

Meet artist/author Eric Fischl

On Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. the Friends of the Library and the Art Advisory Council invite you to meet artist Eric Fischl, author of *Bad Boy: My Life On and Off the Canvas* by Eric Fischl and Michael Stone (Crown, 2013).

Randy Cohen, host of *Person Place Thing*, will interview Mr. Fischl for a live broadcast on WAMC Northeast Public Radio. Musical interlude will be provided by Reno Bracchi. *Person Place Thing* is an interview show based on the idea that people are particularly engaging when they speak not directly about themselves but about a specific interest. Formerly "The Ethicist" for the *New York Times*, Cohen appeared at the library in October 2012 to talk about his book *Be Good: How to Navigate the Ethics of Everything* (Chronicle, 2012).

Erich Fischl has received these rave reviews: "Fischl is entertaining company. The same observational frankness that imbues his

paintings makes this a brave and candid book . . . Occasionally vain, occasionally score-settling, it's as unsparring as the aging Rembrandt's blunt self-portraits." — *The New York Times Book Review*. "At once a confessional and a manifesto . . . Will move readers with its tales of a fraught life in art." — *The Wall Street Journal*. "A sharp critique of the art world's recent evolution" — *Los Angeles Times*.

Fischl was born in New York City and grew up in Port Washington; his family moved to Phoenix in 1967. His website describes him as growing up "against a backdrop of alcoholism and a country club culture obsessed with image over content." Fischl and his wife, landscapist April Gornik, live in Sag Harbor where they have matching studios.

Bad Boy: My Life On and Off the Canvas will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.



A detail from Eric Fischl's self-portrait

December schedule

The library will be closed December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1. Happy holidays!!

Library Board News

The library Board will discuss adding additional security cameras in the library at its meeting on December 18 at 7:30 p.m. Public input is invited.

World Festival 2014

PWPL honors the diverse community of Port Washington at the next World Festival on Sunday, March 30, with more than 35 countries represented. The arts, literature and storytelling, traditional dress, foods, even sports and games from around the globe will be shared by World Festival committee volunteers. Community members are invited to participate. For information, please contact festival coordinator Beth Horn or ESOL coordinator Peggy O'Hanlon at 883-4400, Ext. 147 or send an e-mail to ohanlonp@pwpl.org.

Jobs and Careers Information Center

See the calendar of events for information on a financial counseling workshop on December 2, an estate conservation workshop on December 9, and a resume and cover letter workshop on December 14. All programs are free but registration is required.

PWPL chosen for online learning pilot

The Port Washington Public Library has been chosen by lynda.com as one of just 20 libraries nationwide for its pilot program. See inside for information on how to use your library card to access free online learning.



Harpist Erin Hill visits on December 8

Erin Hill, winner of a 2013 Independent Music Award, visits the library on Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. The harpist performs rock, pop, Celtic, jazz and beyond.

From the Local History Center

A gift of the past

This holiday season, take your pick of the Local History Center's illustrated publications, the perfect gift for all ages. Whatever your interests in Port's history, we can provide lively illumination and information.

Do you want to learn about Manhasset Bay and Hempstead Harbor? Read *Cross Currents: Baymen, Yachtsmen and Long Island Waters* (72 pages). Are you an aviation buff? Fly through the winter with *Flight of Memory: Long Island's Aeronautical Past* (86 pages) and *People, Places, Planes* (60 pages). Do you want to know about the Gatsby era? Experience life on the estates through *In the Service: Workers on the Grand Estates of Long Island* (66 pages). Have you ever wondered about Port's African-American heritage? Buy *It Looks Like Yesterday to Me* and get to know early settlers and their descendants (36 pages). Have you seen the glorious Sandminer's Monument on Shore Road? Read what's behind it in *Particles of the Past: Sandmining on Long Island, 1870s-1990s* (43 pages). Visited the library lately? A pair of wonderful books, *The Library Years* and *Person to Person* will bring you the story of its first hundred years.

And for the all-encompassing

piece de resistance, feast your eyes on the Images of America book *Port Washington*, written especially for Arcadia Publishing and highlighting every aspect of Port's history (127 pages).

