A monthly guide to your community library, its programs and services

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Summer Hours
The library will be open Saturday, July 2, and on Saturdays throughout the summer, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Sunday hours resume after Labor Day.

PWPL: your summer destination
Make the library your destination for summer. Our program schedule is packed with music, movies, lectures, workshops, discussion groups and more, and our shelves are stocked with the latest books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. If you just need to beat the heat, visit us. We have plenty of comfortable seating and work space.

Tour Manhasset Bay
See the calendar of events for available boat tour dates. Registration required. This program is sponsored by the Nautical Advisory Council.

Library at the LIRR
The library’s service to Long Island Railroad commuters resumes July 6 and continues through September 7. Library staff will be on-site at the station on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 a.m., weather permitting. Our station cart is stocked with a collection of popular paperbacks for you to borrow — no library card necessary. When you’re done, simply return the books to the library table on Wednesday mornings or to the library at any time. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library. For information, contact Jean Bennett at 883-4400, Ext. 119.

Summer homework help
Visit pwpl.org and click on “Live Homework Help” to connect to a live tutor for one-to-one help. Also, check out Tutor.com To Go™ for iPad, iPhone & iPod Touch — it’s the free mobile companion for Tutor.com. This service is made possible by the Friends of the Library and the Bernard L. Fendrich Memorial Youth Fund.

Text us your question
Try our free text message reference service. Text us at 66746 and start your question with ASKPWPL. Service is available during library hours.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 24
The Port Washington Library Foundation’s
Eighth Inspiration Gala
Theme: “Navigating the Future of the Library”
Community Leadership Award Honorees
Port Washington Restaurateur Guy LaMotta
Nautical Advisory Council Chairperson Andrea Watson

Summer Saturdays
Open 9 to 5 beginning July 2

Syracuse-born Maura Kennedy is one half of the folk-rock band The Kennedys, along with her husband Pete. The duo visits SoundSwap on Wednesday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m. Maura Boudreau met Pete Kennedy in Austin, Texas in 1992, when Pete was playing in Nanci Griffith’s band. For their first date, each drove 500 miles to meet at Buddy Holly’s grave in Lubbock. Soon, Maura joined Griffith’s band as a harmony singer, and The Kennedys began their career together when they opened for Nanci during her tour of Ireland. The Kennedys are influenced by The Byrds and other 1960s rock and folk artists. They have performed in clubs and theatres throughout the United States, and at Bill Clinton’s first and second inaugurations.
Library recognized by Abilities!

The Port Washington Public Library was recognized by Abilities, Inc. for its ongoing dedication and support in the training and hiring of people with disabilities. Pictured here are Abilities client Jennifer De Young, her library supervisor Gilda Ivani and job coach Francisco Villagran. The library was cited by Abilities for its “invaluable contributions to our training and placement programs” and for “keeping us relevant in an ever-changing world of employment.”

Abilities! is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit agency dedicated to empowering people with disabilities to be active, independent and self-sufficient participants in our society. Through education, training, research, leadership and example, Abilities! seeks to provide the highest quality services and to influence national attitudes, policies and legislation in ways that will lead to the greatest benefits for the people they serve.

Library Board welcomes new trustee

The library welcomes Nancy Comer to its Board of Trustees. Ms. Comer was elected to a 5-year term effective July 1.

Ms. Comer has been executive director, NYC Komen for the Cure; a member of the library’s Health Advisory Council; chair of the library’s “Books for Dessert” program and chair of Baxter’s Pond Foundation. In addition, she is director of Community Mainstreaming Associates, managing editor of Mirabella magazine, editor-in-chief of YM, and executive editor of Self.

She has also served as manager, editor and writer for online communications, where she developed, produced and fundraised for websites on women’s issues, eating disorders and developmental disabilities. She is a grant writer and grantor for not-for-profits, including breast cancer and professional organizations.

She graduated from Skidmore College with a B.S. degree in Fine Arts and Art Education.

Download ebooks and audiobooks

With the millions of Kindles, Nooks and other digital devices given as holiday gifts, e-book sales jumped earlier this year and surpassed purchases of hardcovers and mass-market paperbacks, according to a survey by the Association of American Publishers. The survey reported that e-sales more than doubled from $32.4 million in January 2010 to $69.9 million in January 2011. Results were gathered from Random House, Simon & Schuster and other leading publishers.

