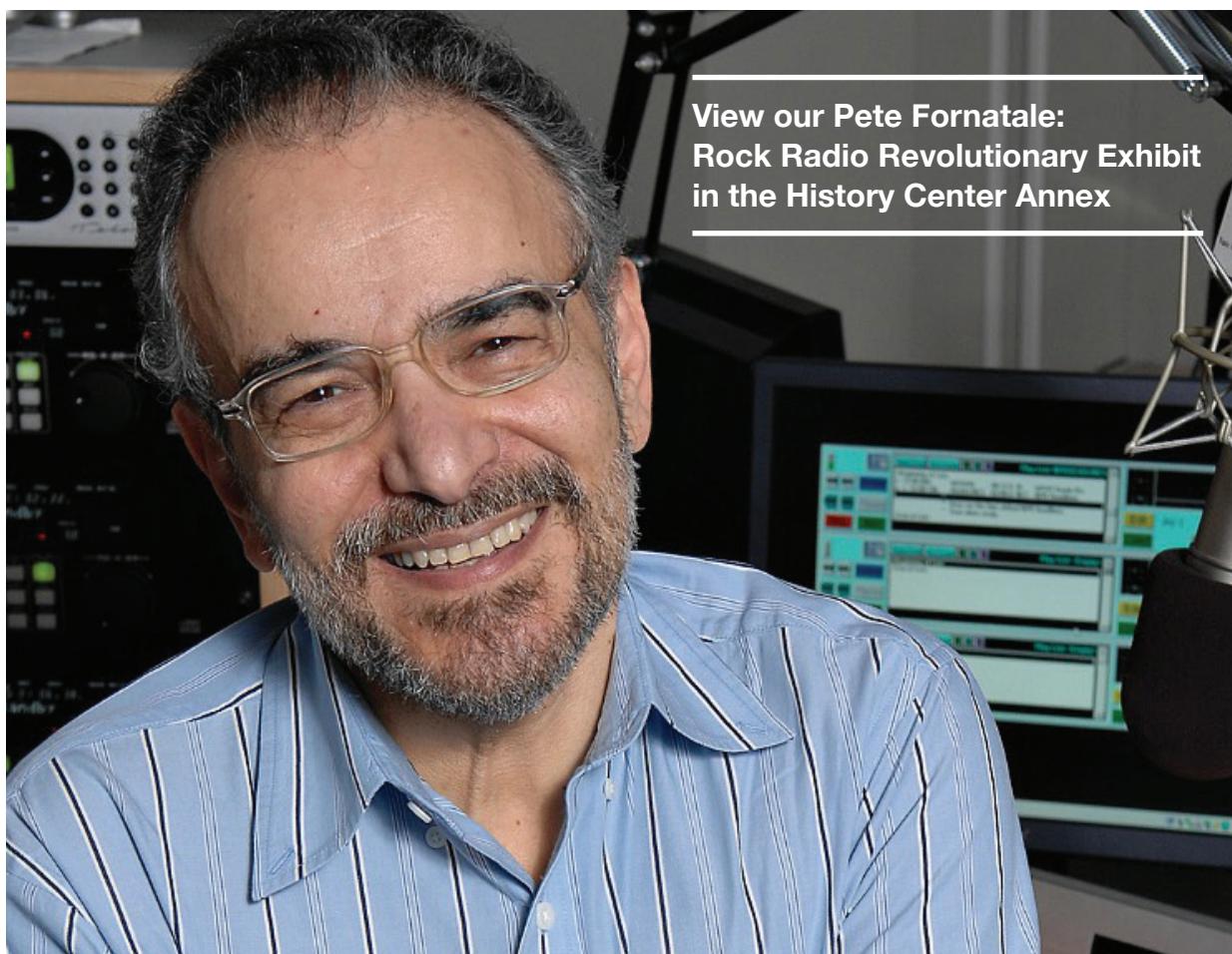


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January/February 2026



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in the History Center Annex

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Celebrating Legendary Radio DJ Pete Fornatale!
Fridays, January 23 & February 20
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Lunar New Year Celebrations



Celebrate with us as we welcome the year of the Horse in 2026! Enjoy events for kids and adults organized by the ESOL Department and Children's Advisory Council. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. See pages 4-5 & 11 for more details.

250th Anniversary of the USA Celebrations



Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the USA beginning in January 2026 with special historical events presented by the Port Washington Public Library, honoring and remembering the many years of America's history since its birth on Independence Day.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Black History Month Celebrations



In celebration of Black History Month, the Library is proud to offer several programs that explore the many contributions African Americans have made to our shared cultural

history. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
See pages 8-10 for details.

Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio

Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio as they present: "The Best of Broadway and Jazz Standards", which features a mix of the best Broadway songs and songs from the Great American Songbook. For the past decade, Rhonda Kay has performed for Long Island and New York City audiences and delighted them with her vocal talents. Now, she will be joining the Backstage Trio, one of New York's most talented and experienced groups of musicians.



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QUICK READS

Special Holiday Hours:

Thursday, January 1
New Year's Day (Closed)

Monday, January 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Open 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.)

Monday, February 16
Presidents' Day (Open 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.)

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesdays, January 14 & February 11
at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Tax Help

AARP Tax Help volunteers will be available again at the Library to help with preparing simple individual tax returns. You do not have to be an AARP member to sign up. Appointments will be on Tuesdays from 10 am to 3 pm from February 3 through April 7, 2026. *Due to overwhelming demand, only Port Washington Residents* can make an appointment, starting on January 20. Please visit the Reference Desk in the South Wing or call the Library at (516) 883-4400, ext. 1400 to register.



LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

2026 Budget Vote & Trustee Election Timeline

Nominating Petitions Available	Tuesday – February 3, 2026
Budget Hearing #1	Wednesday – February 11, 2026
Nomination Petitions Due	Monday – March 16, 2026
Absentee Ballot Available	Wednesday – March 18, 2026
Budget Hearing #2	Wednesday – March 18, 2026
Budget Information Session/Meet the Candidates	Tuesday – March 31, 2026
Personal Registration Day	Tuesday – April 7, 2026
Budget Vote/Trustee Election	Tuesday – April 14, 2026

On View in the Adler Gallery

Laura James: On view from January 5 – March 2

Reception/Artist Talk: February 21 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



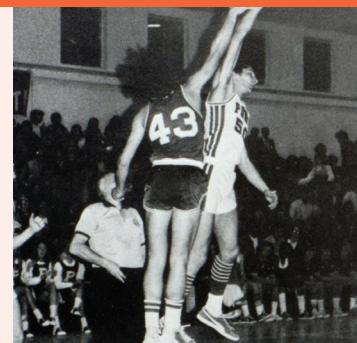
Laura James, a Bronx-based painter of Antiguan heritage, reimagines sacred and everyday narratives through a distinctly Black lens, drawing on more than three decades of self-taught practice that blends contemporary storytelling, African diasporic traditions, and Ethiopian Christian iconography.

This exhibit brings together a selection of both new and earlier works, including paintings from her three celebrated children's books—*Anna Carries Water*, *Boonoonoonous Hair*, and *My Mother Was a Nanny*—alongside additional pieces that highlight her vibrant, narrative-rich vision centered on Black women, families, and communities.

Port Washington High School Yearbook Digitization



The History Center at the Port Washington Public Library is thrilled to announce our latest digitization initiative. Thanks to generous funding from the Friends of the Library, Port Washington High School Yearbooks from 1916-1970 can now be accessed from anywhere, 24/7, using our online database. Search for keywords or browse by year to explore this amazing local history resource (for research purposes or just for fun!) at portwashington.advantage-preservation.com



History Center Spotlight



Before the era of refrigerators and air conditioning, ice needed to be harvested by hand. Ice cutting was a common wintertime chore for farmers, which was expedited with the 1800s invention of horse-drawn ice cutters: plow-like devices that would score the ice in a uniform grid. This device can be seen in use in this 1910 photograph of Baxter Pond.

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS (Continued)

A Note from the Director



Greetings Port Washington Community Member,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season, and as we embark on a new year, I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of what the Library has in store for 2026.

From local history programs celebrating America's 250th birthday, to repair cafes where your broken appliance can avoid the landfill with the help of a local fixer, to world-class art and health programming that will keep your mind and body healthy and engaged – there will be something for everyone at the Library this year.

I am also happy to announce the launch of our new Strategic Plan that will guide our organization for the next three years. Our mission to serve as an inclusive center for community engagement, knowledge, and personal enrichment is always top of mind and incorporated in the new plan's areas of focus that include arts and cultural programming, literacy and competencies programming, and loaning collections. To learn more about the Library's new Strategic Plan, please visit pwpl.org/strategicplan

I continue to 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!

Stay well and safe,

Keith Klang, Library Director



Strategic Plan 2025-2028



We are proud to present our new and updated Strategic Plan for 2025-2028! Please scan the QR code or visit the link to learn more: pwpl.org/strategicplan



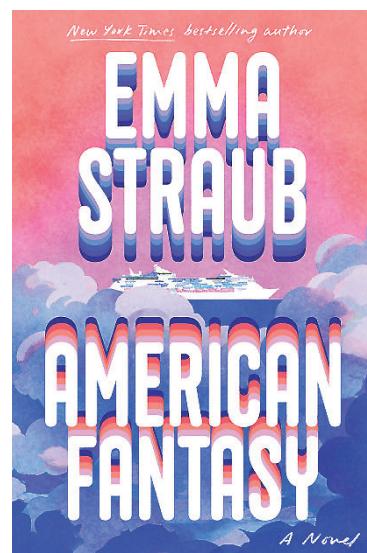
25th Anniversary of Bogen Fund

The Friends of the Library (FOL) and the PWPL celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund and Collection. The Fund was established in December 2000 thanks to a substantial gift to the Friends by the family of its longtime board member, Ruth Bogen. The Bogen Fund, an endowment administered by the FOL, supports the purchase of books of "literary significance" for readers of all ages and across all formats (printed, ebook, and audio), as well as initiatives that spur the reading of such works. In the last 10 years alone, the Bogen Fund has donated nearly \$100,000. to the book budget, enabling the purchase of thousands of works. Look for the special bookplate that marks materials that are part of the Bogen Collection, which is interfiled with the regular Library collections. A sampling of books from the Bogen Collection are on display in the Reading Room in January. Recent additions to the Collection include *The Best Poems of the English Language: from Chaucer through Frost* by Harold Bloom, *Finding Margaret Fuller* by Allison Pataki, and *Justine* by Lawrence Durrell, as well as rare books on Port Washington history.

FOL Book & Author Luncheon • May 1

Announcing the Friends of the Library's 57th Annual Book & Author Luncheon on Friday, May 1 at 11 a.m. at The Garden City Hotel

Featuring: Emma Straub, bestselling author of *This Time Tomorrow* and *All Adults Here*. She will be discussing her new novel *American Fantasy* (coming April 7), one of the most anticipated releases of 2026, in conversation with acclaimed novelist Meg Wolitzer, author of *The Female Persuasion* and *The Wife*. Tickets on sale March 1 at pwpl.org/fol



FOL Award



Congratulations to Nancy Wright and Ellen Zimmerman, recipients of the Friends of the Library Award! The award, established in 1991, honors individuals for their outstanding volunteer service to the library over many years. They are recognized with a permanent plaque bearing their name in the library lobby. Nancy is vice president of the FOL and former president of the organization; Ellen Zimmerman served as vice president and remains an active board member. Pictured: Amy Bass, FOL president emerita; Pam O'Connell, FOL president; Keith Klang, library director; Nancy Wright; Ellen Zimmerman.



