Moshe Gold speaks on James Joyce

Edmund L. Epstein Memorial Lecture

The Friends of the Library (FOL) announces its Edmund L. Epstein Memorial Lecture on Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m.

The lecture, Insights Into James Joyce’s *The Dubliners*, will be given by Dr. Moshe Gold of Fordham University, a friend and colleague of Professor Epstein’s.

Ed Epstein was a strong supporter of the Friends of the Library and an internationally known literary scholar who specialized in James Joyce. He was a long-time Port Washington resident known for his lectures at the library sponsored by the FOL and the book discussion group he led. He died April 1, 2012.

Moshe Gold is associate professor and director of the writing program at Fordham’s Rose Hill Campus. He holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University, and is co-editor of *Joyce Studies Annual*. His areas of interest include Modern British Literature, Literary & Cultural Theory and Film.

“I first met Eddie Epstein when I was a young undergraduate at Queens College in New York; I was enrolled in a class on modern poetry, and after that seminar, I took whatever class (and advice) Eddie offered.

“Edmund Epstein was, quite simply, the consummate educator,” says Dr. Gold. “His passing marks a wound in academia that will never fully heal. With an astonishing range and depth of scholarship, humor, and, of course, voice, Eddie conducted his seminars and lectures as symphonies.

“While some may remember Eddie for his erudition, I will never forget his character — his laughter, his zest for life, and his enthusiasm for teaching and learning.”

Interested in running for the library board?

Please contact library administration at 883-4400, Ext. 101 if you would like to consider running for a seat on the Library Board of Trustees. Your petition must be returned by March 8.

March schedule

The library will be closed March 31 in observance of Easter Sunday.

Tax Help

Registration is in progress. Limited space available. Volunteers from AARP will be at the library on March 5, 12, 19 & 26, and April 2 & 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist Port residents with their tax returns. Call 883-4400, Ext. 136 to make an appointment.

Budget News

March 20: Budget Hearing/Board Meeting. April 3: Budget Information Session & Meet the Candidate(s).

In memoriam

The entire PWPL family mourns the passing of our dear friend Martin Vogel.

ESOL 20 years

Our English for Speakers of Other Languages program is 20 this year! On Sunday, May 19 we’ll celebrate in style with music and dancing. Save the date.
April Financial Counseling Workshop Series

with financial advisor Samuel J. Schiff

Limited registration is in progress, in-person or by calling the Information Desk at 883-4400, Ext. 136

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MONDAY, APRIL 8 at 7 P.M.
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• Financial aid, scholarships, and loans
• 529 plans and Coverdell Education Savings Accounts
• Investment options for college savings

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MONDAY, APRIL 22 at 7 P.M.
Join us for an educational workshop that focuses on strategies for:
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• Investing for growth potential, income, and stability
• Managing taxes and defending against the effects of inflation
• Allocating your assets to match your investment profile and goals
• Managing investment risk while maintaining growth potential
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ARE YOUR INVESTMENT DECISIONS BASED ON MYTHS, FACTS, OR HALF-TRUTHS?
MONDAY, APRIL 15 at 7 P.M.
Join us for an educational workshop that will focus on:
• Whether market timing matters
• The potential benefits of Roth IRAs and traditional IRAs

A Message from Your Library Board of Trustees

“Libraries in the Digital Age,” a recent report from the Pew Research Center’s Internet and American Life project, found that 91 percent of Americans 16 or older say that public libraries are important to their communities, and 76 percent say libraries are important to them and their families.

I know that Port residents are probably reflected in this study, and that you too see the value of your library. It’s apparent to us that the availability of computers and internet services is as fundamental to libraries as books and reference help, and we are committed to meeting and keeping up with the demands of our community. Going forward, this will be a priority in the increasingly digital information environment.

The budget that we will present to the community on April 9 (see next month’s issue) falls below the 2 percent cap. We have managed this despite the fact that there are many components of the budget, such as health care and pension costs, over which the Board has no control. The Board scrutinized every expenditure in an effort to avoid overburdening the taxpayer and stay below the 2 percent cap. We arrived at a budget that both achieves this goal and maintains our 5-star designation in all five levels of service delivery distinguished them among their peers. This year, out of 7,570 public libraries surveyed, only 362 received 3, 4 or 5 star designations. Port Washington is one of 86 libraries nationally to receive the highest rating of 5 stars and one of 111 libraries that has received a star designation in all five Library Journal survey issues. Our library is in the top one percent of libraries nationwide based on usage, program attendance and circulation. We serve all segments of the population, and find that young patrons and their families are among our most active users: attending storytimes and workshops, borrowing books and participating in summer reading clubs and the Great Library Card Adventure. Thanks, Port Washington for making us a 5-star institution.

