Pianist Chaeyoung Park in Concert
Sunday, January 14 at 3:00 p.m.
in Lapham Meeting Room

Winner of the 2022 Young Concert Artists Susan Wadsworth International Auditions, 2019 Hilton Head Piano Competition, and Finalist at the 2023 Arthur Rubinstein International Master Piano Competition. Park has been praised as a passionate pianist who “does not play a single note without thought or feeling” (New York Concert Review). Park’s various roles as a recitalist, chamber musician, and concerto soloist have led to performances at Carnegie Hall, Bravo! Vail Music Festival, Tongyeong International Music Festival, Ravinia’s Bennett Gordon Hall, Symphony Center’s Orchestra Hall, and the Gilmore Rising Stars series. Sponsored by the Music Advisory Council.

Winter Book Bingo

Join us for Library-Wide Winter Book Bingo! Starting Monday, January 15, kids, teens, and adults can register online or in person at all service desks. The first ten people from each age group to get a bingo (5 across, horizontally, diagonally, or vertically) will win a prize. A maximum of two boxes per book. Please bring all bingo cards back to the Library by March 22. PWPL patrons only. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

TAX HELP:

AARP volunteers will be at the Library once again to help you with your income taxes! Register for a private tax help session starting January 22. Sessions are on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., February 6 through April 9. You do not have to be an AARP member to sign up for this service! To register, visit the Reference Desk in the South Wing or call 516-883-4400 ext. 1400. For the first six weeks, priority will be given to Port Washington residents. Non-residents may sign up for sessions beginning March 12.

An Insider’s View of the Legal Battle Against Book Banning
Sunday, January 21 at 2:30 p.m.
Lapham Meeting Room and on Zoom
(Please Note: This program was rescheduled from Sunday, November 19, 2023)

Join The Friends of the Library for a special program on the First Amendment, featuring two attorneys at the forefront, FOL Board Member Rebecca Hughes Parker and Michael Bamberger, attorneys at global law firm Dentons. They are on the legal team seeking to overturn the Arkansas law that allows criminal charges to be brought against librarians and booksellers. They will discuss the status of that case and other state laws around the country resulting in book bans and legal threats to libraries. If you have previously registered for this event, please complete the new event registration form to ensure that you are registered for the new date. To register for the event, visit pwpl.org/events. For information on the FOL, email fol@pwpl.org
Citizens’ Policy Forum
Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room

What can everyday citizens do when so much in Washington and elsewhere seems broken or dysfunctional? Join Rick Leeds, an independent policy researcher, as he moderates a non-partisan, fact-based discussion about process and policy issues facing our country.

The goal of this program is to empower citizens with accurate and up-to-date information. This first session will explore what is behind the high cost of health care and why and how it is the primary long-term driver of inflation. All political persuasions are welcome. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

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—— In the Adler Gallery ——
AAC Collects
Collected Works from the Private Collections of The Art Advisory Council

Artwork from the private collections of the Art Advisory Council members will be on display through February. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to view many talented, award-winning artists who have had brilliant careers in the visual arts. The exhibit will be on view from January 3 through February 28.

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—— Save the Date! ——
The Friends of the Library’s 55th Annual Book & Author Luncheon
Friday, May 10, 2024
The Garden City Hotel


Check upcoming issues of the library newsletter and pwpl.org/fol for information on event sponsorships (available February 1) and tickets (available March 1).
**Save the Date!**

**Lunar New Year 2024**

**Sunday, February 18**

We will be celebrating the arrival of the Year of the Dragon!

As we celebrate the dragon taking its place as the zodiac animal this year, let’s embrace the positive qualities it symbolizes—power, strength, and good fortune. In many Asian cultures, this mythical creature is a symbol of wisdom and prosperity. **Save the date and join the festivities as we say goodbye to the past year and welcome the start of something new.**

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**Exercise Classes**

Registration for our Chair Yoga classes and Exercise classes will be determined through a random lottery! Enter for your chance to participate in our extremely popular exercise classes. Lottery forms will be available online from Tuesday, January 2 through Tuesday, January 9. To enter, fill out the form online, call us at x1300, or stop by in person! Filling out the form does not guarantee you a spot in our classes. Lottery winners for each class will receive a confirmation e-mail by January 15.

**Chair Yoga**

**Mondays, January 22 through May 20**

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a series of Chair Yoga classes led by a certified instructor.