As an alternative to purchasing ebooks and audiobooks, you can download them from the library’s homepage. Click on “download ebooks and audiobooks” near the bottom of the lefthand column to checkout and download eBooks to your Nook, Sony Reader, i-phone, i-pad, i-pod touch or other device (complete list on website).

Drapkin Trio visits

July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Can You Spare a Dime? Empathy, Escape and Humor in the Songs of the Great Depression. Hard times are nothing new. It seems that the rough stretches in life make for some of the best jokes, the best books and the best music. In song, many of us find temporary relief in Broadway melodies, or we listen to the blues. Vocalist Christiana Drapkin will perform, along with Charles Sibirsky on piano and Ray Parker on bass.

We went back to Brooklyn

The library’s recent bus trip to Brooklyn was a great success thanks to program coordinator Jessica Ley’s superb planning abilities. Here are the happy participants on the boardwalk in Coney Island.
The Friends of the Library thanks the Corporate Sponsors of the 42nd Annual Book & Author Luncheon for their community spirit and their exceptional generosity

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*Thank you also to our raffle contributors:* Bottles Wines & Spirits; Frank’s Pizza; Harbor Links; Lou, Babs & Moogs; Louie’s Oyster Bar & Grille

And gratitude to S.F. Falconer Florist for the gift of our table centerpieces

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**FOL Book & Author Luncheon a huge success**

On May 13 more than 200 attendees enjoyed the Friends of the Library’s annual Book & Author Luncheon at Harbor Links, featuring novelist Meg Wolitzer and memoirist Carlos Eire. Photos (clockwise): Luncheon Moderator Susan Isaacs; author Meg Wolitzer; Schreiber High School student Manuel Olivares, Schreiber social studies chair Bryan Frank; FOL President Amy Bass, Library Board President Lee Aitken; Leslie Abramowitz, Luncheon Moderator Susan Isaacs, Paula Whitman and Karen Sloan; authors signing books for attendees; author Carlos Eire, FOL President Amy Bass, Yoshiko Mape, event sponsor Yasuko Yamaguchi, FOL vice president Ellen Zimmerman; Library Director Nancy Curtin, FOL Board and volunteers, authors Wolitzer and Eire seated. (photos: Will Wright & Seth Ehrlich)
Reading Club Kick Off Celebration

Lasermania – Friday, July 15 at 7 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of the One World, Many Stories reading program with Prismatic Magic’s laser/light show! For children entering grades 1 to 6 with an adult. No tickets required. Co-sponsored by the Children’s Advisory Council with private donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation.

School-Age Kids

To register and/or inquire about availability for the following programs, please call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext.150.

Classic Game Fun: Saturdays, July 16, 30 and August 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Thursdays, July 21 and August 4, 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Play your favorite board games or make a Lego creation. For children entering grades 1 to 6. No registration required.

Crafts Corner From Around the World– Session I: Mondays, July 11, 18, 25 at 4 p.m. For children entering grades K to 2. Registration began June 27 - call for availability.

Third Grade Thinkers: Mondays, July 11, 25 and August 8 at 7 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grade 3. Registration began June 27 - call for availability.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Page Turners: Wednesday, July 13 & Tuesdays, July 26 & August 9 at 7:15 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grades 5 and 6. Registration began June 27 - call for availability.

Fourth Grade Favorites: Mondays, July 18 & August 1, 15 at 7 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grade 4. Registration begins July 5.

Walk Then Talk: Thursdays, July 21 and August 4, 18 at 4 p.m. Children entering grades 5 and 6 will take a short walk (weather permitting) while sharing their favorite books. Registration begins July 5.

Crafts with Doris Benter: Saturday, July 23. “On Safari,” a three-dimensional craft for children entering grades 1 to 3 at 10 a.m. “Hot Air Balloon Clock,” a mixed media craft for children entering grades 4 to 6 at 11:30 a.m. Registration begins July 5.

