm (We Grow Theater!), a project of MW Entertainment Group that commissions and develops the works of new writers, will perform two plays and one musical. Be sure to see these original shows on their way to success!

**Always, Wilde Saturday, January 14 at 2:30 p.m.**
A new comedy starring Will Lyman, Collin Kelly-Sordelet, and Paul L. Coffey.
By Grant MacDermott. Directed by Marshall Jones III.
History tells us that on a cold day in January 1882, a young not-yet-quite-famous Oscar Wilde ventured to meet an aging Walt Whitman at his home in Camden, New Jersey. The public meeting downstairs is well documented, but when the two men go upstairs alone, facts become fiction, and speculation might be the truth after all.

**Everyday Monsters Saturday, January 28 at 2:30 p.m.**
A tragicomedy starring Carolyn Holding, Andy Prosky, and Leigh Adel-Arnold.
By Grant MacDermott. Directed by Marshall Jones III.
Nora, at over 40, has lived a sad and loveless life. But when she finally meets a sweet man named Dino, her rich sister Macy, her philanthropic brother-in-law Clay, and even her young nephew couldn’t love him more. Yet when Dino reveals a dark secret about himself, it forces Nora to make a heartbreaking choice: love or family. But can any of them survive the truth?

**Last Coffee in Rockville Sunday, January 29 at 2:30 p.m.**
A new musical starring Sara Ornelas and Robert Ariza.
Book, music and lyrics by Julián Mesri. Directed by Estefanía Fadul.
In this original musical set in a Maryland coffee shop, two young Latinx lovers, a struggling writer and an aspiring actress, chase their dreams but are blindsided when immigration laws stand in the way of their happiness.

Each of these performances will be an opportunity to enjoy live theater produced by Broadway professionals and performed by professional actors, all of whom appear courtesy of the Actor’s Equity Association.
Returns to the Library Stage
Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.
It has been years since the library stage has been the site of one of our wildly popular ‘Hootenanny!’ events! Finally, the tradition returns, as Tony Traguardo hosts an evening of live music featuring local talent performing tunes of many styles. Soloists, duos, and trios will precede a jam session that always closes the evening. Members of what has come to be known as the Library’s “Terrace Band” will also be on board for the fun. Join us for this unique musical event that is always full of surprises.
If you are interested in performing at the ‘Hoot!’, please contact Tony Traguardo at x1406 by Tuesday, January 10.
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A Salute to David Bowie!
Chameleonic singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and actor David Bowie was born David Robert Jones in London, England, on January 8, 1947. In the 1970s, he revolutionized rock music with his androgynous style, dramatic changes of character, and flamboyant stage shows. Simultaneously, he also launched a successful career as a versatile actor.
The Thin White Duke passed away on January 10, 2016. Here are some of the Library’s David Bowie holdings:

**Bowie on DVD:** Absolute Beginners • Basquiat • Labyrinth
• The Last Temptation of Christ • The Love We Make
• The Man Who Fell to Earth • Moonage Daydream • The Prestige
• Serious Moonlight • Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars

**Bowie Books:** Margaret Gurevich’s Who Was David Bowie?
• Brian Hiatt’s A Portrait of Bowie • Steve Horton and Michael Allred’s Bowie: Stardust, Rayguns & Moonage Daydreams
• Dylan Jones’s David Bowie: A Life • John O’Connell’s Bowie’s Bookshelf: The Hundred Books That Changed David Bowie’s Life
• Ma Isabel Sanchez’s David Bowie

— In the Adler Gallery —

Artist in Residence: Beverly Crilly
“Place” on view January 3 through February 27
Artist Talk: Saturday, January 21 at 3:00 p.m.
Each of Beverly Crilly’s works is a journey, built in layers – full of contradictions, clean slates, experiments, memories, truths, and stories. Oil paints and bars create wonderfully saturated color fields and marks, which are the groundwork of her pieces. Layers of color, texture, and grit masks, reveal and add dimension and depth in these initial statements. Poured solvents dissolve layers to reveal glimpses of what was vs. what remains. Join Ms. Crilly on January 21st as she discusses her creative process and use of unique mediums and materials.

