Wonderful Opportunity for High School Students:  
The Inaugural Nancy Curtin Internship

Nancy Curtin began working at PWPL in 1974 and became the Library Director in 1994. When she retired in 2018, a committee was formed made up of Trustees, and representatives from both the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation, to create a “Nancy Curtin Library Internship.”

The internship will be given to one local high school student currently in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade. Thanks to the generosity of the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library, the intern will receive a $2000 award for a six-week program. The intern will work approximately 15-20 hours per week, and will be assigned various tasks among multiple departments, including the Children’s, Young Adult, and Technology areas of the PWPL.

There will be an application process, followed by an interview with several representatives from PWPL.

The dates of the internship are July 8 through August 16. More information about the internship will be posted on our website and in future newsletters, and the application will be available on April 1.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Laurie Cotumaccio in Community Relations at cotumacl@pwpl.org.

In our efforts to provide as many ways as possible to share good things to read, PWPL created two Little Free Libraries. We offer two locations; one in front of Alper’s True Value Hardware on Irma Avenue, and another one will be placed at the train station in the near future.

Little Free Libraries play an essential role in providing 24/7 access to books and encouraging a love of reading. These libraries belong to everyone in the community. If you see a book you would like to read, please take it. When you are finished with the book, pass it on to a friend.

PWPL Director of Children’s Services Rachel Fox initiated the program. Librarian Jean Bennett and numerous other staff members collaborated on this project, and PWPL received support from the Friends of the Library and Alper’s True Value Hardware. This has truly been a community effort!

Patricia Carbo and Chris Brower, employees at Alper’s, helped Port Washington tweens assemble and paint the Little Libraries. “I was so glad I was able to be part of this wonderful community and represent Alper’s,” says Carbo, “Teaching young people about tools was great.” Special thanks also go to Victor Martinez and PWPL’s Zareen Johnson for their help with building and decorating the libraries.

PWPL appreciates that people want to donate books, but please do not leave books in the Little Free Libraries. There is a box outside of the PWPL for donations.

PWPL is delighted to have joined the world’s largest book-sharing movement. We hope you will enjoy these libraries and help us take care of them.

For additional information please contact the Library at 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.
Meet New York State Senator Anna Kaplan
Saturday, March 2 at 1 p.m.

Please join us on Saturday, March 2 as Long Island Business News’ Adina Genn conducts an on-stage interview of NY State Senator Anna Kaplan who took office in January.

Anna Kaplan was born Anna Monahemi in Tabriz, Iran to a Jewish family. When the Islamic Revolution swept the country, Anna’s parents made the difficult decision to send her on her own to the United States for safety. She arrived in Brooklyn as part of an international effort to save Iran’s Jewish and was sent to live with a foster family in Chicago, where she learned to speak English and completed high school. Anna was eventually granted political asylum by the United States government.

After her family was finally reunited, they moved to Queens, New York where Anna graduated from Yeshiva University Stern College for Women and then Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Anna settled in Great Neck, New York where she and her husband raised two daughters, but felt a strong desire to give back to the country that opened its arms to her as a child in need. After years volunteering at her daughters’ public schools and in her community, she decided to run for the Great Neck Library Board, where she served a four-year term.

During that time, she was appointed to the Town of North Hempstead Board of Zoning Appeals. In 2011, Anna was elected Town of North Hempstead Councilwoman for the Fourth District, where she passed groundbreaking legislation such as a town-wide ban of gender identity discrimination and Anti-BDS. She advocated and helped secure affordable housing for district seniors and rehabilitated parkland.

Anna sought the Senate seat for District 7 in 2018, calling for passage of the Reproductive Health Act, sensible gun safety and economic development in Nassau County. Her election victory made her the first political refugee and the first Iranian immigrant elected to the New York State Senate.

ART EXHIBIT: Dan Welden
Aesop’s Fables: Experimental works on paper
Reception Saturday, March 2 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Dan Welden is a master printmaker, painter, educator and author and has created works on canvas and paper for over 50 years. He has had over 80 international solo exhibitions and 700 group exhibitions in museums and galleries throughout the U.S., Europe, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Cuba and Peru.