New Attendance Policy:

Please arrive at least 5 minutes early to claim your spot. If you arrive late, your spot may be reassigned to someone waiting. Priority is given to Port Washington residents, and proof of residency is required. For the most up-to-date program information, please visit us at PWPL.org/children or sign up for our emails.



EARLY CHILDHOOD—Babies & Toddlers (Ages 0-5)

Early Childhood programs require adults to attend the program with the registered child.
Please note, registration begins two weeks prior to the event. Register online at PWPL.org/children

BABIES

(Ages 0-17 months)

Baby Start

Mondays, January 5 & February 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 17 months

Join Time for Kids to introduce little ones to library fun with music, movement, and circle time. *Registration required for each session – January: Dec. 22; February: Jan. 19.*

Ready, Set, Story Time

Fridays, January 2 to February 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Ages birth to 5 years

Join your favorite librarians for stories and songs! *No registration required. (No session February 20)*

Little Hands, Big Discoveries

Mondays, January 26 & February 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Ages 6 to 17 months

Join us for gentle sensory adventures for tiny hands and curious little minds! *Registration required for each session – January: Jan. 12; February: Feb. 9*

Baby Rhyme Time

Thursdays, February 5 to 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Ages birth to 17 months

Join our librarians for a lap-sit story time filled with songs, music, and bouncing rhymes! *Register January 19.*

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

(18 months to 5 years)

Ready, Set, Story Time

Fridays, January 2 to February 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Ages birth to 5 years

Join your favorite librarians for stories and songs! *No registration required. (No session February 20)*

A Time For Kids

Mondays, January 5 & February 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 5 years

Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music, and crafts. *Registration required for each session – January: Dec. 22; February: Jan. 19.*

Tiny Bookworms

Mondays, January 5 to February 23 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ages 3 to 5 years

A playful story time for preschoolers featuring weekly themes, gentle movement, and stories. Please note this is a separation program. *Entry is first-come, first-served. (No sessions: Jan. 17, Feb. 16)*

Sing and Swing

Tuesdays, January 6 to February 24 at 9:30 a.m. OR 10:15 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 5 years

Join our librarians for interactive stories, rhymes, and songs! *Entry is first-come, first-served. (No session February 17)*

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL (cont.)

(18 months to 5 years)

✿ Lunar New Year Events

Color Club

Wednesdays, January 7 to February 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ages 3 years and up

We've got the materials — all you need is your imagination! *No registration required. (No sessions: Jan. 28 & Feb. 18)*

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, January 7 to February 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

Enjoy great stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. *Register December 22.*

1-2-3 Play with Me

Thursdays, January 8 to 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 5 years

Come and enjoy open play time with your child! *Priority is given to PW residents. Entry is first-come, first-served.*

Junior Lego Builders

Wednesday, January 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ages 3 years and up

Build, imagine, and have fun creating with LEGOs — perfect for our youngest builders to celebrate National LEGO Day! *No registration required.*

✿ Bilingual Panda Story Time

Thursday, February 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Ages 18 month to 5 years

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with Ms. Wang and her friend, Panda Yuan Yuan! Enjoy bilingual English–Mandarin rhymes, songs, and stories that introduce kids to Chinese culture and language—no Mandarin background needed. *Register January 19.*

Pajama Story Time on Zoom

Tuesdays, January 13 & February 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

Put on your PJs, grab your favorite stuffy, and enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs! *Registration required—January: Dec. 29; February: Jan. 19. The Zoom log-in information will be emailed to you with your confirmation.*

CREATIVE READERS

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 18, 25, May 2 & 9

Kindergarten - Second Grade from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Third - Fifth Grade from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Creative Readers is an inclusive arts and literacy program where kids bring books to life through theater, art, music, and movement. Professional behavior support is provided at all sessions. For details, email creativereaders@optimum.net or visit the Creative Readers page on our website. *Application opens February 2.*



GRADE SCHOOL – Entering K through 6th Grades

School age programs are for Kindergarteners to 6th graders. Registration begins two weeks prior to the program. Visit PWPL.org/children for registration and the latest up-to-date information.

JANUARY PROGRAMS

✿ Lunar New Year Events

Turning Pages Book Club

Mondays, January 5 & February 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Grades 2 & 3

Join our early chapter book club to discuss the story. Followed by hands-on activities. *Registration required - January: Dec. 15; February: Jan. 5.*

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesdays, January 6 & February 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Grades 3 to 6

Join us each month to read, discuss, and dive into the colorful world of comics and illustrated stories! *Registration required - January: Dec. 15; February: Jan. 5.*

Puzzle Competition

Saturday, January 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ages 9 years and up

Join our all-ages Puzzle Competition and race to finish a 500-piece puzzle. Limited to 8 teams only, 4 per team. *Register December 15.*

Read with Snowball

Saturdays, January 10 & February 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Grades 1 to 3

Come read for 15 minutes with Snowball, a super-soft, certified therapy bunny! *Registration is required for each session - January: Dec. 22; February: Feb. 9. For PWPL cardholders only.*

Animal Painting

Wednesday, January 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Grades 3 to 6

Get ready to paint an animal with acrylics! *Register December 29.*

Drone Missions

Thursday, January 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Grades 4 to 6

Learn drone basics, master the controls, take to the skies, and finish with an exciting obstacle course! *Register December 29.*

Coding For Kids

Fridays, January 16 to February 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 to 6

Ignite the love of coding by learning to create animations and computer games using Scratch. Taught by AP Computer Science students for kids with no prior programming experience. *Register December 29.*

Crazy 8s Math Club

Thursdays, January 22 to February 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Grades K to 2

Join us for 4 weeks of Crazy 8s – a math club like no other! This unique club combines math with fun, creativity, and a touch of mischief.

