Children’s literature shines at PWPL

In celebration of our 120th Anniversary Year, we’re thrilled to include two programs in the field of children’s literature — a panel discussion and a children’s illustrator exhibit, featuring prestigious authors, artists, and experts involved in publishing and library service to children.

Past, Present and Future: Insiders Look at Children’s Literature in the 21st Century, a panel discussion on Sunday, November 4 at 1:30 p.m., will be led by author and artist Jane Breskin Zalben. This all-star panel will present an overview of the industry, examining important questions about the evolution and future of children’s literature.

Panelists are Rita Auerbach (literary agent), Sandra Jordan (author and former editorial director of Farrar, Straus & Giroux and Orchard Books), Leonard Marcus (literary scholar, author), Renee McGrath (librarian), Director of Youth Services, Nassau Library System), Neal Porter (editorial director of Neal Porter Books/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan), Laura Vaccaro Seeger (artist and author), Caroline Ward (librarian and former Newbery Chair) and moderator Jane Breskin Zalben (artist, picture book and young adult fiction author, and former chair of the Society of Illustrators’ Original Art Exhibition).

The Children’s Illustrator Exhibition will hang in the Main Gallery from November 1 to 30, and will feature original art by renowned illustrators Brian Floca, Roxie Munro, Jerry Pinkney, Sergio Ruiz, Amy Schwartz, Laura Vaccaro Seeger, Bernard and Paulis Waber and Jane Breskin Zalben.

A reception and book signing on Sunday, November 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. follows the panel discussion.

The exhibition is sponsored by Astoria Federal Savings, The Port Washington Branch.

November schedule

The library will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21 and closed on Thursday, November 22. Happy Thanksgiving!

Paperback Swap

The Friends of the Library Paperback Book Swap returns on Saturday, November 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your paperback adult, teen and children’s books – good condition only! – to the library’s meeting room for a free, friendly book swap. Please: No more than 20 books per person, and books are not accepted in advance, outside or in the lobby. Browsers welcome! (Note that we make an exception for hardcover children’s books including board books).

The library on social media

Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter. We’re on Pinterest too!!

Random Acts of Prizes

Visit often for your chance to win! Local businesses have donated gift certificates and various prizes in celebration of our anniversary year. Thanks to: 3V Dental Associates, Alper’s Hardware, American Beauty Nail & Spa, Ayhan’s Fish-Kebab Restaurant, Ayhan’s Mediterranean Marketplace, Ayhan’s Shish-Kebab Restaurant, Baked To Perfection, Bayles Garden Center, Beacon Pharmacy, Carlos Pizza, Dolphin Book Shop, Edible Arrangements, Falconer Florist, Frank’s Pizza, Gail’s Stride Rite, Gino’s Pizzeria & Restaurant, Gum How Kitchen, Haven Diner, Hunold Pharmacy, Impulse Boutique, Jay’s Hallmark Party Store, Let There Be Bagels, Lou Bags & Moogs, Main Street Bakery & Cafe, Minuteman Press, Munsey Cleaners, Painting With Flowers, Petland Discounts, Port Main Fish Market, Port Washington Chiropractic, Nutrition & Weight Loss Ctr., Port Washington Diner, Ralph’s Famous Italian Ices, Senniyo Day Spa, Starbucks, The Diamond Boutique, Unleashed, Valley Meat Center, Verizon and Yummy Oriental Restaurant
Caring for the Caregiver

Caring for a parent, spouse or friend at home can be overwhelming. Most caregivers want to feel they are doing everything possible to provide the best care. In addition, many caregivers have more commitments, including a job and other family.

While there are benefits in being a caregiver, these individuals often find themselves facing physical, emotional and financial difficulties due to taking on the caregiver role. Most find themselves in need of occasional respite from caregiving or to take care of other obligations. Is there any wonder that many caregivers express a need for information about various aspects of their role, as well as for support from their peers and linkage to other caregivers?

Caring for the Caregiver, to be presented by Reverend Greg Johnson and Craig Jennings on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m., is designed to address those needs and bring family caregivers a multi-tiered support system featuring relaxed settings to discuss common issues, share ideas, and gain a better understanding of each other’s perspectives of care giving.

This program, co-sponsored by the Health Advisory Council, is non-sectarian, non-denominational, and free to those who register at info@caringforthecaregiver.org or call 516-921-0755.

Space is limited so please register early.