Sandwiched In with Lisa Hurwitz –
Director of The Automat
Friday, January 20 at 12:00 p.m.
Join us for a special screening and discussion with filmmaker Lisa Hurwitz, director of The Automat. It offers a nostalgic journey to the iconic restaurant chain Horn & Hardart, which served affordably-priced, quality food to millions of New Yorkers and Philadelphians for over a century. The chain welcomed immigrants, the working class, African Americans, and women, who were often not welcome in restaurants. Horn & Hardart’s technology captured the public’s imagination like nothing else in the early 1900s — the customer put nickels into slots, and little windows opened to reveal the customer’s pick, be it a slice of pie, macaroni and cheese, or a Salisbury steak. Regular customers and celebrities, including Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Colin Powell, recount their memories of these Art-Deco-inspired restaurants, which offered state-of-the-art technology for the early 20th century. Ms. Hurwitz will discuss the film’s making and answer questions from the audience.
Please note this will be an in-person-only event.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Lunar New Year 2023 Celebration
Thursday, January 26 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
The Adler Gallery & Lapham Meeting Room
Starting at 6 p.m., We will have a demonstration of “Writing Your Name” in Chinese Calligraphy. Then, at 7 p.m., the New York Chinese Qipao Association, Inc. will present a traditional ribbon dance and fashion show. Lastly, the Port Washington Korean Parents Association Inc. and a Port Washington-based Chinese group will share more treasures of their cultures. This program is sponsored by the FOL and by generous donations from local Chinese and Korean families.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) News
Spanish Language Class
Would you like to improve or practice your Spanish? We offer an intermediate class on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. If interested, please call Peggy O’Hanlon at 516 883-4400 x1308.
¿Le gustaría mejorar o practicar su español? Tenemos clase de nivel intermedio los miércoles de 1:00 p.m. a 2:00 p.m. Si está interesado, por favor llame a Peggy O’Hanlon al 516 883-4400 x1308.

Citizenship & GED Classes
The ESOL Department is offering classes for preparation for citizenship and the GED. Contact Peggy O’Hanlon at 516 883-4400 x1308.
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

**Friday, January 6 (cont.)**
- Coding for Kids at 4:30 p.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Film: Cyrano (2022 - 123 min.) at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  Cyrano de Bergerac is convinced that his appearance makes him unworthy of the fair Roxanne, who has fallen in love at first sight with Cyrano’s friend, Christian.

**Sunday, January 8**
- JaNorary Double Feature at 1:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  First up, Ruthless (1948 - 104 min.), in which multi-millionaire Horace Vendig will let no one stand in his way of getting to the top. After a brief intermission, carhop Leonora Eames soon regrets marrying ruthless millionaire Smith O'Hirig in Caught (1949 - 88 min.).

**Monday, January 9**
- A Time For Kids - Baby Start at 10:00 a.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- A Time For Kids at 11:00 a.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Preschool Story Time at 1:30 p.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Film: Fall (2022 - 107 min.) at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  Best friends Becky and Hunter climb a 2,000 foot radio tower in a remote area of the desert. When the rusty ladder collapses, the women find themselves stranded with no way down.

**Tuesday, January 10**
- Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Hypertension Screenings - St. Francis Hospital Outreach from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  Blood pressure screenings in the Joan and Arnold Saltzman Reading Room.
- Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. in TeenSpace
  See page 7 for details.
- Health Presentation: Dr. Jennifer Mieres and Dr. Stacey Rosen at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  Heart disease is a leading cause of death in women. Learn how to minimize your risk factors, recognize symptoms, and advocate for your own health. Our presenters, nuclear cardiologist Dr. Jennifer Mieres and cardiologist Dr. Stacey Rosen, will also discuss their new book Heart Smarter for Women: Six Weeks to a Healthier Heart. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council.

**Wednesday, January 11**
- 1-2-3 Play with Me at 11:30 a.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Children’s Chess Program at 5:00 p.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Medicaid Sign-Up Help at 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in North Study Room
  Free, walk-in assistance from the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.
- Photography Club of Long Island (PCLI) at 7:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  Howard Rose, a noted artist and iPhone expert, returns to PCLI for a fascinating presentation, “Creating with the iPhone,” about the latest innovations in mobile phone technology. These include exciting editing ideas, new and amazing apps, as well as the basic elements of the iPhone.