Register January 5.

Art Explorers

Tuesday, January 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Grades 2 to 6

Learn about an artist or movement and make artwork inspired by them! This lesson will focus on Henri Matisse. *Register January 12.*

Drop-In Lego Freeplay

Wednesday, January 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Grades K to 6

Celebrate National LEGO Day! Take on LEGO challenges or let your imagination run wild. *No registration needed! Kids under 3rd grade must be with an adult.*

✿ Children's Lunar New Year Celebration

Thursday, January 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Grades K to 6

Join Children's Services as we celebrate Lunar New Year 2026, Year of the Horse, with crafts, activities and some tasty snacks! *Register January 12.*

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Chess

Wednesdays, February 4 to March 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Grades 3 to 6

Learn the rules and strategies of chess and practice against your peers. Sponsored by the FOL in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. *Register January 19. No class on 2/18.*

Family Baking: Pop Tarts

Friday, February 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Grades 1 to 6 with an adult

Families learn how to make delicious jam-filled pastries. Take your creations home to bake! One registration per family. *Register January 19.*

Valentine's Day Craft

Monday, February 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Grades K to 2

Come make a Valentine's Day messenger bag craft and make a card for all your friends. *Register January 26.*

Art Explorers: Black History Month

February 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Grades 2 to 6

Learn about an artist or movement and make artwork inspired by them! To celebrate Black History Month, this lesson will focus on Alma Thomas. *Register January 26.*

Young CEO: A Kid's Guide to Business

Thursday, February 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Grades 4 to 6

Learn how to launch your own business in this hands-on workshop. *Register January 26.*

SCHOOL BREAK

February 16 - 21

K-Pop Dance

Wednesday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Grades K to 6 with an adult

Join us for an exciting K-pop dance performance followed by a mini dance workshop. Participants will learn a beginner-friendly K-pop choreography taught step-by-step! *Register February 2.*



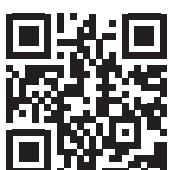
The Sky Tonight

Thursday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Grades 1 to 6

Join us in a portable planetarium at the Library for an immersive stargazing experience with "That Planetarium Guy," Tom Barry. Explore February's night sky—constellations, mythology, navigation, planets, lunar phases, and meteor showers—with humor and state-of-the-art visuals. *Kids under 3rd grade must be accompanied by one adult. Space is limited. Tickets available in the Children's Room starting February 2.*





TEEN SPACE – 7th through 12th Grades

Teen programs are for Port Washington residents in 7th through 12th grades. For any assistance regarding teen services, please contact Head of Teen Services, Lori Gerbasi, at youngadult@PWPL.org

JANUARY PROGRAMS

Teen Gaming

January & February

Visit TeenSpace to game every day! No need to register, just bring your library card or school ID and join the fun! *Teen gaming is made possible by the Friends of the Library.*

Intro to Computer Science with Python

Thursdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8

Learn Python coding through fun, hands-on lessons—no experience needed! Bring a laptop or Chromebook. *Register December 26; space is limited.*

The College Process

Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Join College Advisor/Consultant Kitty R. Klein and learn about the various components of the college process, courses students take in high school, and ways that students can craft a robust transcript. *Register December 30.*

Learn to Needlepoint!

Monday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Love to color? Try needlepoint! Learn the basics with Schreiber High student Eliza Elbaum and create your own stitched design. All materials provided—no experience needed! *Register January 5; space is limited.*

Teen Study Halls

Tuesday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Teens are invited to visit the Lapham Room as a dedicated study space for their upcoming exams.



FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Comic Book Action Logo

Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Create bold comic-style art with action words like Pow! and Zoom! and design your own logo or phrase. *Register February 10.*



SAT Crash Course

Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in this 2.5-hour intensive session designed to give students a focused review of key strategies and content for both the Math and Reading & Writing sections of the SAT. Taught by expert instructors, the course covers the most heavily tested concepts, offers proven test-taking techniques, and includes course materials with practice questions and notes. It's the perfect final boost before test day or a strong starting point for continued prep. Please bring a laptop or Chromebook and be sure to have your library card available. *This event is made possible by the Friends of the Library. Register February 14.*



ePWPL Highlight

PWPL offers free online access to LIVE tutors and guidance counselors for students!



The HelpNow service allows you to submit homework questions for expert assistance.

- Live One-on-One Tutors who are available daily from 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- Homework Help in 60 subjects including math, science, reading, writing, social studies and more.
- 24-Hour Writing Lab to submit essays and other writing samples for constructive feedback.
- English and Spanish speaking tutors.

To get started visit: www.PWPL.org/research/education-college and login with your PWPL Library card to create an account.



The CollegeNow service can assist you with every step of the college admissions process.

- Live Guidance Counselors available 4 days a week Mon. - Thurs. from 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- Help with the college application process, including crafting essays and acing school interviews.
- Submit a college application essay and receive expert feedback within 24 hours.
- Financial aid guidance on scholarships, loans & completing the FAFSA.

THE LAB

Visit the PWPL Lab 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. *The Lab's Maker technology is supported by the Friends of the Library.*

LEARN SOME TECH

Tech Walk-in

Thursdays, January 8 & February 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. • The Lab

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If you have a need, issue or concern about your tech, this walk-in can help give you the knowledge and support you need.