This current body of work consists of paintings and works on paper. The works on paper were born in the wreck of an old estate, in the form of oxidized zinc plates sandwiched together. Each plate being a mirror image of the next, planted the concept of “opposites” much like the titles of Aesop’s Fables. Dan is the innovator and at the forefront of alternative health and safety movements of printmaking especially being the originator of the acidness photopolymer process “Solarplate.” He is the co-author of the book Printmaking in the Sun.

Formerly a professor at Stony Brook University and Central Connecticut State University Dan received a ‘Lifetime Achievement Award from the AE Ventures Foundation in New York. His most recent honor was from the Peruvian Escuela de Beas Artes in Cuzco, where he was awarded “Professor Emeritus.”

Dan’s work will be on display from March 2 through March 31.
Born and raised in the mecca of hip hop, Brooklyn, NY, identical twin brothers Amiri and Rahiem Taylor grew up listening to pop, funk and soul music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. While attending a democratic-free high school they taught themselves how to play guitar and write songs based on The Beatles. They later formed Blac Rabbit, bringing in former metal and church drummer Patrick Jones, followed by Josh Lugo on bass (and guitar), and most recently adding multi-instrumentalist Justin Jagbir on keyboard to play their original psychedelic rock tunes.

Amiri and Rah built a reputation around the city performing Beatles covers on the NYC subway, while performing original material with their band in New York's best venues for up and coming acts. On December 23, 2017, the band released their self-penned, self-titled, debut EP. The Taylor twins also played every instrument featured on the EP, save for a few songs on which featured Jones on drums.

After a video of Rah & Amiri's subway performances went viral, the duo have enjoyed numerous TV and radio appearances, including The Ellen Degeneres Show. Blac Rabbit's fan base continues to grow as they tour globally. Their debut full length album titled "Interstella," featuring the single "Seize the Day" is set for release in spring 2019.

Marc Berger's life has been about pursuing twin passions: creating and recording his American roots songs and exploring remote areas of the desert and mountain West. After signing his first publishing contract while in law school, he fronted rock bands, and performed regularly in New York City clubs like CBGB, Wetlands, and The Knitting Factory. All through this period, he'd find ways to get into the West, picking up details from fellow wilderness junkies about off the beaten path locales and filing them away for future reference. His travels led him to create a set of songs in the cultural tradition of writers like A.B. Guthrie and visual artists like John Ford and Frederick Remington.

Marc and his Co-Producer Mike Ricciardi recorded ‘RIDE’, ten cinematic recordings reflecting Marc's romantic connection to the American West and exploring the value of its myths to contemporary culture.

Marc has performed at Austin's South by Southwest Music Festival and The Kerrville and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals, and he has opened shows for Bob Dylan and other national acts. His song ‘The Last One’ was a staple of Richie Havens' concerts for years and has been quoted in the NY Times and featured on The CBS Evening News.

From the haunting message and beat of “Twister” and the soul-shaking challenge of taming a wild horse in “Take it on the Chin”, to the sexy, mind-blowing, middle-of-nowhere encounter of “Time Waits For No Man” and on through seven more scenic stops, RIDE takes you on a dusty tour of the Great American Frontier.

The Port Washington Play Troupe Presents
Two Performances: “Ring of Fire”
Monday, March 18 AND Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

From the iconic songbook of Johnny Cash comes this unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, and home and family. More than two dozen classic hits - including “I Walk The Line,” “A Boy Named Sue,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” and the title tune - performed by a multi-talented cast, paint a musical portrait of The Man in Black that promises to be a foot-stompin’, crowd-pleasin’ salute to a unique musical legend!

EXHIBITS:
The Adler Gallery features Dan Welden Aesop's Fables: Experimental works on Paper. Beginning March 13: Exercise over 50 Chair Class, Tuesdays 9:15 am-10:15 am 4 classes from April 3 through May 22. Register at pwpl.org/events or at the Library.

REGISTRATIONS:

EVENTS CALENDAR:

1 FRIDAY
Sandwiched In: World Wildlife Day Tribute: Wild Kingdom at Nassau County Museum of Art - Ever since humans began drawing them on cave walls, animals have played a significant role in art. Based on the joint exhibits Wild Kingdom/Eden Never Ends at the Nassau County Museum of Art, not only will we see animals through the artistic lens of stark realism, creative interpretation and sheer whimsy, we will explore the exotic and paintely menageries inspired by Hunt Slonem whose works have been inspired by his spiritual connection to nature.