All proceeds from sales go to support the Local History Center. Books can be ordered on-line or purchased at the Circulation Desk in the lobby. If you'd like autographed copies, please contact Elly Shodell at 883-4400, Ext. 168. Visit www.pwpl.localhistory/bookshop.



Plain Talk magazine, 1913



Jean Ritchie Folk Concert features Atwater-Donnelly

Atwater-Donnelly, who will appear on Sunday, December 22 at 3 p.m., blends gorgeous vocals with an astounding array of instruments including the mountain dulcimer, old-time banjo, tin whistle, guitar, mandolin, harmonica, limberjacks, feet and more.

The highly praised husband-wife duo is welcomed by the Music Advisory Council in the Annual Jean Ritchie Folk Concert. Based in Rhode Island, Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly have traveled extensively for twenty-five years in the United States, with occasional trips to Ireland, England and Canada. They have produced six books, a film, and twelve recordings that receive international airplay.

Jean Ritchie, the youngest of

14 children born and raised in the Eastern Kentucky Mountains, grew up singing the old music brought over by the ancestors from Scotland, Ireland and England. Trained at the University of Kentucky as a social worker, she came to New York in 1947 for her first job at the Henry Street Settlement on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Jean eventually settled with her family in Port Washington.

Over the years, her name became one with Appalachian music, and along the way she did much research and collecting, wrote seven books and recorded 30 albums, many of them now available on CDs. Jean Ritchie was a long-time member of the library's Music Advisory Council.



Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature with Rabbi Shmuley Boteach

Shmuley Boteach is host of the daily national radio show *The Rabbi Shmuley Show* on Oprah & Friends and host of the award-winning national TV show *Shalom in the Home* on TLC. He is also the international bestselling author of twenty books, including the *New York Times* bestselling *Kosher Sex*, *Kosher Jesus* and *Ten Conversations You Need to Have with Your Children*.

Rabbi Boteach will visit the library on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m.

In 2007, *Newsweek* labeled Boteach "a cultural phenomenon"

and "the most famous rabbi in America." He was also named one of the ten most influential rabbis in America. He has been profiled in many of the world's leading publications, including *Time*, *The New York Times*, *The London Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The Washington Post*. He will discuss Jewish literature — what's viable, popular and meaningful, sponsored by the American Library Association. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing; refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

From the director's desk

Next year will be my 40th year at the Port Washington Public Library and it has been a gift.

I started as a children's librarian, then became assistant director and have now been the director for the past twenty years. Time flies when you are having fun and more importantly, when you are doing something really meaningful.

Libraries enrich the lives of so many people in so many different ways. A toddler listening to a story, a job seeker working with a librarian to fill out an online employment application, a young mom needing parenting information, readers enjoying book club discussions, community members meeting for a common cause, a young man taking a course on personal finance, a senior checking out a Nook, film buffs searching the thousands of DVDs we have to offer — the list goes on and on.

These wonderful moments happen every day in the Library.

We receive heartfelt letters from students in our ESOL program who have studied with us, mastered skills and found jobs, or students studying for their degrees, where our librarians find the best sources, proctor their exams and celebrate

when the degrees are earned. I am so proud that the library can be a part of their successes.

2013 was another banner year with thousands of people using the library every month. We received national recognition as a 5-star library and celebrated the 20th anniversary of our ESOL program.

We can't wait for 2014. Come join us. — Nancy Curtin



Library Director Nancy Curtin (l) with author Anna Quindlen

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Collection

The Friends of the Library (FOL) proudly announces that dozens of literary classics and other works of significance were added to the library's Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Collection in 2012-13. The Collection is supported by the Bogen Fund, an endowment created in 2000 by a generous grant to the Friends from the family of longtime FOL board member Ruth Bogen and her husband Sam. The FOL manages the Fund's investment and donates the proceeds to the library. Since its inception, the Friends, on behalf of the Fund, has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to the library's book budget, resulting in the purchase of nearly 2,000 volumes. Books in the Bogen Collection contain a special bookplate and can be found spread throughout the library's shelves. "The Friends are so happy that the generosity of the Bogen family continues to help keep literary classics well-stocked in our library," said Amy G. Bass, FOL president.