DIY Help

Friday, January 23 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. • The Lab

Ask a Tech librarian for advice and help with personal DIY projects and using the Lab equipment. You will need to bring in your own materials. *Registration begins on January 9.*

3D Printing for Kids

Wednesday, January 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • The Lab

Learn about 3D design using the website Tinkercad, for beginners wanting to learn 3D printing. Your designs will be printed in the following days after the class. Kids 8 and younger need to be accompanied by an adult. *Registration begins on January 14.*

Intermediate Gmail

Thursday, January 29 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. • The Lab

This program will provide step-by-step how-tos for creating labels, searching for specific emails and detecting automated spam activity. *Registration begins on January 15.*

Poster Printing for Teens

Friday, February 6 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. • The Lab

Learn how to print posters for your room or for projects. Work with a tech librarian to format and edit your print. We will be using the library's Canon Large Format Printer. *Registration begins on January 23.*

Beginner Sewing: Bowl Koozie

Tuesday, February 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • The Lab

In this beginner sewing class, you will learn how to sew a bowl koozie to wrap around your chili or soup and protect your hands from the heat! This class is for adults and teens only. *Registration begins on February 10.*

Smartphones For The Perplexed

Thursday, February 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. • The Lab

This program will guide you through knowledge to best use your iPhone or Android device, as well as some tips and tricks. *Registration begins on February 12.*

DIY Help

Friday, February 27 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • The Lab

Ask a Tech librarian for advice and help with personal projects and using the Lab equipment. You will need to bring in your own materials. *Registration begins on February 13.*

Made in the Lab



CRICUT CRAFT PROGRAMS

Join our Cricut Craft programs and learn to use the Library's Cricut Maker 3! These are "bring your own device" sessions—Mac/PC laptops and iPads work best (Chromebooks are not compatible). Please download Cricut Design Space software before the program at design.cricut.com. **Open to PW residents ages 8 and older.** Registrants under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration priority will be given to PW cardholders.

Cricut Boot Camp

Tuesdays, January 6 - 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • The Lab

In this 4-week course, you will work with Tech Librarian, Meaghan, and learn how to make and design projects using the Library's Cricut Maker 3, Heat Press, and Mug Press. Projects include vinyl, stickers, and more. *Registration begins on December 23.*



Cricut Craft for Teens: Design a Mug

Friday, January 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. • The Lab

Want to design your own mug for a friend or for yourself? In this class you will learn how to use the Cricut Mug Press and Cricut Maker 3. The mug will be picked up after this class. *Registration begins on December 29.*

Cricut Craft: Pop Up Cards

Wednesday, January 14 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. • The Lab

This beginner Cricut class is great for taking a break during your day. In this class, we will be making simple 3D cards using the Cricut Maker 3. *Registration begins on January 5.*

Cricut Walk-In: Super Bowl

Wednesday, February 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • The Lab

Make a flag for the team you want to win in the upcoming Super Bowl! We will be using sublimation and the Cricut Heat Press for this project. *Kids 8 and younger need to be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.*

The Galentine's Day Craft

Friday, February 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. • The Lab

Grab your gal pals, or whoever you want, and have a platonic date night at the Library. Make crafts, take pictures and enjoy the holiday.

Services Available at the Lab

- 3D printing
- Cricut Maker 3
- Cricut Heat Press
- Cricut Mug Press
- Large Format Printer
- One-on-One Tech Help
- Podcast Studio
- Printing & Copying
- Public Computer Access
- VHS digitization

If you need any assistance or have questions regarding the Lab services, please call (516) 883-4400 ext. 1900.

ADULT PROGRAMS



For a full listing of adult events, visit PWPL.org/events. Registration is required for all programs unless stated otherwise. For the most up-to-date information, sign up for our emails at bit.ly/PWPLhappenings

Sponsorships:

AAC – Art Advisory Council
FOL – Friends of the Library

HAC – Health Advisory Council
MAC – Music Advisory Council

January/February Registrations for limited-space programs:

- **Port Cooks! Cooking with Chef Rob: Soup and Salad Demonstration:** registration begins January 5
- **Port Cooks! Challah with Debby's Kitchen:** registration begins January 12
- **Exercise classes (Chair Yoga, Stretch & Strengthen, Stretch, Sculpt, & Balance, and Tai Chi):** registration begins January 12
- **AccessABILITY Cooking Class: Pasta Fagioli Soup:** registration begins January 19
- **Loki's Loop Escape Room:** registration begins January 19
- **Port Cooks! Cooking with Chef Rob: Mini Scones:** registration begins February 2
- **Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course Saturday, January 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
Registration begins on Friday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course Saturday, February 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
Registration begins on Monday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m.

■ USA 250th Celebration

■ Black History Month

Please Note: Black History Month and 250th Celebration of the USA events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, & MORE

Registration is required unless stated otherwise.

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano – Norman Rockwell

Thursday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. • Lapham Room and on Zoom
Join Professor Thomas Germano for a visual presentation on Norman Rockwell, the American artist who captured culture and humor through his iconic illustrations.

Sandwiched In with Eco-Photo Explorers – Exploring Long Island's Shipwrecks

Friday, January 16 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room and on Zoom
Join the Eco-Photo Explorers for a presentation on shipwrecks from the Revolutionary War to modern times and see what some of these wrecks look like today. *Sponsored by the Nautical Advisory Council.*

Raised Bed Gardening Workshop

Wednesdays, January 21 & February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Hagedorn Room

Want to start or improve your vegetable garden? Bruce Frey of Plant A Row for the Hungry demonstrates how to build a raised garden bed. *No registration required. Sponsored by Plant A Row For The Hungry, Port Washington.*

Celebrating Pete Fornatale with Tony Traguardo!