**Exercise Classes**

**Mondays, January 22 through June 17**

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Join us for a series of exercise classes incorporating yoga, Pilates and stretching. Please bring a yoga mat.

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**Exercise Classes**

**Cricut Craft: Engraving**

**Wednesday, January 31**

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Join us for an engraving workshop using the Cricut Maker 3! You have a choice between engraving a bookmark, keychain, or dog tag with a design of your choosing.

**Registration begins January 17.**

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**Wednesday, January 17**

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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**Career and Finance Center Programs:**

**Small Business Workshops**

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**Small Business Workshop: Starting on a Small Budget**

**Wednesday, January 10 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Hagedorn Meeting Room

Thinking of starting a new business? The first in the series will cover the basics of setting up a business, finances, marketing basics, insurance, business plan introduction, and more.

**Small Business Workshop: Franchising**

**Wednesday, January 24 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Hagedorn Meeting Room

Explore the difference between starting a business from scratch versus franchising, learn about franchise arrangements and funding options, gain tools for choosing the right franchise, and more.

**Sneak Peek into the February Sessions:**

More details to come in the February newsletter. **Registration begins February 1 for both February sessions.**

**Small Business Workshop: Preparing a Business Plan**

**Wednesday, February 7 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Small Business Workshop: Marketing Strategies**

**Wednesday, February 21 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

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**ESOL Offerings:**

In addition to English classes, the ESOL program provides an intermediate level Spanish language class, GED and citizenship preparation classes, orientation, and community information sessions. For further details about the ESOL Program, feel free to reach out to Peggy O’Hanlon at ohanlonp@pwpl.org or 516 883-4400 x1308. This service is available at no cost to all individuals residing or working in Port Washington. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.**

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**Sandwiched In with William Van Dorp**

**What’s Old Becomes New: Cruising the Great Lakes 1819 to 2023**

**Friday, January 19 at 12:00 p.m.**

in Lapham Meeting Room

Powered passenger vessels have traveled the Great Lakes since 1819. Join William Van Dorp for a visual presentation on the history of the 19th and 20th-century Great Lakes passenger vessels. Get an inside look at the Great Lakes cruise ships that have recently completed the 2023 season, their itineraries, and some of their surprising amenities.

Mr. Van Dorp is an independent writer and photographer who has traveled over 20,000 nautical miles on all the Great Lakes and many adjoining waters as a journalist and onboard lecturer on four different cruise ships. **Sponsored by the Library’s Nautical Advisory Council.**

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Friday, January 5
- Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Sandwiched In: Columbo... Just One More Thing at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid)
  Join Adjunct Professor and TV and film historian Sal St. George to uncover the true story of America’s favorite sleuth and how he was created.
- Coding for Kids at 4:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Dungeons & Dragons for Kids at 5:45 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Film: Return to Dust at 6:30 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  (2022-134 min.) Two lonely middle-aged outcasts, humble farmer Ma (Wu Renlin) and sickly Cao (Hai Qing), enter into an arranged marriage. From just a few seeds, their newly planted crops take root and flourish. Similarly, an unexpected bond between the two blossoms. Li Ruijin scripted and directed. In Chinese with English subtitles.

Monday, January 8
- A Time For Kids-Baby Start at 10:00 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- A Time For Kids at 10:45 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Preschool Story Time at 1:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. See page 7 for details.

Tuesday, January 9
- Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Hypertension Screenings from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Joan and Arnold Saltzman Reading Room
- Hot Chocolate Bomb Workshop at 6:30 p.m. See page 7 for details.
- CancerCare Services at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
- Support Group for Caregivers of Elderly Relatives at 7:00 p.m. in Children’s Workshop Room
  This support group gives participants the opportunity to talk with others experiencing similar circumstances and share ideas for the best ways to handle a variety of situations.

Wednesday, January 10
- Sandwiched In - Currier and Ives: Purveyors of Popular Prints at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  Join award-winning teacher and art historian Dennis Raverty for his latest installment in the history of illustration as he explores the immensely popular printmaking firm Currier and Ives.
- Breast Cancer Information Session at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room
  Representatives from Adelphi University’s statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program will be available to answer questions and provide information on their services. These include counseling, patient navigation, support groups and educational forums.
- Medicaid Sign-Up Help at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room
- Coding for Kids at 4:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Dungeons & Dragons for Kids at 5:45 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Film: You Hurt My Feelings at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room
  (2023-93 min.) The happy marriage between novelist Beth (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) and Don (Tobias Menzies) is jeopardized when she overhears him criticizing her book-in-progress to his brother-in-law. Nicole Holofcener scripted and directed this exquisitely uncomfortable comedy.