Games2Careers November 13 at 7 p.m.
Registration begins on Thursday, November 1, in person or by calling 516-883-4400, Ext. 136

Our Games2Careers workshop is based on Karen McKenna’s book, which provides a fun and effective way to discover potential career paths, simply by remembering the games we loved to play as children. When we’re young, we choose to spend our days doing activities we enjoy. By recalling those childhood favorites, we can determine our most natural interests, and discover potential career paths, and then team up with others who share similar interests. Together, we’ll embark on a journey that will forever change the way we look at “work.” Workshop attendees will receive a free copy of the book Games2Careers, by Karen McKenna and Susan Gubing.

Karen McKenna is a career coach, trainer, writer and founder of CareerVisionary LLC. She has worked for Drake Beam Morin (DBM), Estée Lauder, JPMorgan Chase Career Services, Tuesday’s Children and Winthrop-University Hospital.

Karen writes a monthly column for Long Island Business News that focuses on key topics for today’s job seekers and career changers. She designs and delivers programs for libraries across Long Island and teaches continuing education classes at Hofstra University and Molloy College.

Sponsored by the Jobs & Careers Information Center

Library Exploratorium Sunday, November 18 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by Karma411 / Co-sponsored by DC Connect, MakerBot, Xerox & Main Street Bakery

Celebrate library power, explore the future and have fun at this library-wide, interactive, technology-inspired “faire” for all ages. Library staff and related experts will demonstrate how the future is here, and show you how to do familiar and favorite things in surprising new ways. Friends of the Library volunteers will be on hand to guide you through the maze of choices. Highlights of the day include:

Watch the MakerBot Replicator 3-D Printer in action: Liz Arum of Makerbot and Jon Santiago of HTINK (pronounced “tink,” the “h” is silent) will show how this relatively small and inexpensive device can produce physical objects from strands of melted plastic filament, aka “Makerbotting,” and literally print three dimensional objects at the push of a button.

Create your own web page: John Murcott and the Karma411 team will take you on a voyage inside the guts of a website, show you how websites are built and help you set up your own web page.

Come fly away on a Green Screen: Adventure awaits as you step into a Green Screen experience, courtesy of the Long Island Motion Picture Center.

Get a “taste” of the future: Chef Michael Mignano of Main Street Bakery and contestant on the Food Network’s “Sweet Genius” will demonstrate the magic of molecular gastronomy and provide yummy tastings.

Let the games begin: Play a variety of games including Wii, Xbox Kinect, a mobile scavenger hunt and our new online game featuring trivia and other fun activities.

How do you do that? Let library staff show you how to download media and information on an array of devices, and how to learn a language via Mango. Explore our mobile application.

Here today the hair of tomorrow: Let Delerious Hair Designs treat you to a complimentary hair or head display that is out of this world.

Lots more in store, including Starbucks coffee, snacks and surprises!
Meet author Philip Galanes

“I love Philip Galanes’ New York Times column! And the book is a must! Social Q’s is a beacon of light in the foggy haze of today’s world.” — Jessica Seinfeld

Office attire and e-mail misuse, Twitter snub and dating missteps. Philip Galanes hears an awful lot of “What should I do?”

It all began in 2008, when Galanes began the “Social Q’s” advice column for the Sunday Styles section of The New York Times. Since then, the questions have come fast and furious. On Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. the Friends of the Library will welcome Philip Galanes, author of Social Q’s: How to Survive the Quirks, Quandaries and Quagmires of Today (Simon & Schuster, 2011). Bring along your etiquette questions and ask your own version of “What should I do?”

Philip Galanes is also an entertainment lawyer and novelist. Born and raised in New England, he graduated from Yale College and Yale Law School, and occasionally sidelines as an interior designer. His projects have been published in Architectural Digest, Elle Decor, New York magazine and The New York Times.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served – on platters with doilies.

Amphion String Quartet

The Music Advisory Council welcomes the Amphion String Quartet on Sunday, November 11 at 3 p.m. Hailed for its “precision, assertiveness and vigor” (The New York Times) and its “suspensful and virtuoso playing” (San Francisco Classical Voice), the Amphion String Quartet is a winner of the 2011 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition. The Quartet was recently chosen for two prestigious programs — the Ernst Stiefel String Quartet-in-Residence at the Caramoor Festival for the 2012-13 season and the CMS Two Program of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

Featured performances

Featured 2012-2013 performances are the ASQ’s Carnegie Hall debut at Weill Recital Hall, the Phillips Collection in Washington D.C., Caramoor Center for the Arts, TCAN Center for the Arts (MA), a tour of Northern California and numerous engagements throughout the Tri-State New York area. This past summer, the ASQ made a return visit to the OK Mozart Festival and to Chamber Music Northwest, where the ensemble performed alongside the Tokyo String Quartet, Edgar Meyer, Michala Petri and William Purvis. The Quartet concluded its summer season with debut performances at La Jolla’s SummerFest, collaborating with such artists as violinist James Dunham and harpist Deborah Hoffman.