Hurricane Sandy brought significant disruptions to life on the peninsula in late October and the first couple of weeks in November, but Port residents rallied with their usual community spirit. Residents flocked to the library in unprecedented numbers for heat, electricity, charging stations, wifi, movies, books, DVDs and hot coffee. During the first weekend after the storm, more than 1400 users attached their devices to our wifi system. As the week wore on, the library became the Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management's Community Recovery Center, with volunteers providing information, bottled water and meals to those in need.

We completed our work on a new strategic plan to bring creative learning spaces to the Library, hosting open houses and focus groups in an effort to respond to your needs. Please review the budget in next month’s issue. The Budget Vote and Trustee Election takes place on Tuesday, April 9, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the library’s administration office Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the Information Desk in the Reading Room, or at www.pwpl.org.

Robert Lee Aitken
President, Board of Trustees

Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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Upcoming FOL Events

The Yin & Yang of NYC

On Sunday, May 19, our bus leaves the library at 9 a.m. for two very different New York City experiences. Our first stop is a little known treasure – the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden, where we will step back in time to a gentler era. Constructed in 1799 as a carriage house and converted to a hotel in 1826, it became a country escape for New Yorkers living in the crowded city at the southern tip of Manhattan. After a box lunch on site, we’ll travel over the Queensboro bridge to Flushing for a visit to the Temple Ganesh. A vibrant part of the thriving Hindu community in NYC, it represents several deities and the 9 planets. After a guided tour, we will enjoy a selection of Indian desserts in the canteen before heading back to the library. Participation is limited to 24 participants. The fee of $85.00 per person, all inclusive, is payable at registration beginning March 5th. In anticipation of this trip, Dr. Ronald Brown will discuss the Flushing area and speak about Hinduism on Friday, April 19 at Sandwiched In.

Wei-An Huang / BEING EMPTY

March 2 through 30

The Art Advisory Council hosts a reception for the artist on Saturday, March 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wei-An writes “The Emptiness Teachings are the core of Zen Buddhism and the practice. It is a big challenge to paint Emptiness because it ‘speaks volumes.’ My paintings refer to this deep level of Zen Buddhism that transforms presence into absence and thus creates a transcendent phenomenon.

“Through my paintings, I communicate Western philosophies and culture while bringing together Chinese culture, Buddhist meditations and sutras.

“Through the experience of being both the artist and the audience, I’m looking for an opportunity to explore every possibility of making a spiritual statement in purely existential terms. I seek to find the fullness and emptiness during the meditative interaction of painting.

“This manifests a physical disentanglement and/or simplicity of unification. Finding the spirit of Zen is not the only way I think about my paintings, it is also the process through which my paintings evolve.”

Friday, May 17

Susan Isaacs returns as moderator of FOL Book & Author Luncheon

The Friends of the Library (FOL) proudly announces that screenwriter and bestselling author Susan Isaacs will return as program moderator for the 44th annual Richard D. Whittemore Book & Author Luncheon on Friday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset. The luncheon will feature Pulitzer Prize finalist David Nasaw, author of The Patriarch: The Remarkable Life and Turbulent Times of Joseph P. Kennedy, and Will Schwalbe, author of The New York Times bestseller The End of Your Life Book Club.

Susan Isaacs is the author of thirteen novels, including Compromising Positions, Shining Through, After All These Years, and As Husbands Go. Her newest novel, Goldberg Variations, was published in October 2012. She is a former editor of Seventeen and a freelance political speechwriter. She is chairman of the board of Poets & Writers and a past president of Mystery Writers of America. All her novels have been New York Times bestsellers. She resides in the Port Washington community and is a long-time member and supporter of the FOL.

Registration brochures for the luncheon will be available April 1 in the library and online at pwpl.org. The cost is $65 per person. The Friends actively seeks individuals and businesses as sponsors of the luncheon, which is the leading literary event in Port Washington.

Contact Ellen Zimmerman at ellengzimm@yahoo.com, or for more information about the Friends, see www.pwpl.org/fol.

IMPORTANT DATES

Budget Meetings:
Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Budget Hearing & Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Budget Information Session & Meet the Candidates

Library Budget Vote:
Tuesday, April 9 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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.

Family Film

A Cat in Paris - Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m.  
(2010 - running time 70 minutes)  
In Paris, a cat lives the secret life of a burglar’s aide and must rescue the little girl he lives with after she falls into a gangster’s clutches. An animated feature film directed by Jean-Loup Feliciolo and Alain Gagnol. Rated PG for parental guidance. No tickets required.