Reception: Ladies From Your Past. Community Gallery 6:30-8pm. FOL

Film: Operation Finale (2018-2:4 p.m. AAC)
World Travels with Ron Brown: A Visit to Bethlehem

2 SATURDAY
Meet New York State Senator Anna Kaplan - From Iran to Chicago to Queens to Great Neck, Anna Kaplan has a most compelling story. Moderator Adina Genn of Long Island Business News will ask her about her journey. 1 p.m. FOL

Artist Reception Dan Welden Aesop's Fables: Experimental works on Paper See article in newsletter. 2 p.m. AAC

3 SUNDAY
Tomer Gewirtzman, Piano
Hailed by The Washington Post as an artist of “formidable virtuosity and stylistic sensitivity,” pianist Tomer Gewirtzman has performed with the Juilliard Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, as a soloist for numerous orchestras in his native Israel and throughout the U.S. 3 p.m. MAC

4 MONDAY
Business Ownership Part 1: Dispelling Common Myths
Interested in business ownership? Part 1 will be an informational overview about franchise ownership and whether it might be a good idea. Presented by the Kensington Company, Roslyn Heights, NY, and made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. Part 2 will take place on Monday, March 11. Registration required. Please note: Attendees may register for one or both workshops.

5 TUESDAY
Director’s Cut Film expert John Bosco will screen and discuss Puzzle (2018-103 min.). Suburban homemaker Agnes (Kelly Macdonald) discovers a passion for jigsaw puzzles. 7:15 p.m.

6 WEDNESDAY
Film: Happy Birthday, Elizabeth Barrett Browning! The poet, born this day in 1806, is portrayed by Norma Shearer in The Barretts of Wimpole Street (1934-109 min.). Fredric March co-stars as Robert Browning and Charles Laughton plays Edward Moulton-Barrett. Sidney Franklin directed. 2:30 p.m.

8 FRIDAY
Sandwiched In: Ludwig van Beethoven — His Music and Influence Join Dan Lupo for his musically illustrated lecture to gain an understanding of this complicated genius and learn how over 150 years later he is still influencing the world today. 12:15 FOL

World Travels with Ron Brown: A Visit to Bethlehem

9 SATURDAY
Resume & Cover Letter Workshop Small group resume and cover letter preparation workshops for job seekers. Presented by professional career counselor, Karen McKenna, and made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. 10 a.m.

Navigating the Gig Economy This workshop will focus on realities currently facing today’s workers in this swiftly-evolving environment, and new ideas for adapting. Attendees will gain critical insights as they develop individual plans for success which can lead to new sources of income and opportunities. Presented by professional career counselor, Karen McKenna, and made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. 1 p.m.

Vegetable Gardening Workshop You are invited to a vegetable garden learning event, featuring revolutionary square foot gardening techniques, as well as a demonstration of the Home and School Hydroponic Bounty Vegetable & Herb Growing System. Special guest speaker Reese Michaels, Master Gardener, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County. Made possible by Plant A Row for the Hungry Pot Washington and the library’s Earth Day Committee. Registration required. 2-4 p.m.

10 SUNDAY
FOL University Friends of the Library’s FOL University scholar programs return Sunday, March 10 with Moshe Gold, Associate Professor at Fordham University, speaking on the early stories of Hemingway, at 1:30 p.m. and Andrew Delbanco, Professor of American Studies at Columbia University, speaking on his latest book, “The War before the War,” about fugitive slaves in the run-up to the Civil War, at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

11 MONDAY
Virtual Visits: Tate Modern Ines Powell continues our tour of London’s art museums by focusing this month on Tate Modern that first opened to the public in 2000. The lecture will explore some of the highlights of the Tate’s permanent collection including works by Braque, Picasso, Dali, de Chirico, Rothko and others. 2:30p.m. FOL

Business Ownership: Dispelling Common Myths Part 2 The second meeting of this 2-part series will focus on specifics about several different types of franchise opportunities. Presented by the Kensington Company, Roslyn Heights, NY, and made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. 7 p.m.