Friday, January 23 at 12:00 p.m. & Friday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.
Lapham Room

Tony Traguardo celebrates legendary DJ Pete Fornatale with rare audio and video spanning his career. Enjoy clips from Pete's early radio shows, TV appearances, interviews, plus performances and moments with artists like Peter Frampton, Richard Thompson, and David Crosby. *This event coincides with our current exhibit in the History Center Annex.*

Winter Seed Sowing with Live Demo

Saturday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Master Gardener Bea Helft to learn how to start seeds outdoors during winter using an easy, low-cost method for flowers, vegetables, and herbs. *Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension.*

■ Art Lecture with Alice Iglehart – Gilbert Stuart – Portrait Painter

Tuesday, January 27 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join museum educator Alice W. Iglehart for a lecture on portraitist Gilbert Stuart, best known for his unfinished painting of George Washington featured on the one-dollar bill.

Port Cooks! Challah with Debby's Kitchen

Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Participants will make dough and braid a five-strand challah. All supplies are provided—just bring an apron. Fresh challah will be sampled!

Sandwiched In with Sue Miller – Discovering Your Family History: Where to Start

Friday, January 30 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Interested in exploring your family history? Join the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's Susan R. Miller to learn key online resources, fundamental records, and plan your next steps.

AccessABILITY Cooking Class: Pasta Fagioli Soup

Tuesday, February 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Make Pasta Fagioli Soup with Julie Reilly (Chefs of d'Future). The class is tailored to members of the IDD community and their friends. All are welcome. *Sponsored by the FOL.*

Loki's Loop Escape Room

Wednesday, February 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room

Gather your friends and test your problem-solving skills! Sign up in teams of 2-4 for the Loki Escape Room, where you'll solve puzzles and uncover misinformation tactics. *Sponsored by the FOL.*

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, & MORE

Registration is required unless stated otherwise.

Discussion Group (Ages 60+)

Topic – Valentine’s Day: Myth or Value

Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

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

Sandwiched In with Ron Brown – Billie Holiday – A Life of Glory and Tragedy

Friday, February 6 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Professor Ron Brown as he explores the tumultuous life and career of legendary Jazz singer Billie Holiday.

Afternoon on Broadway – From Screen to Stage: Broadway’s Love Affair with Film – Part Two

Monday, February 9 at 3:30 p.m. (New Start Time) • Lapham Room

See part 1 for event details.

Winter Wildlife on the Port Washington Peninsula

Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Greentree Foundation Naturalist Stéphane Perreault for a visual presentation on winter wildlife of the Port Washington peninsula, including mammals, ducks, land birds, and insects. Sponsored by Transition Town Port Washington.

Art Lecture with Thomas Germano – Millet: Life on the Land

Thursday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. • Lapham Room and on Zoom

Join Professor Thomas Germano for a visual lecture on French artist Jean-François Millet (1814–1875).

Sandwiched In with Claire Bellerjeau - Cato in the Revolution: Spies, Slavery, Church, and Chocolate

Friday, February 13 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau as she shares new discoveries about Cato, an enslaved Black man who aided Patriot spy Hercules Mulligan during the Revolutionary War.

Port Cooks! Cooking with Chef Rob: Mini Chocolate Scones

Saturday, February 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Mini chocolate scones with vanilla drizzle. **Please bring a bowl, a spatula, and a tray.**

Art Lecture with Alice Iglehart – A Close Look: Henry Ossawa Tanner’s *The Thankful Poor*

Tuesday, February 17 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join museum educator Alice W. Iglehart for an in-depth exploration of *The Thankful Poor*, a painting by the first internationally known African American artist, Henry Ossawa Tanner.

Sandwiched In with Dennis Raverty – African Diaspora Art

Friday, February 20 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room and on Zoom

Join award-winning teacher and art historian Dennis Raverty for a visual lecture exploring African Diaspora Art produced at the crossroads between Christian Faith and the indigenous spirituality of West Africa.

Sandwiched In with Tanisha Mitchell – Opera in Ebony

Friday, February 27 at 12:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Join Tanisha Mitchell as she honors legendary African American singers with sound clips of Marian Anderson, Leontyne Price, and more, plus a live aria by Tanisha.

LIVE AT THE LIBRARY

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Concerts are sponsored by the Music Advisory Council.

SoundSwap: Bill German - Multimedia Presentation - *Under Their Thumb*

Saturday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Author and Rolling Stones insider Bill German shares behind-the-scenes stories, film, and slides from his decades-long friendship with the band, recounted in his book *Under Their Thumb*.

The Alegria Ensemble

Sunday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

The Alegria Ensemble, led by violinist Chlöe Dickens, returns with a program of string quartets by Long Island Composers' Alliance members, including Joel Mandelbaum and George "Cork" Maul. The quartet features Chlöe Dickens and Concetta Abbate (violins), Teddy Froelich (viola), and Katie Chambers (cello). Sponsored by the FOL.

For the Record: “Wait... They Played WHAT?": Strange Covers by Famous Artists

Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Enjoy a fun evening of surprising cover songs performed by successful artists who put their unique spins on hits they didn't write or record. Rescheduled from October 8, 2025.

SoundSwap: Carnaby Street Plays the Music of the British Invasion

Friday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Carnaby Street is an eight-piece band playing hits from the British Invasion era, including The Kinks, The Hollies, The Yardbirds, and Herman's Hermits. Join us for a fun, sing-and-dance-along night of 1960s music!