Among the Bogen Collection books added in the past year are:

Children's / Teen

The Secret Garden (Frances Hodgson Burnett)

Tuck Everlasting (Natalie Babbitt)
Drummer Hoff (Barbara and Ed Emberley)
The Garden of Abdul Gasazi (Chris Van Allsburg)
Green Eggs and Ham (Dr. Seuss)
Chicken Soup with Rice (Maurice Sendak)
The Tiny Seed (Eric Carle)
The Big Snow (Berta Hader)
To Kill a Mockingbird (Harper Lee)
The Catcher in the Rye (J.D. Salinger)

Adult

For Whom the Bell Tolls (Ernest Hemingway)
The Turn of the Screw (Henry James)
The Jungle (Upton Sinclair)
The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test (Tom Wolfe)
The Age of Reason (Jean-Paul Sartre)
The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York (Robert A. Caro)
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (Tom Stoppard)
Stoner (John Williams)
Vietnam: A History (Stanley Karnow)
Inez (Carlos Fuentes)

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Use your PWPL library card to access lynda.com from any desktop, laptop or tablet from wherever you are. lynda.com has chosen the Port Washington Public Library as one of just 20 libraries nationwide as a pilot library for their online learning program. Just click on the lynda.com banner on our homepage (pwpl.org) to get started.

Stuck on a particular application of Photoshop? Need tips on time management? Never learned the ins and outs of Excel? You now have free access to thousands of training courses that make it easy to work at your own pace. So go ahead, jump right in. Let us know what you think; we're collecting testimonials to share with lynda.com.



Georgia DeYoung receives the Leonard Wurzel Public Service Award at the Tenth Inspiration Gala. From left: library director Nancy Curtin, Mayor Wurzel and Georgia DeYoung (all Gala photos by Robert Salzbank at Rampage Studios).



Our talented and creative children's services team celebrated Halloween dressed as the covers of their favorite magazines. From left to right: Lucy Salerno, Fran Powell, Lesley Siegel, Rachel Fox, Joni Simon. In front: Keith Klang.



Directions

We are the colors we create and can go in any direction. — Paul Carluccio

"There are three styles of art represented in this show," says Paul Carluccio, whose work will hang in the Main Gallery during December. "First is my love for manhole covers. From city to town I always find freshness in these century old works of art. These iron circles are a symbol that creation starts with a circle; from here we can go in countless directions. One direction from the circle of creation is the straight lines of conformity that is represented in the piece *Going Somewhere*."

"Conformity tells us to go in this or that direction or just the normal vertical direction of a ladder, that goes up and down. Ironically, we often find peace in going horizontally and staying in the middle. This brings me to my latest work that goes in the direction of feeling free. We are the colors we create and with this one of a kind color we can go in any direction. Hence our 'Directions' can go from creation to conformity and end with freedom."

Paul Carluccio was ten years old when his mom showed him how to stretch a canvas. He sat there staring at the blank canvas thinking: what picture will I paint? He writes, "Ever since then I feel I've been painting a picture to express the world surrounding me. Thus, as my life changes, so does this picture. I have painted this picture in California, Europe and New York. Sometimes it was me creating my own world making films, writing books and screenplays. Then came a time where the style of this painting was no longer abstract but realism and I was a picture of a 40-year-old single father recovering from brain cancer. But throughout the years no matter what picture I was painting, there was always one place I loved being. Simply painting on a blank canvas, mixing pigment with passion, hoping to tap into what lies in my soul."

The Art Council hosts a reception on Saturday, December 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

December Library Kids

Welcome to the page for Children's Services. Be sure to look here for upcoming exhibits, programs and articles relating to Children's Services and the Parenting Information Center. *Parents: Please comply with the age guidelines for these programs and be prepared to show proof of local residency.*



The Storycrafters

Holiday Programs

Winter's Tales – Thursday, December 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Nationally-renowned musical storytelling duo The Storycrafters present a performance of world folktales and music. For children in grades K and up with an adult. Tickets required and will be available beginning December 13. *Sponsored by the Children's Advisory Council and funded by the Port Washington Library Foundation.*

Family Lego – Friday, December 27 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Families are invited to team up for an hour of Lego fun and challenge. For families with children ages 5 years and up. *Registration begins December 13.*

The Croods (2013 – 98 minutes) – Friday, December 27 at 7 p.m.