Defining Moments: The Civil Rights Movement in North Hempstead Please join us for North Hempstead TV’s ‘Defining Moments’ The Civil Rights Movement in North Hempstead. The screening will include an introduction by North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth and a Q&A following the film with Director Alan Ginsberg and Marge Rogatz. The film provides a wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of how the soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement changed the word for the better, many of them living right here in North Hempstead. 7:30 p.m.

12 TUESDAY
Hypertension Screenings 11 a.m.-2 p.m. HAC

Fiction Book Group: A discussion of Back to Blood by Tom Wolfe. Copies available at the Information Desk. 7:30 p.m.

13 WEDNESDAY
Medicaid Sign Up Help 2:30-5 p.m. HAC

15 FRIDAY
Sandwiched In: The Real Cleopatra Who is the real Cleopatra? History and Hollywood paint Cleopatra as a seductress, but is there more to this amazing woman? Join Dr. Regina T. Gilbert as she pulls back the curtain and separates the myth, the mystery and the magic to expose the real Cleopatra, the last Pharaoh of Egypt. 12-15 p.m. FOL

SoundSwap: Marc Berger performs RIDE Marc and his Co-Producer Mike Ricciardi recorded ‘RIDE’, ten cinematic recordings reflecting Marc’s romantic connection to the American West and exploring the value of its myths to contemporary culture. See article in newsletter. 7:30 p.m. FOL
16 SATURDAY
An Afternoon of Blues with Toby Walker
Toby Walker has been hailed as an award winning, roots music finger style guitar virtuoso and songwriter. Blending the styles of blues, ragtime, country, bluegrass, old-time jazz and rock, Walker numerous awards, including being the 1st place recipient of the International Blues Challenge Award in Memphis and the NY Music Award for best instrumental CD. Walker has also been inducted into the NY Blues Hall of Fame. Catch him Live @ PWPL as he prepares for his annual artistic residency at Weber Middle School.
2 p.m. FOL

17 SUNDAY
New York Classic Film Club. Dan Pompa will introduce and discuss Waterloo Bridge (1940-108 min.), Believing her fiancé, soldier Robert Taylor, to be dead, ballerina Vivien Leigh falls on hard times. Refreshments will be served! 2:00 p.m.

18 MONDAY
Afternoon on Broadway: The Secret Garden
In honor of Women’s History Month, we focus on The Secret Garden, a musical based on the 1911 novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett that made its Broadway debut in 1991 thanks to a pair of creative women: book and lyrics by Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize® winner Marsha Norman and music by Tony Award nominee Lucy Simon. Join Dr. James Kolb for this illustrated lecture about this wonderful show that is scheduled to return to Broadway. 3 p.m.

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23 SATURDAY
FOL Paperback Swap
Bring your gently used adult, teen and children’s paperbacks for a free, friendly swap. We accept hardcover children’s books including board books. Please no more than 20 books per person and no books accepted in advance. We stop accepting items at 3:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m.

25 MONDAY
Savvy Caregiving
You will learn: the most overlooked aspects of family caregiving; best ways to start the family caregiving discussion; the critical issues that must be addressed quickly; key topics covered in a good caregiving plan; the key roles professionals play in helping families with caregiving challenges. Presented by Foresters Financial and made possible by the Career & Personal Finance Center. 7 p.m.

26 TUESDAY
Virtual Reality
Have you ever wanted to travel to a faraway land without leaving the Library? Or swim with Great White Sharks or White Tip Reef Sharks? Virtual Reality is an interactive computer-generated experience taking place within a simulated environment. Join us as we will be demonstrating our VR with our PlayStation 4 VR bundle. Space for this event is extremely limited and online registration is required. Our PlayStation Virtual Reality Kit was made possible through the Career & Personal Finance Center.

19 TUESDAY
Kings Point Women, Breaking the Gender Barrier
In this second part of the Nautical Advisory Council’s Making Waves series, Jennifer McCabe will discuss the new exhibit at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy which chronicles the first female cadets and the challenges they faced. The conclusion of this series is on Wednesday, April 17 7:30 p.m. NAC

20 WEDNESDAY
Free Tax Prep for families earning $55,000/year or less. Register at 883-4400 ext. 1308. Funded by Citi Community Development and GreenTree Foundation.

Film Western Wednesday: Station West (1948-80 min.), Military intelligence officer Dick Powell investigates the murder of two gold shipment guards 7:15 p.m.