Inspiration

Violinists Katie Hyun and David Southorn, violist Wei-Yang Andy Lin and cellist Mihai Marica, first joined together for a performance at Sprague Hall at the Yale School of Music in February 2009. The overwhelmingly positive audience reception was the inspiration behind their decision to pursue a career as the Amphion String Quartet. Honors include First Prize at the Hugo Kauder String Quartet Competition in New Haven, CT and First Prize in the Piano and Strings category as well as the Audience Choice Award at the 2010 Plovman Chamber Music Competition held in Columbia, Missouri.

Music Council programs are funded by donations to the Port Washington Library Foundation.

Archaeology and architecture

FOL University returns December 9

The Friends of the Library hosts its popular FOL University on Sunday, December 9, featuring two scholars talking on two fascinating topics. A widely respected archaeologist, Denise Gold has excavated numerous sites throughout the Biblical and classical world. Her work has taken her to the large Roman villa known as Ossaa La Tufa, the ancient Judean city of Lachish, and the city of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel known as Hazor. Last summer, Ms. Gold worked on the ancient city of Meggido, also known in the New Testament as Armageddon.

Europe’s first great civilization thrived on the island of Crete thousands of years ago. It was re-discovered in 1900 by an Englishman, Sir Arthur Evans, who excavated the city of Knossos. Here he found the great palace of the legendary King Minos, prompting Evan to call this ancient civilization “Minoan.”

Ms. Gold’s lecture will provide an overview of this great Bronze Age civilization along with biographical information on Sir Evans.

Denise Gold teaches and lectures on Biblical and classical archaeology. She is a Governor of the Archaeological Institute of America. Francis Morrone, co-author with Henry Hope Reed of The New York Public Library: The Architecture and Decoration of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, published to celebrate the building’s 100th birthday in 2011, will talk about New York’s greatest masterpiece of Beaux-Arts architecture, as well as of the Progressive Era city in which architects, planners and artists strove to create a new urban order, the “City Beautiful.”

Francis Morrone is a writer and historian specializing in the architectural and social history of the 19th and 20th centuries. He is the author of eleven books, including The Architectural Guidebook to New York City (1994) and An Architectural Guidebook to Brooklyn (2001).

Morrone pictured below wrote the column Abroad in New York as well as weekly art and architecture criticism, for the New York Sun for six and a half years, and is well-known for his walking tours in New York. He is the recipient of New York University’s coveted Excellence in Teaching Award, and of the Arthur Ross Award of the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art.

Amphion String Quartet

Katie Hyun, violin
David Southorn, violin
Wei-Yang Andy Lin, viola
Mihai Marica, cello
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.

**Exploratorium**
*Sunday, November 18 from 1 to 5 p.m.*
Explore the past, experience the present, discover the future. Join us for a fun, interactive, hands-on afternoon!! Story in this issue.

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**Children’s Illustrator Exhibition**
Art exhibit throughout the month of November in the Main Gallery. Reception and book signing on Sunday, November 4 from 3 to 5 p.m.
See article on front page.

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

**Toddler Story Time – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**
For children ages 2½ to 3½ with an adult. No registration required. Does not meet November 6.

**Tummy Time**
*Thursdays, November 1, 8, 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon*
For children between the ages of 3 months to pre-crawlers with an adult. Because babies are spending more time on their backs than ever before due to the recommendations set by the American Academy of Pediatrics, they need lots of Tummy Time to develop their muscle strength and coordination. You and your child will be led in song, rhymes, and simple stories. There will be time for playing with rattles, soft blocks, and other developmentally appropriate toys. *Call for availability - registration began October 25.*

**Preschool Story Time – Fridays at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.**
For children ages 3½ to 5 without an adult. No registration required. Does not meet November 23.

**Story Time with Miss Lucy and Mr. Mike**
*Mondays, November 12 & 19 at 10:30 a.m.*
For children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. No registration required.

**Thanksgiving Craft – Tuesday, November 20 at noon or 1 p.m.**
Enjoy a holiday craft, stories and songs. For children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. Registration begins November 13.

**PlayHooray – Monday, November 26**
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 with an adult at 12 noon. Ages 2½ to 5 with an adult at 1 p.m. Registration begins November 19.