Saturday, January 13
- SAT Zoom Crash Couse at 10:00 a.m. See page 7 for details.
Sunday, January 14
- Concert: Pianist Chaeyoung Park at 3:00 p.m. See cover for details.

Monday, January 15
The Library will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 16
- Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Art Lecture: A Close Look: Thomas Cole's The Oxbow at 12:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room Join museum educator Alice W. Schwarz for an in-depth discussion of the iconic View from Mount Holyoke, Northampton, Massachusetts, after a Thunderstorm—The Oxbow by artist Thomas Cole, the father of 19th century American landscape painting. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, January 17
- 1-2-3 Play with Me at 11:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Smartphones for the Perplexed at 2:30 p.m. See page 3 for details.
- Chess at 5:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 18
- Tummy Time at 10:00 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Citizens' Policy Forum at 7:00 p.m. See page 2 for details.

Friday, January 19
- Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Sandwiched In- What's Old Becomes New: Cruising the Great Lakes 1819 to 2023 at 12:00 p.m. See page 3 for details.
- Coding for Kids at 4:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Dungeons & Dragons for Kids at 5:45 p.m. See page 8 for details.

Saturday, January 20
- Defensive Driving Course at 9:30 a.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room Seating is limited and registration is required. Priority will be given to Port Washington card holders. Payment of $33 via cash will be collected by the instructor during class. Registration begins on Tuesday, January 2.

Sunday, January 21
- An Insider's View of the Legal Battle Against Book Banning at 2:30 p.m. See cover for details.

Monday, January 22
- Chair Yoga at 12:30 p.m. See page 3 for details.
- Preschool Story Time at 1:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Afternoon on Broadway: A Celebration of Cole Porter at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (hybrid) This program was rescheduled from 11/13/23. Join award-winning stage and film director Stephen Nachamie as he celebrates the life and music of the legendary Cole Porter. Mr. Nachamie will explore musicals filled with sophisticated wit, wordplay and memorable melodies.
- Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. See page 7 for details.
- Exercise Class at 5:15 p.m. See page 3 for details.
- Adventures in Classic Readings at 6:30 p.m. See page 6 for details.
- Teen Study Hall at 7:00 p.m. See page 7 for details.

Tuesday, January 23
- Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Fiction Book Club at 7:30 p.m. See page 6 for details.

Wednesday, January 24
- 1-2-3 Play with Me at 11:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Chess at 5:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Small Business Workshop: Franchising at 7:00 p.m. in Hagedorn Meeting Room See page 3 for details.

Thursday, January 25
- Tummy Time at 10:00 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Art Lecture: Van Gogh in Auvers: 1890 at 3:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room Join Professor Thomas Germano for this visual lecture which focuses exclusively on the prolific creative burst of life and energy Van Gogh demonstrated just prior to his death at age 37. This is also the subject of an international traveling exhibition that began in Amsterdam’s Van Gogh Museum in 2023 and continues in Paris’s Musée D’Orsay in early 2024.

Friday, January 26
- Ready, Set, Story Time at 9:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.

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

Friday, January 26 (cont.)
- Sandwiched In - Hollywood Battles Television: Wide Screens and Thrill Rides in 1950s Movies at 12:00 p.m. Join film historian Max Alvarez for this exciting lecture featuring sequences from such 1950s hits as This is Cinerama, How to Marry a Millionaire, and House of Wax. And see it on our big screen! Sponsored by the FOL.
- Coding for Kids at 4:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Dungeons & Dragons for Kids at 5:45 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Film: Barbie at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room (2023-114 min.) To live in Barbie Land is to be a perfect being in a perfect place. Unless you have a full-on existential crisis. Or unless you’re Ken. This blockbuster feminist comedy from writer/director Greta Gerwig and co-author Noah Baumbach stars Margot Robbie as Barbie, Ryan Gosling as Ken, and a bevy of guest stars!

Saturday, January 27
- Read to a Certified Therapy Rabbit at 3:00 p.m. See page 8 for details.