21 THURSDAY
Non-Fiction Book Discussion
A discussion of Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou. Copies available at the Information Desk. 1:30 p.m.

Third Thursdays at Three: A Visit to Princeton University Art Museum
Marc Kopman returns to take us through the second oldest university collection in the nation, founded in 1868. The collection is especially rich in early Italian paintings and has notable examples of 17th century Dutch and Flemish masters as well as works by the major French Impressionists. 3 p.m. AAC

22 FRIDAY
Sandwiched In: From Suburbia to the World
The Long Island Music Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor local musicians from all genres who began their careers playing at Long Island venues, bars, dances, school auditoriums, basements and garages. Long Island Music Hall of Fame co-founder Norm Pruslin will talk about the lasting contributions our homegrown artists have made for more than a century. 12:15 p.m.

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29 FRIDAY
Sandwiched In: Women's History Month Tribute: Women in Long Island’s Past
Nationally notable women and local leaders have been part of Long Island’s history, though nearly invisible in most accounts. Authors and artists, sunske squaws and suffragists, pioneering pilots and the Janes who made the planes, and innumerable other women have left their mark on Long Island’s past. Our speaker, Natalie Naylor is the author of Women in Long Island’s Past: A History of Eminent Ladies and Everyday Lives. She is retired from Hofstra University where she taught American social history, including women’s history and Long Island history. 12:15 p.m. FOL

SoundSwap: Blac Rabbit
Blac Rabbit has made their way from Brooklyn to Rockaway Beach, through the New York subway system, to a national tour and an appearance on ‘Ellen’. The band brings its incredible original songs - a blend of pop, funk, rock and soul that resembles Sly and the Family Stone meeting the Jefferson Airplane, with a touch of Beatles-style harmony thrown in - to PWPL for this special SoundSwap event. Identical twin brothers Amiri and Rahiem Taylor are joined by drummer Patrick Jones and Josh Lugo on bass. 7:30 p.m. FOL

31 SUNDAY
Ask the Experts: Dr. Penny Stern, MD, will be speaking about primary care medicine, along with Dr. Tara Kim, MD, on bone health and osteoporosis, and Dr. Mia Clar, MD, on Alzheimer’s and dementia. See article in newsletter. 2-5 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEET-UPS
Chess
Join a game, every Tuesday at 2 p.m.
Scrabble
Join a game, every Friday at 2 p.m.

Next Chapter
A current events discussion group, meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Port Writes
On the 4th Wednesday of each month, a welcoming group of writers discusses how to get work published. Contact Michael Chaplin at 516-674-0212 or utmcm@aol.com for more info and to confirm meeting dates and times.

Great Books
Twice a month, read selected pieces and meet up to discuss with our welcoming group. (List dates/titles). For more information, contact Brigitte Mueller brimu@optonline.net.

Port Poetry and Prose
formerly known as Taproct Workshop, is a workshop for writers fifty years of age and older. The mission of Poetry and Prose is to help aspiring and seasoned writers hone their skills, by presenting their works within a group setting to obtain positive critiques and edits. The group meets weekly at the PWPL on Tuesdays from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. The Spring session begins on March 5th. The workshop is free and open to the public. Interested individuals who want to join the group should contact John Delach at 516-883-0040 or JDNYG62@aol.com

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Making Waves: Kings Point Women, Breaking the Gender Barrier
Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m.

This series is presented in honor of Virginia Marshall Martus

The Nautical Advisory Council presents part two of the Making Waves series, which focuses on individuals who have made a significant impact in the nautical world. And for March we help celebrate National Women’s History Month with Jennifer McCabe, who will discuss the new exhibit “Kings Point Women, Breaking the Gender Barrier,” which is currently on display at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. This exhibit chronicles the first female cadets admitted to the Academy and explores the challenges they faced as well as their many accomplishments.

Following the 1972 passage by Congress of Title IX of the Equal Education Amendments Act, higher education institutions could no longer discriminate against students or applicants on the basis of their gender. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy was the first of the five service academies to accept women. In 1974, Kings Point recruited and admitted fifteen women, of which only eight would graduate in 1978.

The Academy’s administration needed to create new guidelines and rules regarding the treatment of female midshipmen. But there were of course unforeseen challenges such as the design of the academy uniforms which had been created with only male cadets in mind. The museum exhibit includes some of the actual uniforms worn by the female midshipmen.