Sandwiched In with Paige Patterson – Pure Joy

Sunday, February 1 at 3:00 p.m.

Lapham Room

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a concert honoring Black History and legendary artists from the Harlem Renaissance to modern icons like Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder, and Corrine Bailey Rae.



Music Advisory Council Concert – Gathering Time, Folk

Sunday, February 8 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Long Island folk-rock trio Gathering Time transforms traditional Kentucky and American songs into folk-rock with their signature three-part harmonies.

SoundSwap: For the Record: George Harrison's “Dark Horse” Years

Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

In honor of the Lunar New Year, Tony Traguardo explores George Harrison's Dark Horse Records releases, from *Dark Horse* (1974) to *Brainwashed* (2002), highlighting the best music of this era in a multimedia talk.

Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio

Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

See Cover for details.

SoundSwap: Black Ice Performs Hard Rock Classics!

Saturday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. • Lapham Room

Black Ice is a classic hard rock band playing hits from 60s–80s rock and heavy metal pioneers like Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, and Van Halen, plus select tracks from 90s and 2000s bands.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Update to Our Exercise Programs Starting in January, we will no longer use a lottery system for patron registration. Instead, registration will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration opens Monday, January 12, and can be completed online, by phone, or in person. Wednesday classes begin January 21, and Monday classes begin January 26.

Medicaid Sign-Up Help

Fridays, January 9 & February 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

North Study Room

Free, walk-in assistance from the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.

No registration required.

Hypertension Screenings

Tuesdays, January 13 & February 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Blood Pressure screenings. Sponsored by St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center.

Stretch, Sculpt, and Balance

Wednesdays, January 21 to June 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Improve flexibility, balance, strength, and range of motion in sessions led by athletic trainer and Pilates instructor Marlene Kirsh. Chairs available if needed (no class Feb. 18 & 25, Mar. 4, Apr. 8). Bring a yoga mat and 3lb weights. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council; priority for PW residents.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

Wednesdays, January 21 to May 6 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, a free 14-week program from NYU Langone Hospital – Long Island, uses gentle Tai Chi movements, led by a certified instructor, to improve balance, strength, and confidence in daily activities. Chairs available. (No class on Feb. 18 or Apr. 8 *Priority to PW residents*).

Chair Yoga

Mondays, January 26 to June 1

from 12:30 p.m to 1:15 p.m. OR 1:45 p.m to 2:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga classes with certified instructor Beth Lipset. Free to Port Washington residents (no class on Feb. 16, Apr. 6, and May 11, 25).

Kindly register for either the 12:30 p.m. or the 1:45 p.m. class—not both—so we can ensure space for as many patrons as possible.

Thank you. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council.

Stretch & Strengthen

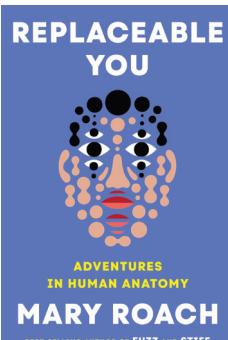
Mondays, January 26 to June 1 from 5:15 p.m to 6:15 p.m.

A free exercise series for Port Washington residents combining yoga, Pilates, and stretching, led by athletic trainer and Pilates instructor Marlene Kirsh (No class Feb. 16, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 25). Bring a yoga mat. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council.

ADULT 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. *Registration is required. The Adventures in Classic Readings, Poetry Readers Club and Revolutionary Reads are sponsored by FOL's Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund.*

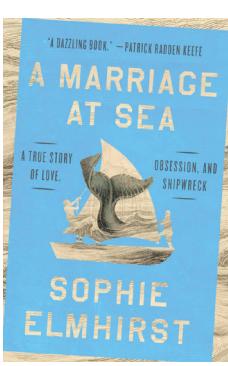
Nonfiction: Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. • Hagedorn Room



Replaceable You by Mary Roach

Thursday, January 8

In *Replaceable You*, Mary Roach explores the remarkable advances and difficult questions prompted by the human body's failings.



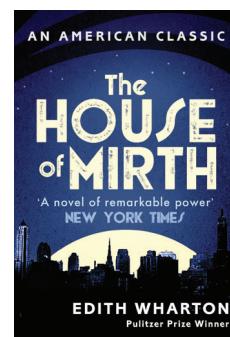
Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck by Sophie Elmhirst

Thursday, February 12

Maurice and Maralyn are an unlikely pair—he's awkward and obsessive, she's charismatic and driven—but both fear wasting their lives. Together they imagine a daring escape: quit their jobs, sell their house, buy a boat, and sail away.

Adventures in Classic Reading with Dr. Laury Magnus:

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. • Hagedorn Room



House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

Tuesday, January 20

A black comedy of manners, *The House of Mirth* follows Lily Bart, a New York socialite whose pursuit of wealth through marriage unravels after she's scandalously accused of being a wealthy man's mistress, leaving her exiled from the society she depends on.

Measure for Measure by William Shakespeare

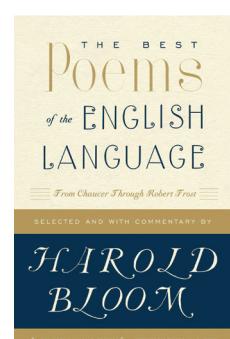
Tuesday, February 17

Measure for Measure follows the Duke of Vienna, who leaves the severe Angelo in charge. When Angelo condemns Claudio for sexual immorality, Claudio's sister Isabella must choose between her chastity and saving him.

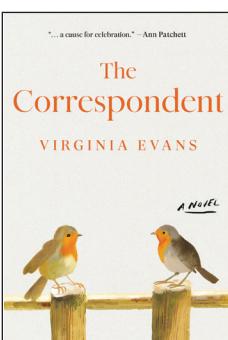
Poetry Readers Circle • Hagedorn Room

Thursday, January 22 & Thursday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m.