Vacation Week Programs

Tickets are required for the following programs and will be available beginning March 18. Sponsored by the Children’s Advisory Council and funded by the Port Washington Library Foundation.

Constant Wonder

Wednesday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m.  
Join Alice and Connie for their “Who Lays the Eggs?” springtime show. Children will learn fun facts about the natural world while enjoying a fun interactive show with music and movement. For children ages 3 to 8 years with an adult.

The Jester Jim Show

Thursday, March 28 at 11 a.m.  
With nothing more than a trunk full of props and his fast wit, Jester Jim’s show is packed with fun and excitement. Juggling, balancing and beatboxing (vocal percussion) make this a performance you’ll never forget. For children in grades K to 6 with an adult.

Early Childhood

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

Toddler Story Time – Fridays at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 2½ to 3½ years with an adult. No registration required. Does not meet March 29.

Preschool Story Time – Fridays at 1:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 5 years without an adult. No registration required. Does not meet March 29.

Lapsit Story Time – Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Songs, fingerplays and simple stories for babies ages birth to 17 months with an adult. No registration required. Does not meet March 26.

Parent Child Workshop – Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & April 3, 10 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For children ages 18 to 29 months with an adult. Registration began February 25. Does not meet March 28.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time – Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. Siblings welcome. No registration required. Does not meet March 28.

A Time for Kids – Monday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m., 12 noon or 1:15 p.m. Educational activities combine preschool concepts and fun. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins March 4.

PlayHooray – Monday, March 18. A preschool music and movement program. Ages birth to 17 months with an adult at 10 a.m. Ages 18 months to 2½ years with an adult at 11 a.m. Ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult at 12 noon. Ages 2½ to 5 years with an adult at 1 p.m. Registration begins March 11.

Pajama Story Time – Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. For children of all ages with an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

Story Time with Miss Lucy and Mr. Mike – Monday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. For children of all ages with an adult. No registration required.

Creative Readers

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will use drama, games, art, movement and music to get kids hooked on reading. Presented by PortSEPTA and the Port Washington Public Library. For more information email creativereadersimport@yahoo.com or portsepta@aol.com.

Parenting Workshop: Baby Bump

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Are you pregnant? First time moms are invited for a three-week program dealing with pregnancy. You’ll chat with other pregnant moms, make simple crafts for your new baby and talk with a different professional each week. Professionals include a midwife, a doula and a board certified lactation consultant. Registration began February 19. Call Children’s Services for availability at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

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

Intergenerational Chess Workshops – Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. For children ages 6 to 12 years with a parent, grandparent or favorite adult. Registration began February 19 – call for availability. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lawrence Kamisher.

After School Story Time – For children ages 4 to 7 years without an adult. Wednesdays at 4 p.m. No registration required. Last day is March 20.

Tweens’ Night Out – What is a Mutt-i-gree? Friday, March 15 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Are you a dog lover? Join Lauraine Merlini from the North Shore Animal League and find out more about dog breeds and what jobs they were designed to do. Make up your own mutt (body shape, coat, ears, tail, and paws) and give your mutt a creative name. For students in fifth and sixth grade. Registration begins March 1.

Miscellania Mania

Got an oddball question that’s just begging to be answered — like this one? When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody said she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. Who wrote these words? Maybe your neighbor knows.

Often played in bars and pubs, trivia games are not only edifying — they are really fun. Our host, Tom Clifford, was introduced to a weekly trivia game at an Irish pub by his lifelong friend, Colonel Ian Ferguson, USMC, who was assigned to the Pentagon at the time. The fun and popularity of that game stayed with him, and when Tom entered the world of small business consulting, he presented the concept to some of his clients and the rest, as they say, is history. Typically played by teams, you are invited to form your own, or you may be randomly assigned to a team.

Our first event is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm. If Miscellania Mania proves popular, it may be followed by other sessions — it all depends on you! Participation is free but registration is suggested and begins Tuesday, March 12th at the Information Desk — drop-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

A wealth of silent cinema

This month we screen two silent classics, My Best Girl and Across to Singapore. Our collection boasts a world-class selection of wonderful movies from the first thirty years of cinema history, including these recent acquisitions:


The Cigarette Girl of Mossel-bay (1924). A Russian tobacco-vendor-turned-movie-actress (Yuliya Solntseva) entertains three suitors.

Cinderella (1919). Mary Pickford in the famous fairy tale.