While most midshipmen are apprehensive about their first months at sea, this was especially true for the first women cadets. Despite the obstacles they faced these 8 women led the way for many more to follow in their groundbreaking footsteps.

The conclusion of this series is on Wednesday, April 17 when an educator from the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum will deliver a presentation about their newest exhibit, Heroines at the Helm.

FOL U Focuses on Hemingway’s Stories, Fugitive Slaves and the Civil War
Sunday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m.

FOL University, the Friends of the Library’s scholarly lecture program, returns Sunday, March 10 with two prominent academics. Moshe Gold, Associate Professor at Fordham University, will speak on the early short stories of Ernest Hemingway at 1:30 p.m. Following a brief refreshment break, Andrew Delbanco, the Alexander Hamilton Professor of American Studies at Columbia University, will discuss his latest book, The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America’s Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War, at 3 p.m.

Ernest Hemingway’s famous economical and understated style— which he termed the “theory of omission,” or iceberg theory—was among the most influential in 20th century fiction, and he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954. Professor Gold will discuss the pleasures and challenges of reading In Our Time, Hemingway’s first book of stories and arguably his first masterpiece, published in 1925.

Gold is Associate Professor of English and Director of the Rose Hill Writing Program at Fordham University where he teaches courses in literary and critical theory, and pedagogy theory and practice. A co-editor of the Joyce Studies Annual, Professor Gold has published on James Joyce, Plato, Emmanuel Levinas, Jacques Derrida, and the Talmud in a variety of academic journals.

Professor Delbanco’s new book, The War Before the War, explains how the dispute over runaway slaves helped fuel the Civil War. Fugitive slaves exposed the contradiction between the myth that slavery was a benign institution and the reality that a nation based on the principle of human equality was in fact a prison-house in which millions of Americans had no rights at all. By awakening northerners to the true nature of slavery, and by enraging southerners who demanded the return of their human “property,” fugitive slaves forced the nation to confront the truth about itself.

Delbanco earned his A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. Author of many notable books, including College, Melville, and The Puritan Ordeal, he was recently appointed president of the Teagle Foundation, which supports liberal education for college students of all backgrounds. He is the recipient of the Great Teacher Award from the Society of Columbia Graduates, and an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. In 2001, Professor Delbanco was named by Time magazine as “America’s Best Social Critic” and in 2012 was awarded the National Humanities Medal.

Ask the Experts
Sunday, March 31 from 2–5 p.m.

The Health Advisory Council is hosting a program with five experts from Northwell Health who will answer your questions on the following topics: neurological issues, including Alzheimer’s disease and dementia; cosmetic procedures; bone disorders; primary care; and mental health concerns, including depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder. After a brief overview from each doctor, there will be a Q & A.

Doctors cannot provide a diagnosis, but can provide you with solid information to assist you in making health decisions.

Community Gallery Exhibit: Ladies from Your Past

Eve. Madame Curie. Jane Goodall. How much do you know about the women that contributed to our world history? Although many of us may recognize the names of these famous women, not all of us can recall the role they played in history. Come see our Ladies from your Past exhibit that will be on display during the month of March in the Community Gallery. Other women featured in this exhibit include: Miriam Makeba, Dian Fossey, Hatsheput, Nefertiti, Pocahontas, Harriet Tubman, Margaret Mead, Corazon Aquino, Benazir Bhutto, Anastasia, and Madame Chiang Kia Shek.
ACT Prep Course Series (4 classes)
Sundays: March 3, 10, 17 & 24
from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
This interactive course incorporates a mix of teacher-directed lessons and question and answer opportunities. Workshop fee of $100 is payable by credit card, cash, check or money order to the Port Washington Public Library. This fee is for 4 sessions Registration is in progress.

Game Night
Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.
Play on our Nintendo Switch, test out our Playstation VR, or challenge a friend to a table top game in a friendly environment. Participating VR players will need to have a parent/guardian sign a waiver prior to game play. Games to be determined. Registration begins March 8 at  www.pwpl.org/teens. This event is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Coming next month! US AP History Test Prep
Mondays April 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 7 p.m.
This 4 week course will provide a review of US History in preparation for the AP exam. On April 22, instructor Tom Schecter will walk through a big picture approach to each section of the AP test. Registration begins March 8 at www.pwpl.org/teens.