**Thursday, January 12**
- Tummy Time at 10:30 a.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Nonfiction Book Club at 1:30 p.m.
  See page 6 for details.
- Film: The Requin (2022 - 89 min.) at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  Vacationing in Thailand, Jaelyn and Kyle are trapped in a storm that washes their hut out to sea, where great white sharks await them.

**Friday, January 13**
- Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Sandwiched In with John Lancaster - Author of The Great Air Race at 12:00 p.m.
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**Saturday, January 14**
- Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room
  Seating is limited, and registration is required. Payment of $30 will be collected by the instructor during class. For more information, please visit www.pwpl.org/events.
- Creative Readers at 11:15 a.m.
  See page 8 for details.
- Seeds of Broadway: Always, Wilde at 2:30 p.m.
  See page 2 for details.
- Read with Walter at 2:30 p.m.
  See page 8 for details.
Tuesday, January 17
- Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Art Lecture with Alice Schwarz - The Art of Jan Steen at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)
Join museum educator Alice W. Schwarz for an in-depth exploration of Steen’s painted world of chaos, lustfulness, bad behavior, and hidden messages. Register at www.pwpl.org/events. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. in TeenSpace See page 7 for details.
- Third & Fourth Grade Book Discussion at 4:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Pajama Story Time on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.

Wednesday, January 18
- 1-2-3 Play with Me at 11:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Children’s Chess Program at 5:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 19
- Tummy Time at 10:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.

Friday, January 20
- Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Sandwiched In with Lisa Hurwitz – Director of The Automat at 12:00 pm. See page 3 for details. Sponsored by FOL.
- Lunar New Year: Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics with Li Liu at 4:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Coding for Kids at 4:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Soundswap: Hootenanny at 7:00 pm. in Lapham Meeting Room See page 3 for details.

Saturday, January 21
- Creative Readers at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Teen SAT Prep Series at 10:00 a.m. (virtual) See page 7 for details.
- Artist Talk with PWPL Artist in Residence Beverly Crilly at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room. See page 3 for details.

Monday, January 23
- Preschool Story Time at 1:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Afternoon on Broadway with Stephen Nachamie - Ashman and Menken - Creators of Little Shop of Horrors at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room Award Winning stage and film director Stephen Nachamie will explore the collaboration of the legendary writing team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, who created the smash hit musical Little Shop of Horrors.

Monday, January 24
- Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Teen Study Hall at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room See page 7 for details.

Tuesday, January 25
- 1-2-3 Play with Me at 11:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Children’s Chess Program at 5:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.

Thursday, January 26
- Tummy Time at 10:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Art Lecture with Thomas Germano - Picasso Celebration (1973-2023) at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)
With the 50th anniversary of Picasso’s death in 2023, France and Spain will partner to organize an international exhibition dedicated to the artist’s legacy across Europe and the United States Professor Thomas Germano will present a visual lecture related to the art exhibitions and events surrounding “The Picasso 1973-2023 Celebration.” This is a hybrid event. Register at www.pwpl.org/events.
- STEAM Workshop: Video Game Day at 4:00 p.m. in Children’s Workshop Room See page 8 for details.
- Lunar New Year 2023 Celebration at 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Adler Gallery and Lapham Meeting Room See page 3 for details.

Friday, January 27
- Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Sandwiched In with Eco-Photo Explorers- Queen Anne’s Revenge: Exploring the Legend of Blackbeard at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room Join Eco-Photo Explorers on an adventure to examine the legend of Blackbeard and dive into the wreck of his most famous ship. This hybrid event is sponsored by the Library’s Nautical Advisory Council. Please visit www.pwpl.org/events for more information.

Key to Events:
- Adult Program
- Children’s Room
- Teenspace
- Career & Finance Program
Larry & Joe in Concert: A SoundSwap Event of Venezuelan and Appalachian Folk Music
Friday, January 27 at 7:30pm in Lapham

Larry & Joe were destined to make music together. Larry Bellorín hails from Monagas, Venezuela, and is a legend of Llanera music. Joe Troop is from North Carolina and is a Grammy-nominated bluegrass and old-time musician. Currently based in the Triangle of North Carolina, both men are versatile multi-instrumentalists and singer-songwriters on a mission to show that music has no borders. As a duo they perform a fusion of Venezuelan and Appalachian folk music on harp, banjo, guitar, and other instruments. We are proud and delighted to bring these gifted musical pioneers to the Lapham stage of the Port Washington Public Library for a very special SoundSwap event. Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Nonfiction Book Club —
Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions
by Temple Grandin
Thursday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m.