Crafts Corner From Around the World– Session II: Mondays, August 1, 8, 15 at 4 p.m. Listen to multicultural stories and make a craft. For children entering grades K to 2. Registration begins July 25.

Ready Set Go: Saturday, August 6. Learn about transportation throughout history with the Long Island Children’s Museum and make your own fantasy vehicle. For children entering grades 1 to 3 at 10 a.m. and grades 4 to 6 at 11:15 a.m. Registration begins July 25.

Family Film

Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and we’ll supply the popcorn. No tickets or registration required.

Megamind – Friday, July 22 at 7 p.m. (2010- 95 min.)

Supervillain Megamind (voice of Will Ferrell) has tried to conquer Metro City, but every attempt is a colossal failure thanks to his nemesis, the superhero Metro Man (voice of Brad Pitt). An animated comedy feature film written by Alan J. Schoolcraft and Brent Simons and directed by Tom McGrath. Rated PG for parental guidance.

Keep Your Child Reading!

The following two summer programs begin July 11 and end August 19. No pre-registration required – sign-up when you’re ready to participate.

One World, Many Stories

Children entering first through sixth grade are invited to join. Keep track of the suggested activities and books you have read at home and receive prizes. At the end of the six week program, members who have read at least 6 books will receive a certificate, participation gift and a special invitation to our summer finale.

A program for children ages birth to 5 years old with age appropriate activities, gifts and programs. Participation is simple – just read, sing or do fingerplays with your child at home. Record the activities you have shared and we’ll have age appropriate gifts for your child.

Early Childhood

To register and/or inquire about availability for the following programs, please call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext.150.

Park Story Time: Six Mondays beginning July 11 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 5 and under with an adult. Meets at The Blumenfeld Family Park (adjacent to the Landmark) weather permitting. If weather is inclement, story time will be held in the Children’s Room at 10:45 a.m. No registration required.

Play Pals - Session I: Tuesdays, July 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 18 to 29 months with an adult. Registration began June 27 - call for availability.

Preschool Story Time: Six Tuesdays beginning July 12 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3½ to 5 without an adult. No registration required.

Book Babies: Six Wednesdays beginning July 13 at 11:30 a.m. Ages birth to 17 months with an adult. No registration required.

Toddler Story Time: Six Thursdays beginning July 14 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 2½ to 3½ with an adult. No registration required.

Beach Story Time: Six Fridays beginning July 15 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 5 and under with an adult. Meets at Manorhaven Beach weather permitting. No registration required.

Pajama Story Time: Wednesday, July 20 and Tuesday, August 16 at 7 p.m. Ages 5 and under with an adult. No registration required.

Play Pals - Session II: Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16 at 10:30 a.m. Play together, create a craft together and meet new friends in a fun, creative environment. Ages 18 to 29 months with an adult - children must be 18 months old by August 2. Registration begins July 25.
Psychic medium Daniel Akner

Daniel Akner is a master psychic medium and a Nassau County grant recipient for his popular metaphysical presentations. Over the past 20 years, Daniel has presented workshops on past life regression and astral projection at libraries and on college campuses. He has helped with police investigations, been interviewed by Newsday and appeared on cable and nationwide television.

On Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m., he returns to our library to discuss his unique gift and give random readings of audience members at his discretion.

While there is no charge, tickets are required and can be picked up at the Information Desk beginning Tuesday, July 5. For Port Washington residents only. Ticket holders will be admitted until 7:20 p.m., then others as space permits.

Port native Doug Block visits with new film

In 51 Birch Street, one of the most highly praised personal documentaries of recent years, director Doug Block took a hard look at his parents’ marriage and his own relationship with his father. Now Block, who grew up in Port Washington, turns in the other direction, offering an exceptionally moving film about his relationship with his only child Lucy.

The Kids Grow Up, which will be shown at the library on Friday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m., chronicles Lucy’s emotionally-fraught last year at home before leaving for college. Moving seamlessly between past, present, and the fast-approaching future, Block has not only crafted a loving portrait of a girl transitioning into womanhood, but also a deeply poignant look at parenting and what it means to let go.