Did you know that March is Women's History month?
Here are some titles of inspiring women in history from our TeenSpace collection.

Fierce: How Competing for Myself Changed Everything
by Aly Raisman
Aly Raisman first stepped onto a gymnastics mat as a toddler in a “mommy & me” gymnastics class. No one could have predicted then that sixteen years later, she’d be standing on an Olympic podium, having achieved her dreams.

How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child
by Sandra Uwiringiyimana with Abigail Pesta
The author shares the story of her survival of the Gatumba massacre, despite losing her sister, and how after moving to America she found healing through art and activism.

The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor
by Sonia Sotomayor
The Supreme Court judge details her achievements in her career and life, describing her childhood in the Bronx, dealing with juvenile diabetes, and her appointment to the highest court in the United States.

Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen
by Jazz Jennings
Teen activist and trailblazer Jazz Jennings, named one of “The 25 most influential teens” of the year by Time, shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths.

Find Where the Wind Goes: Moments from My Life
by Dr. Mae Jemison
Following her childhood dreams, Mae Jemison grew to become an accomplished chemical engineer, scientist, physician, and astronaut while having made her mark as the first African-American woman to travel into space.

Families with kids of all ages are invited to the Library for an afternoon filled with science, creativity, innovation, and fun! Supporting STEAM education, this event features a paleontologist, entomologist, chemist, museum educator and more! Many thanks to local resident Adrienne Saur for her involvement in coordinating this event. A strong advocate for enhancing learning experiences, Adrienne is the founder of Kids Need Enrichment, an organization focused on creating educational opportunities for children and families. No registration or tickets required.

THE TOUR
AT NBC STUDIOS

Intergenerational Bus Trip
Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

Thanks to the generous support of the Tepper Intergenerational Fund of the Port Washington Public Library Foundation, PWPL is able to offer a special Intergenerational Bus Trip as an opportunity for a grandparent and grandchild to bond over a shared and exciting experience.

This year’s trip is behind the scenes access to NBC Studios. Participants will learn about the TV production process – from script writing and production to the innovative ways TV content is distributed to viewers. They will interact with the entire production process first hand as they produce and star in their own television segment that will be available for digital download following the tour.

Space is limited and restricted to grandparents with grandchildren ages 9 and up. Please note, registration is limited to one grandchild per grandparent with a valid Port Washington Library Card. In person registration begins March 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Children’s Room.

Save the Date: April 1 through 30

Great Library Card Adventure: Escape the Children’s Room
The Great Library Card Adventure is made possible by the Friends of the Library.
Early Childhood

Sing and Swing Story Time
Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Interactive stories, rhymes and songs emphasize early literacy skills and help instill a lifelong love of learning. For children ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 50 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.

Bilingual Story Time/Cuentos Bilingües
Saturday, March 2 at 3:00 p.m.
Come and enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays in English and Spanish. For children ages 2½ and up with an adult. No registration required. Ven y disfruta cuentos, canciones, y juegos de manos en inglés y español. Para niños de 2 años y medio hasta arriba acompañados por un adulto. Registro no es necesario.

Preschool Story Time: Session II: Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy great stories, songs and fingerplays while your child develops essential early literacy skills. For children 2½ to 5 years with an adult. Online registration began February 11; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

A Time For Kids
Monday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.
Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Online registration began February 25; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600.

A lapsit program filled with songs, music, movement, and creative environment. Each week a different resource professional will be on hand to discuss behavior, dental hygiene, mindful parenting, movement, importance of play. For children ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. Online registration began February 25; check for availability by calling 516-883-4400 ext. 1600. Priority will be given to first time registrants.

Ready Set Story Time
Monday, March 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Ms. Susie introduces early literacy practices through stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. For children of all ages with an adult. Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 50 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.

A Time For Kids
Monday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.
Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Online registration begins March 25.

Intergenerational Chess
Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Join the Long Island Chess Nuts and learn how to play chess and improve your skills. Children ages 6 to 12 years are invited to join the three week series with a parent, grandparent or favorite adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lawrence Kamisher. Online registration began February 18.

Third and Fourth Grade Book Discussion
Thursday, March 21 at 4 p.m.

Kindergarten Through Sixth Grade Events!