Monday, January 29
- Chair Yoga at 12:30 p.m. See page 3 for details.
- Preschool Story Time at 1:30 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- Teen Gaming at 3:30 p.m. See page 7 for details.
- Exercise Class at 5:15 p.m. See page 3 for details.

Wednesday, January 31
- 1-2-3 Play with Me at 11:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Part 1: Mental Health & Wellness Seminar at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room This six-session seminar will provide an introduction and overview of mental health. The series will cover such topics as mental health, coping skills, trauma and the body as well as resources for the community. Cosponsored by Project HELP of Long Island and the PWPL.

Thursday, January 30
- Sing and Swing at 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. See page 2 for details.
- Social Security Explained at 7:00 p.m. in Lapham Meeting Room Join us for an overview of services and benefits provided to seniors by the Social Security Administration. Bring your questions!
January Book Clubs
Join fellow readers at the Library for an engaging discussion at our book clubs. Copies of the books can be found at the Information Desk and on Libby.

Nonfiction Book Club:
Thursday, January 11 at 1:30 p.m.
in Hagedorn Meeting Room

Misbelief: What Makes Rational People Believe Irrational Things by Dan Ariely
Grounded in years of study as well as his own experience as a target of disinformation, a preeminent social scientist explores the behavior of “misbelief,” analyzing the psychological drivers that cause otherwise rational people to adopt deeply irrational beliefs.

Fiction Book Club:
Tuesday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Mezzanine Meeting Room

Let Us Descend by Jesmyn Ward
In the years before the Civil War, Annis, sold south by the white enslaver who fathered her, struggles through the miles-long march, seeks comfort from memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother, opening herself to a world beyond this world.

Adventures in Classic Readings:
Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Mezzanine Meeting Room

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish
An ailing historian with a fondness for Jewish history reviews 17th century documents discovered during a renovation in Amsterdam, and learns the story of an emigrant who worked as a scribe for a blind rabbi just before the onslaught of the plague.

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

Borrow a Roku Streaming Stick from the Library! Get free access to popular streaming services with your library card. Roku streaming players work with any TV with an HDMI port. Rokus are available to borrow for 7 days and can be reserved at pwpl.org/LOGG or available as express grab-and-go at the circulation desk.

For Roku instructions and list of streaming services, visit pwpl.org/rokuinstructions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Museum Pass Spotlight:
The Heckscher Museum of Art
The Heckscher Museum of Art has over 2,300 pieces by American and European artists spanning over five hundred years. It includes landscape paintings, modern works of art, photography and more! The museum is located in Huntington and is open Thursdays – Sundays from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. The Library’s Print-On-Demand pass admits 2 adults and any accompanying children under 18 years old. Reserve your museum pass online up to 30 days in advance at PWPL.org/museumpass. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Automatic Book Recommendations
PWPL offers access to BookPage online! It is a FREE monthly reading recommendation guide with book reviews to help you find your next great read. Visit bookpage.com/port-washington-public-library to view the latest edition.

You can also register to receive monthly reading recommendation newsletters in your favorite genres including audiobooks, cookbooks, mysteries, popular fiction and more.

To sign up for personalized book recommendations, visit bookpage.com/newsletters.
Teen Gaming
Mondays, January 8, 22 & 29 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come play Nintendo Switch games with other teens after school. No registration required.

Hot Chocolate Bomb Workshop
Tuesday, January 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Join chocolatier Melinda Space as she guides us in creating Hot Chocolate Bombs. Once completed, teens can bring home the delicious treat and enjoy it with family and friends. Registration begins December 26.

SAT Prep Class
Saturday, January 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
This course, presented by J&J Test Prep, will cover the English and Math sections of the SAT. Students will learn about the different types of questions that appear on the test. The Zoom information will be emailed to you before the event. Teens in grades 9-12 can register at PWPL.org/Teens beginning December 30. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Study Hall
Monday January 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Teens are invited to use the Lapham meeting room as a dedicated study space for their upcoming exams until 9 p.m. Coffee and snacks will be generously provided by the Friends of the Library.

Submit a Teen Review & Earn Community Service Credit!
Port Teens in grades 7-12 can earn 2 hours of community service by reading, playing games, listening to podcasts, or watching shows and movies, then submitting a review. Teens may submit up to 3 reviews per month and receive 2 hours of community service credit for each review. Reviews should be between 50-100 words.
To submit a review, visit pwpl.org/Teens or scan the QR Code.