**Pajama Story Time – Wednesday, November 28 at 7 p.m.**
Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. For children ages 2½ to 6 with an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

**Family Holiday Program**
**Our Town Library: Family Theater**
*Friday, November 23 at 11 a.m.*
Celebrate our library’s rich cultural history and join us for a student-created theater production. Tween and teen actors, writers, musicians, singers and artists have worked for the past several months to create this very special performance. You’ll experience the evolution of the library from when it was just a thought in one woman’s mind to the wonderful institution it is today! Directed by Elise May with creative director Katie Lyons and musical director Jake Glickman. Sponsored by the Jackie Spielman Storytelling Fund and the JP Morgan Chase Regrant Program.

**Parenting Program**
**Meet the Babysitter Reception**
*Thursday, November 8 from 5:30 to 6 p.m.*
Need a sitter? Meet our new “graduates” of the Teen Babysitting Workshop at a brief reception co-sponsored by Young Adult Services and the Parent Resource Center. No registration required.

**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 at 4 p.m.**
For children in kindergarten through second grade without an adult. No registration required. Does not meet November 21.

**Book Bunch – Thursday, November 15 at 4 p.m.**

**Page Turners – Tuesday, November 27 at 7:15 p.m.**
Long-time Port resident Mel Weinstein started collecting vintage postcards at an antiques fair where he saw images from 100 years ago. He recollects, “I had never seen anything like it. I was hooked. It opened up a whole new world to me about the town I lived in and how it evolved.”

From the hotels and buildings that once were, to those that still stand, from swimming in the bay to being a popular tourist destination, Port Washington postcards document our picturesque history. They are among the gems of the Local History Center. Thanks to Mel’s recent donation and those of other Port families — the Zwerleins, Cocks, Leibers, Hewletts and Virginia Marshall Martus — our library users will have continued access for years to come.

Peter B. Kaplan

Peter Kaplan visits the library on Thursday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. to share his adventures as the speaker in the second annual Martin Vogel Distinguished Photographers Lecture series.

Peter does not limit himself to bridges, either; name a skyscraper in North America, and odds are he’s photographed the view not only from the rooftop, but also from the tip of whatever TV antenna happens to be jutting above it. Some of his photos of New York’s vertical wonders, such as the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building, the Statue of Liberty and the World Trade Center, have achieved iconic status and have been reproduced countless times.

Having done hundreds of height-photography climbs, Kaplan is greeted with respect and admiration from the ironworkers and construction crews everywhere he goes. Property managers often welcome Kaplan like he owns the joint. One of his favorite structures, which he estimates he’s climbed about 400 to 500 times, is “the old, solid-stone Brooklyn Bridge,” he says. “My urban wilderness.”
What’s new in TeenSpace this month for grades 7-12?

November 1
Teen Babysitting Workshop: For those registered. Handling Emergencies: Representatives of the Port Washington Police and Fire Departments discuss emergency situations that could require their help. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

November 8
Teen Babysitting Workshop: For those registered. Entertaining Children: Jeanne Hall will demonstrate storytelling, simple crafts, games, songs, and finger plays. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meet the Babysitters: An opportunity for graduates of the Teen Babysitting Workshop to meet parents of young children at a brief reception co-sponsored by the Parent Resource Center. 5:30 to 6 p.m.

November 18
Teenspace QR Code Quest
Celebrate Library Power and the future of libraries during our Library Exploratorium. The QR Code Quest will challenge teens to scan hidden QR codes (2D barcodes) around the library to reveal clues. To play, bring your smart phone and charger to Teenspace. A limited number of Apple i-Touches will be available for teens without smart phones to play. All teens who play receive a prize. Teens who complete the quest will be entered into a raffle for a larger prize. Free registration begins on Thursday, November 1 in Teenspace or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 148. 1:30 p.m.

November 28
Book Speed Dating Wednesday
Fall in love with a new book at our book speed dating event where you’ll spend a few minutes each with several novels to see if you can find your perfect match. Free registration begins on November 1, in Teenspace. 4 to 5 p.m.

December 1
American Red Cross CPR Certification Course
Being a babysitter is a huge responsibility and CPR certification can be a real help. This course will teach students in grades 7-12 how to reduce the risk of injury to infants and children, respond to emergency situations, care for an infant or child who stops breathing, and perform CPR on infants and children. Presented by Ildiko Catuogno, a certified Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid instructor. Participants who complete the course will receive certificates. Registration begins November 1 in Teenspace. Workshop fee $5. 1 to 5 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Fall in love with a book at our Book Speed Dating Program