The Best Poems of the English Language: from Chaucer to Frost



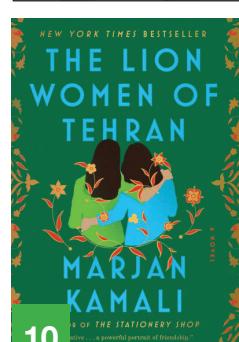
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The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Tuesday, January 27

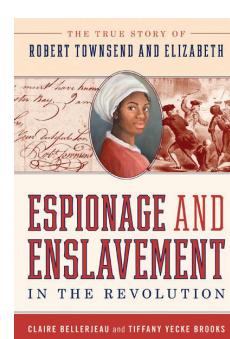
The Correspondent is a wise, heartfelt novel about finding solace in literature and in connections with people we may never meet. It reflects on youthful hubris, the wisdom of age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that shape a lifetime.



The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

Tuesday, February 24

Set in 1950s Tehran, this novel follows childhood friends Ellie and Homa as their bond is tested by family pressures, social change, and political upheaval. Their friendship, dreams, and a shocking betrayal shape their lives, exploring love, courage, and the lasting impact of early connections.



Revolutionary Reads • Hagedorn Room

Tuesday, February 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend and Elizabeth by Claire Bellerjeau and Tiffany Yecke Brooks

This new book club will feature nonfiction works that tell the history of the American Revolution.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Welcome Alejandra Prada



We are thrilled to announce that Alejandra Prada will be taking on the role of Head of ESOL Programming starting January 8, 2026. She has been working in our ESOL Department for the last four years and teaching ESOL and Spanish. Her experience in helping others has been an important part of all her work in both here at the Library and in nonprofit organizations, in Colombia and New York. Her creativity and passion make Alejandra the perfect fit for this position and the future of the Library's ESOL Department.

Welcome, English learners! PWPL's ESOL Department and dedicated volunteers are here to support Library patrons who want to improve their English skills. You can register at the Library if you'd like to join. This service is free to all members who live or work in Port Washington.

For more information about our ESOL program, please contact Alejandra Prada at Pradaa@pwpl.org or 516-883-4400 x1308.

HOLA! LEARN SPANISH

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs include:

- **English Classes:** Beginner — Advanced levels to help you improve your writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills.
- **Citizenship & GED Preparation**
- **Orientation Sessions & Community Information Sessions** such as CPR in Spanish, Defensive Driving in Spanish, immigration, health and banking.

Spanish language programs include:

- **High Beginner & Intermediate-level Spanish Classes**
- **Spanish Book of the Month Club**

Coming Up...

Beginner's Mandarin Class for Adults

Starting January 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Maximum: 12 people

Discover the beauty of the Mandarin language and Chinese culture! Registration: lip@pwpl.org. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Celebrate Lunar New Year 2026!

Saturday, February 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we welcome the **Year of the Horse** with a vibrant celebration of Lunar New Year 2026! This festive event will feature cultural performances, traditional music and dance, and family activities, representing the diverse Asian communities that observe the holiday. Lunar New Year is a time to honor family, friendship, and new beginnings. Come experience the beauty of this centuries-old tradition and share in the joy of community togetherness. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable celebration of culture and renewal! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Peggy O'Hanlon's Retirement!



Above left: Asian Festival Committee 2006. Above right: Bilingual Community Health Fair 2025.



Peggy, thank you for 33 years of extraordinary dedication.

Your vision created the ESOL department and transformed countless lives. Always smiling and having a kind word for everyone, you welcomed students from all over the world with warmth and understanding. All of them carry deep gratitude for you, because in so many ways, you became the heart of their experience at PWPL. Through your compassion, leadership, and unwavering support, you strengthened the Port Washington community in many profound and lasting ways.

Your retirement marks the end of a remarkable era of leadership within our library. Your contributions have shaped not only our achievements but also the personal and professional growth of everyone you touched. We are tremendously grateful for the wisdom, energy, and heart you invested—now woven into the foundation of our institution. *May your retirement be a reflective and restful journey that brings you happiness, peace, and the joy you so greatly deserve.*

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

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Winter Book Bingo



Get ready for Library-Wide Winter Book Bingo! Starting February 2, readers of all ages—kids, teens, and adults—can join the fun by registering

online or at any Library service desk. Race to be one of the first ten in your age group to score a bingo (5 in a row: across, down, or diagonally) and win an exciting prize! Remember, you can check off up to two boxes per book. Be sure to return your completed bingo cards to the Library by March 20. Open to PWPL patrons only. Let the reading adventure begin!

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LIBRARY SERVICES

Museum Pass Highlight

The Children's Museum of Manhattan features interactive exhibits designed for kids ages 6 and under to explore arts, science and culture through hands-on experiences. Current exhibits include *Adventures with Dora and Diego*, *Right to Vote* and *Superpowered Metropolis*. The museum is located at 212 West 83rd Street and is open Tuesdays – Sundays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Library pass admits four people to the museum and can be reserved online 45 days in advance at www.PWPL.org/museumpass. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Children's Museum of Manhattan

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LOGG Highlight

Light Therapy Lamp Looking for a way to beat the winter blues? 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 online at www.PWPL.org/LOGG. Express copies are also available at the circulation desk on a first-come, first-served basis. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Community Meet-ups

Ongoing Weekly Events in the Mezzanine Room

No registration required



- **Needlecraft BYOP (Bring Your Own Project)** – Wednesdays from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your own projects and hang out with fellow crafters. Sponsored by the FOL.
- **Scrabble** – Fridays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.