With her genius for demystifying science, Grandin draws on cutting-edge research to take us inside visual thinking. Visual thinkers constitute a far more significant proportion of the population than previously believed and a more varied one. Photo-realistic object visualizers like Grandin herself have an intuitive knack for design and problem-solving. Mathematically inclined visual-spatial thinkers like Grandin herself have an intuitive knack for design and problem-solving. In a highly competitive world, this important book helps us to see that we need every mind on board.

Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead
by Olga Tokarczuk
Tuesday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

In a remote Polish village, Janina devotes the dark winter days to studying astrology, translating the poetry of William Blake, and taking care of the summer homes of wealthy Warsaw residents. Her reputation as a reclusive crank is amplified by her not-so-secret preference for the company of animals over humans. Then a neighbor, Big Foot, turns up dead. Soon, other bodies are discovered in increasingly strange circumstances. As suspicions mount, Janina inserts herself into the investigation, certain that she knows whodunit.

PWPPL adult cardholders can reserve and borrow free museum passes to over twenty area attractions. Conveniently, most of our passes can be printed at home, but a few need to be picked up and returned to the Library. Express copies of select museum passes are also available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Circulation Desk.

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Find Your Next Great Read with Novelist Plus

Are you looking for book recommendations similar to your favorite author or a new series? If so, PWPL offers access to the Novelist Plus database, a valuable resource to help readers of all ages find what to read next. It is your one-stop guide to online readers’ advisory services that provides book recommendations that are like other titles, authors, or series you enjoyed. It also contains lists of award-winning titles, book reviews, book discussions, and curriculum guides. To get started, visit PWPL.org and log in with your PWPL Library card number.
Teen Gaming
Tuesdays January 3, 10, 17 and 31 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come play Nintendo Switch games with other teens after school. No registration required.

SAT Test Prep Series (4-part series)
Saturdays, January 21, January 28, February 4, and February 11 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Zoom
Port Washington teens in grades 9-12 can register beginning January 7. Teens are encouraged to attend all four sessions. Sessions cover Math, Verbal/Reading and Writing. This event is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Study Hall
Monday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 24 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
The Library is extending our operating hours until 10:30 p.m. for students studying for upcoming exams. Library doors will lock at 9 p.m. with no re-admittance. These events are made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Volunteers Needed for Creative Readers
Winter sessions: Saturdays January 7, 14, 21, 28, and February 4 and 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Teens must be available for all six sessions.
Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion program for children with disabilities and children of all abilities in grades K to 5, bringing books to life with dramatic enactment, art, music, and movement. Teens are vital to the success of this award-winning program. Volunteers will be trained to buddy with children of all abilities. Community service hours will be awarded. For more information, email: creativereaders@optimum.net. To apply to be a volunteer: https://bit.ly/CRVolunteer2023

Here is a recommended reading list compiled by the TeenSpace staff that reflects some of our favorite books from last year:

**The Agathas** by Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson
To claim the hefty reward for information about Brooke Donovan’s disappearance, Iris and Alice use the complete works of Agatha Christie to teach them how to solve a mystery, but they don’t realize the danger they are about to face.

**Inaugural Ballers: The True Story of the First US Women's Olympic Basketball Team** by Andrew Maraniss
Twenty years before women’s soccer became an Olympic sport and two decades before the formation of the WNBA, the 1976 US women’s basketball team laid the foundation for the incredible rise of women’s sports in America at the youth, collegiate, Olympic, and professional levels.

**Arrow to the Moon** by Emily R.X. Pan
Navigating family secrets, Hunter and Luna find everything falling apart around them and must rely on their love to see them through, in this powerful story about the magic and mystery of the moon that connects us all.

**I Must Betray You** by Ruta Septeys
In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, 17-year-old Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to outwit his handler, undermine the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country.