Follow the world's first family, the Croods as they embark on a journey of a lifetime and discover an incredible new world filled with fantastic creatures. This prehistoric comedy adventure is a Dreamworks Animation film directed by Kirt De Micco and Christopher D. Sanderson. *No tickets or registration required.* Rated PG for parental guidance.

Grins and Grins – Monday, December 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon filled with magic, ventriloquism, circus skills and lots of laughs. For children ages 4 and up with an adult. *Tickets required and will be available beginning December 13. Sponsored by the Children's Advisory Council and funded by the Port Washington Library Foundation.*

Family Bingo – Thursday, January 2 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Have fun with your family and play a variety of Bingo games. For families with children ages 5 and up. *Registration begins December 13.*



Grins and Grins

Save the Date!

New month for The Great Library Card Adventure

In collaboration with the elementary schools of Port Washington, Children's Services presents the twelfth annual *Great Library Card Adventure* taking place next month from January 2 to 31. Children in grades K through 5 are invited to visit the Children's Room and help win books for their school libraries. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Port Washington Public Library.*

Early Childhood

To register or inquire about the following programs, please call Children's Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

A Time for Kids

Monday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m., 12 noon or 1:15 p.m.

Educational activities combine preschool concepts and fun. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Call for availability - registration began November 25.*

Sing and Swing Story Time

Tuesdays, December 3 & 10 at 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 18 months to 2½ years with an adult. *No registration required.*

Baby Rhyme Time

Thursdays, December 5 & 12 at 10:30 a.m.

For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. *No registration required.*

Toddler Story Time

Fridays, December 6 & 13 at 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 2½ to 3½ years with an adult. *No registration required.*

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, December 6 & 13 at 1:30 p.m.

For children ages 3½ to 5 years without an adult. *No registration required.*

Story Time with Miss Lucy and Mr. Mike

Monday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

For children of all ages with an adult. *No registration required.*

Pajama Story Time

Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m.

Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. For children of all ages with an adult. *No registration required.*

Parent Child Workshop

January 8, 15, 22, 29 & February 5 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational and creative environment. Each week a different resource professional is on hand to discuss speech and hearing, dental hygiene, nutrition and behavior. For children ages 18 to 29 months with an adult. *Registration begins December 19 — priority given to first time registrants.*

Kindergarten Through Sixth Grade

To register or inquire about the following programs, please call Children's Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

After School Story Time – Wednesdays, December 4 & 11 at 4 p.m.

For children ages 4 to 7 without an adult. *No registration required.*

Book Bunch – Thursday, December 19 at 4 p.m.

Monthly book discussion for children in grades 3 and 4. *Call for availability.*

Library Foundation thanks Gala supporters

The Port Washington Library Foundation thanks all of those who so generously supported our Tenth Inspiration Gala. First, Gala Chair Edie Katz, her hardworking Planning Committee members, the Gala Honorary Committee, the library trustees and the Foundation board, and Nancy Curtin and her hard-working staff. Secondly, our honorees: National Grid with New York President Ken Daly accepting, Georgia DeYoung, and Valley National Bank Vice President Lucy Mazany, who helped raise over \$125,000 at this fundraising event.

By all accounts, the gala was an overwhelming success with more than 170 guests enjoying a beautifully transformed library. Our guests have told us that the flowers by the Port Washington Garden Club were lovely; the food by H on the Harbor, delicious; and the performance of "The Necklace," directed by Foundation board member Judith Sloan, mesmerizing. They were especially

impressed with the wonderful fashion jewelry show and display by London Jewelers as well as the jewelry raffles, the beautiful goodie bags, donated again by London Jewelers, and the crystal bracelets donated by Jack Mandel of Swarovski. Other generous donors of jewelry and other goods for a silent auction and raffle were Glenn Bradford Fine Jewelry, Spellbound Jewelers, the Sands Point Shop, Christina Cheng, Apple Tree, Port Jewelers, The Gilded Lily, and Robin Ziegelbaum, as well as personal donations by committee members Aviva Pinto, Judith Sloan, Claudia Caruso Rouhana, Fern Cohen, and Edie Katz.

And of course, we thank all of those who both attended and donated to the Gala. Because of them and our other community supporters, the Foundation has now funded more than \$1,500,000 over the years in programs and projects at the library that would not otherwise have been possible.