The Coast Patrol (1925) features 17-year-old Fay Wray in her screen debut.

The Eyes of Youth (1919). Clara Kimball Young is able to envision the possible results of her four life choices.

Gaumont Treasure: Volume 2. These three sets compile shorts (1908-1916) by French pioneers Emile Cohl, Jean Durand, Jacques Feyder and others.

A Lady of Chance (1928). Norma Shearer’s last silent.


The Patsy (1928). Watch for Marion Davies’ impersonations of Mae Murray, Lillian Gish and Pola Negri.

The Primitive Lover (1922). A romantic comedy featuring Constance Talmadge.

Quality Street (1927). Old maid Marion Davies masquerades as her niece to win back the love of her former suitor, Conrad Nagel.

7th Heaven (1927). Janet Gaynor won an Oscar for her portrayal of a mistreated waif.

Smouldering Fires (1925). Businesswoman Pauline Frederick falls for factory worker Malcolm McGregor, unaware that he loves her kid sister, Laura La Plante.

The Social Secretary (1916). Pretty Norma Talmadge dons bookish glasses and responds to an ad for a social secretary who is “unattractive to men.”

Tillie’s Punctured Romance (1914). Charlie Chaplin, Mabel Normand and Marie Dressler star in Mack Sennett’s movie, widely regarded as the first comedy feature film.

Trapped by Mormons (1922). A British exploitation film warning against polygamy.


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Nautical Council welcomes Tom Anderson

On Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tom Andersen, author of This Fine Piece of Water: An Environmental History of Long Island Sound (Yale University Press), will discuss the ongoing efforts to restore and protect the Long Island Sound. Andersen is New York Program and Communications Coordinator for Save the Sound.

Save the Sound is dedicated to the restoration, protection and appreciation of the Long Island Sound and its watershed through advocacy, education and research. Originally founded in 1972, Save the Sound merged with Connecticut Fund for the Environment in 2004. Using legal expertise, grassroots advocacy, volunteer work, and habitat restoration, the organization has successfully fought to preserve great coastal and island sites, fought for clean water, restored rivers and marshes, and cleaned up hundreds of miles of coastline in order to preserve and protect the Sound now and for future generations.

Save the Sound uses legal advocacy to ensure that critical environmental laws are upheld and that the Long Island Sound is protected from excessive pollution and nitrogen discharges. Save the Sound consistently scores important victories that directly impact the Long Island Sound and the lives of the residents in its watershed.

The program is sponsored by the Nautical Advisory Council with funding from the Port Washington Library Foundation.

Library Budget Vote:

Tuesday, April 9 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
What’s new in TeenSpace this month for grades 7-12?

Teen Tech Week
March 10-16
The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) is pleased to announce Teen Tech Week, a celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for an array of technology such as ebooks, audio books, DVDs, CDs, video games and databases. This year’s theme is “Check in @ Your Library.” Like us on Facebook to get the latest news from TeenSpace.

March 14 at 7 p.m.
TeenSpace QR Code Quest
Celebrate Teen Tech Week @ TeenSpace. This scavenger hunt will challenge teens to scan hidden QR codes (2D barcodes) around the library to reveal clues. To play, bring your smart phone to TeenSpace. A limited number of Apple i-Touches will be available for teens without smart phones to play. Free registration begins on March 1st in TeenSpace or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 148. 7 p.m.

March 16
Mangatize Your Library
TeenSpace is creating a digital manga comic book and we need your help! Bring your smart phone to TeenSpace, or borrow one of ours, and help take photos of the library. Photos will be mangatized and posted online for all to enjoy. See photo sample below. Free registration begins on March 1st in TeenSpace or by calling 883-4400 x148. 11 a.m.

TTW is the perfect time to learn more about the technology available at the library:
• Visit our video game collection and see what everyone is talking about.
• Got an e-reader? Be sure to check out the Nassau Digital Doorway and download the hottest new releases to read on your phone, computer or e-reader!
• Download an audiobook to your iPod, MP3 player or listen through your computer using Nassau Digital Doorway.
• Enter the Virtual Reference Room for homework help using a variety of databases and services such as Tutor.com, Ask a Librarian, or Mango Languages.
• Spotify is here! Listen to our TeenSpace playlist or create your own playlist and stream free music.
• Try a Playaway: portable, pre-loaded, digital audiobook. All you need are headphones.
• Take home a couple of music CDs or a DVD from the Media Department.
• Get your own personal book recommendations from a TeenSpace librarian by filling out a “Readers’ Advisory Form” at www.pwpl.org/teenspace.
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