**Squire** by Nadia Shammas
Hiding her status as a girl from conquered lands while training as a squire on her quest to become a knight, the only path to true citizenship, Aiza navigates friendships and rivalries until she discovers the military’s endgame.

**All My Rage** by Sabaa Tahir
When his attempts to save his family’s motel spiral out of control, Salahudin and his best friend Noor, two outcasts in their town, must decide what their friendship is worth and how they can defeat the monsters of their past and in their midst.
Early Childhood

Register online at PWPL.org/children

Sing and Swing on Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:00 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 for 40 participants. Numbered tickets will be available 20 minutes before the start time.

1-2-3 Play with Me
Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, and February 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Ages 18 months to 5 years 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 sign language, the importance of play, language development, movement, and dental hygiene. Registration required.

Ready, Set, Story Time on Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Ages birth to 5 years with an adult
Join your favorite librarians for stories, songs, and fingerplays. Admittance is on a first-come, first-served basis for 40 participants. Numbered tickets will be available 20 minutes before the start time.

A Time For Kids-Baby Start
Monday, January 9 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 months to 17 months with an adult
Join A Time for Kids, Inc., as we introduce our littlest learners to the wonderful world of library programs. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and circle time focusing on early literacy, early language development, and socialization. Registration required.

A Time For Kids
Monday, January 9 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
Mondays, January 9, 23, and February 6, 13 from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Ages 2 ½ to 5 years with an adult
Enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. Registration required.

Tummy Time
Thursdays, January 12, 19, and February 26 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 months to pre-crawlers with an adult
Babies need lots of tummy time to develop their muscle strength and coordination. You and your child will be led in songs, rhymes, and simple stories. There will be time for playing with rattles, soft blocks, and other developmentally appropriate toys. Registration required.

First through Sixth Grade

Register online at PWPL.org/children

Chess
Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Learn the rules and strategies of chess and practice what you have learned by playing against your peers. For children in 3rd to 6th grade. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. Registration required.

Coding for Kids
Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, and 10 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Ignite the love of coding by learning to create animations and computer games using Scratch, a graphical programming language developed by MIT. Taught by AP Computer Science high school students from Port Washington for children with no prior programming experience in 3rd to 6th grade. For more information, visit youngcoderspw.com. Registration required.

Read with Walter, the Therapy Dog
Saturday, January 14 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Read out loud to a certified pet therapy dog, Walter, for a 10-minute session. For elementary-aged students. Registration required.

Third & Fourth Grade Book Discussion
Tuesday, January 17 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

First & Second Grade Book Discussion
Monday, January 23 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Monthly book discussion. The Marvelous Thing That Came From a Spring by Gilbert Ford. 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 23. Registration required.

Tweens’ Night Out: Yoga
Tuesday, January 24 from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.
An energetic, yet calming class where we will explore yoga, mindfulness, and breathing exercises to help you relax after a busy day. Have fun with your friends while building a strong body, calm mind, and confident spirit. No previous yoga experience is necessary. For children in 5th and 6th Grade. Registration required.

Video Game Day
Thursday, January 26 from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
An afternoon of video game fun. For children in 4th to 6th grade. Registration required.

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Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics with Li Liu
Friday, January 20 from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Celebrate Lunar New Year with Li Liu as she performs plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing, and hand balancing. In addition, you’ll learn various aspects of the Chinese language, geography, and culture while Li Liu shares her work and travel experiences. For children in grades K through 6 with an adult. Tickets are required and will be available in the Children’s Library beginning January 14.

Sponsored by the PWPL Children’s Advisory Council.

Lunar New Year

Saturdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11
Kindergarten - Second Grade • 10 to 11 a.m.
Third - Fifth Grade • 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Creative Readers

Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion program where children 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 more information and teen volunteer opportunities, email creativereaders@optimum.net, or visit the Creative Readers page on the PWPL website.

The Winter session is full. Spring registration will begin February 1, 2023.

Event Policy

Please see event listings for registration requirements. Due to high demand, we ask that you arrive at least 5 minutes before the event for which you are registered to claim your spot. If you have not arrived 5 minutes before the event, we may transfer your spot to someone who is waiting. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents. We are continually adding new programs. For the most up-to-date program information please visit us at PWPL.org/children