All Gala photos by Robert Salzbank at Rampage Studios



SoundSwap welcomes the Alexis P. Suter Band

The Alexis P. Suter Band performs at Soundswap on Friday, December 13 at 8 p.m.

When bluesman B.B. King first heard Alexis P. Suter sing, he remarked, "It's a rare thing to share the stage with great talent like that young lady." Alexis earned similar accolades from the late Levon Helm of The Band, "She is one of those wonderful spirits, she's got her arms around you, you can feel that." The Alexis P. Suter Band opened the show at Helm's Midnight Ramble in Woodstock over ninety times, and, as

opens for The Levon Helm Band, they played to sold-out audiences at the Beacon Theater, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park, NJ and Central Park's Summerstage.

Alexis was nominated for Best Soul Blues Female Artist at the 33rd Annual Blues Music Awards held in Memphis. In January, "All Over Again" from the band's latest album *Two Sides* was NPR's Song of the Day.

This event is made possible by the Friends of the Library.



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Perfect for the holidays!

FOL Note Cards of "Old Port"

Looking for unique holiday cards or thank you notes? The Friends of the Library produces note cards that feature striking images of Old Port Washington. Boxes containing 20 cards and envelopes are available for just \$15 at the circulation desk in the lobby. Each box contains cards with four different images: Lower Main Street (pictured), Mill Pond, the Old Mill, and Port Washington Harbor, all circa early 1900s. The photos were selected from the library's extensive Local History

Collection. Proceeds benefit the Friends, which supports the library through volunteerism, programming, fundraising, outreach and advocacy.

The Friends annual fundraising appeal is under way now. Your support allows the FOL to continue to underwrite library programs and services, as well as produce its own special events. Donate online at pwpl.org/fol/support or use the donation the envelopes available at the library.



LIVE AT PWPL: On Friday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m., Street Fighter pays tribute to the Rolling Stones. If you have sensitive ears, bring plugs!

What's new in TeenSpace for grades 7 through 12?

Wii U Wednesdays

Join us after school to play your favorite video games on the big screen. Please check our website for specific dates. No registration required. Grades 7-12. 3:30 to 5 p.m. FREE

Teen Nooks

Borrow a Nook loaded with popular teen titles, series and eBook exclusives. Nooks may be checked out at the circulation desk. *Made possible by the Friends of the Library.*

TeenSpace Top Picks for 2013

Looking for something to read over the winter break? Here is a recommended reading list just for teens, compiled by the Young Adult Services Staff. It reflects some of our favorite books from 2013.

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown by Holly Black. When Tana wakes up in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

The Lord of Opium by Nancy Farmer. In 2137, 14-year-old Matt is stunned to learn that, as a clone, he is expected to take over as leader of the

corrupt drug empire of Opium, where there is also a hidden cure for the ecological devastation facing the rest of the world.

Just One Year by Gail Forman. After spending an amazing day and night with a nameless girl in Paris, Willem embarks on his own transformative journey to find her once again.

The Madness Underneath by Maureen Johnson. After her near-fatal run-in with a Jack the Ripper copycat, Rory Deveaux is back in London to help solve a new string of inexplicable deaths plaguing the city.

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell. Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

This Is What Happy Looks Like by Jennifer E. Smith. Perfect strangers Graham and Ellie meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an e-mail about his pet pig Wilbur. The two strike up an e-mail relationship from opposite sides of the country and don't even know each other's first names. Can their relationship

be the real thing?

Boxers by Gene Luen Yang. In 1898 China, Little Bao has had enough of foreign missionaries and soldiers robbing peasants. He recruits an army of Boxers to free China from its oppressors.

Saints by Gene Luen Yang. Vibiana, an unwanted fourth child, finds her name and identity in Christianity, but with the Boxer Rebellion in full swing and Chinese Christians facing death, she must decide whether her loyalties lie with her religion or her country.

The Waking Dark by Robin Wasserman. When the residents of Oleaner, Kansas, start acting strangely, the witnesses of a series of suicide-killings must band together to save the town from whatever has come over it.

Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein. When young American pilot Rose Justice is captured by Nazis and sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious women's concentration camp, she finds hope in the impossible through the loyalty, bravery and friendship of her fellow prisoners.



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