Save the Date!
Taylor Swift in My Mug Making Era
Wednesday, February 7
Calling all Swifties! Join us next month in designing and creating a Taylor Swift inspired mug using our Cricut Maker and Cricut Mug Press. To register visit pwpl.org/Teens. Registration begins January 24.

TeenSpace is the place to go to find everything you’ll need to be a better student
- Use our textbook collection to get your homework done at the Library.
- Check out our Test Prep section, filled with review and test prep books.
- Visit Tutor.com to connect with a live online tutor for homework help between 2 and 10 p.m. daily. This service is made possible by the Friends of the Library.
- Visit Mometrix Test Prep for Regents prep, SAT and ACT prep.
- Learn a new language using Pronunciator and Mango Languages.

Check out these new hot reads in TeenSpace!

Artifice by Sharon Cameron
Teen forger Isa helps her friend smuggling Jewish babies from Nazi-occupied Amsterdam by selling fake paintings to the Nazis. She soon realizes spotting fakes is challenging, whether in art or people.

Ryan and Avery by David Levithan
Tells the story of Ryan and Avery, two boys who meet at a queer prom, through their first ten dates as they fall in love amidst snowstorms, groundings, meeting parents, heartbreak, and every day and date in between.

With or Without You by Eric Smith
Food truck rivals Jordan and Cindy put on an act to drive up business, but when their fake feud lands them a reality TV show pilot, they are trapped between pursuing their dreams or their love.

Loveboat Forever by Abigail Hing Wen
Desperate for a new image, 17-year-old music prodigy Pearl Wong attends the Taipei summer program, only to find herself immersed in an extravagant world with unexpected surprises, including a romantic involvement with a mysterious suitor.

Leadership Program Opportunity for Teens
The Roots Leadership Program (RLP) is an innovative new program for Port Washington high school sophomores and juniors designed by the Port Washington Library Foundation to develop civic leadership with a focus on communication, networking, and hands-on experience. Applications will be open from January 3 to January 22 to participate in our Spring 2024 cohort! Visit pwpl.org/teens for more information.
Early Childhood

Find registration start dates and register online at PWPL.org/children

Sing and Swing

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. or 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult

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

1-2-3 Play with Me

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
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 the importance of play, language development, movement, and dental hygiene. Registration required.

Ready, Set, Storytime

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Ages birth to 5 years with an adult

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

A Time For Kids-Baby Start

Monday, January 8 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 months to 17 months with an adult

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

A Time For Kids

Monday, January 8 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 8, 22, 29, & February 5 from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Enjoy great stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. For children ages 2 ½ to 5 years with an adult. Registration required.

Tummy Time

Thursdays, January 11, 18 & 25
from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 months to pre-crawlers

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

Find registration start dates and register online at PWPL.org/children

Chess

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 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 5, 12, 19, & 26 and February 2 & 9 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 Port Washington high school students. For children with no prior programming experience in 3rd to 6th grade. For more information visit youngcoderspw.com. Registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons for Kids

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26 and February 2, 9, & 16 from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
A game that engages players in collaborative storytelling, creative problem solving, artistic expression, and exploring a world you help create. Come join our game to expand your horizons and imagine exciting adventures with others. For children in 4th to 6th grade. Registration required.

Read to a Certified Pet Therapy Rabbit

Saturday, January 27 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Register to read out loud to a certified pet therapy rabbit for a 15-minute session. For children in 1st to 3rd grade. Registration required. Priority will be given to first time registrants. You will be notified of your time slot before January 27.

CREATIVE READERS

Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27 and February 3 & 10
Kindergarten - Second Grade from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Third – Fifth Grade from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Creative Readers is an arts and literacy inclusion program where children in kindergarten through 5th grade will use theater, art, movement, and music to bring books to life. Facilitated by Program Director Elise May. Professional behavior support will be at all sessions. For program and registration information, and high school volunteer opportunities please email creativereaders@optimum.net or visit the Creative Readers page on the PWPL website. Registration required.

Port Washington families can access over 3,000 digital picture books in 65 Languages Other Than English including 50 books in ASL (American Sign Language). Download the new LOTE4Kids App for story time on the go. To get started visit: lote4kids.com/us-port-washington-public-library or download the app at lote4kids.com/app-download/ and login with your PWPL Library card.

Event Policy

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