This time of transition comes with its fair share of struggles. To his credit, Block does not shy away from these moments, nor from the humorous yet occasionally tough analysis his wife offers. The result is a personal story told with such honesty and intimacy that a singular experience unfolds into a universal tale of parenthood, marriage and family — making this a film that fathers, mothers, sons and daughters can equally appreciate.

A celebration of Sci-Fi TV

This summer we celebrate Sci-Fi Cinema with an exhibition and screenings. We also offer the following selections of science-fiction TV shows in our circulating DVD collection:

- The Adventures of Superman
- Alien Nation
- Battlestar Galactica
- The Bionic Woman
- Colonel Bleep
- Dark Angel
- Doctor Who
- Dollhouse
- Farscape
- Firefly
- Flash Gordon
- The Flash
- The 4400
- Futurama
- Gigantor
- Heroes
- The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy
- The Incredible Hulk
- Invader ZIM
- The Jetsons
- Land of the Lost
- Land of the Giants
- Logan’s Run
- Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman
- Lost in Space
- Mork & Mindy
- My Favorite Martian
- The Outer Limits
- Planet of the Apes
- Quatermass
- Return to the Planet of the Apes
- Roughnecks
- Sliders
- Smallville
- Space Goofs
- Star Trek
- Star Trek: The Next Generation
- The X Files
- X-Men
- Space Nine
- Star Wars: The Clone Wars
- Stargate SG-1
- Tekken
- Tales of Tomorrow
- Teken
- The Twilight Zone
- V
- Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea
- X-Men
- Star Wars

Classes by Holland Meyer

Schreiber senior projects in art and design

The AP Photo/2D Design program at Schreiber High School is a course offered to junior and senior students. The curriculum involves a multitude of creative projects designed to teach students about the elements of art and design most commonly used in photography. Students enroll in the program with the expectation of completing a portfolio at the end of their senior year when they send 24 digital files and 5 actual prints to the AP College Board for evaluation. The program attracts many students from all artistic backgrounds, each with something to share and learn from one another.

We’re pleased to have the work of the most recent class on exhibit in the Community Gallery throughout the summer.
What’s new in TeenSpace for grades 7 through 12?

Teen Summer Reading Club
“Are You Here?”
Students entering grades 7-12 are invited to participate in this year’s Teen Reading Club. Read books, write mini-reviews, win prizes! Register in TeenSpace or online at www.pwpl.org/teenspace. Visit TeenSpace to pick up a packet, including a sign-up prize, (while supplies last).

Teen Events: In-person registration is in progress in TeenSpace. Programs are open to teens entering grades 7-12. See our display case in the library’s lobby for samples of our summer crafts. The Library will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to foods consumed, or items one may come in contact with while eating at any of our programs. All teen summer events are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Teens Talk Books-Summer Discussion Series: Wednesdays, July 6 & 27/August 17 at 7 p.m. The first book will be available at registration. Free.

Thursday, July 7 at 7 p.m. Crepe Making: Oo la la! Learn the origin of the crepe and create your own using delicious ingredients with instructor Allison Paulo. Workshop fee: $5.

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Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m. Beauty Without Cruelty: Instructor Allison Paulo will educate teens about vegan and vegetarian beauty products. Participants will then create salt and sugar scrubs using a variety of essential oils. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. X-Treme Cakes: Join Kids Edible Creations in designing your own cake using splatter paint and edible decorations. Workshop fee: $5.

Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. Build Your Own Video Game. Game Builders Academy will show you how to make your own game. Workshop fee: $5.

Thursday, July 26 at 7 p.m. Teens Tie Dye with Athena Menoudakos. T-shirts provided. Workshop fee: $5.

Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. Frame Photos in a Photo Globe with artist Shirley Ruby. Bring along your favorite 4X6 photos. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, August 2 at 7 p.m. Xbox Kinect Night: Join 2x-treme in a night of Xbox fun and try out the latest sports games for the Kinect game system. Workshop fee: $5.

Saturday, August 6 at 2:30 p.m. Awesome Animation: Create your own animation using light boxes, then view it on the big screen! This workshop will be led by the Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center and Museum. Workshop fee: $5.

Tuesday, August 9 at 7 p.m. Paper Bead Blast: Create a unique bracelet of beads made from scraps of paper. Instructor Diane Phillips shows you how! Workshop fee: $5.