

Pearl River Public Library Newsletter

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“Your Door to the World”

From the Director’s Desk Jim Farrell

Dear Patrons and Neighbors

This last year at Pearl River Public Library has been a year of strong and visible growth. Visits to the library have increased. Circulation has increased. Programs offered and attendance at these programs has also increased.

Much of this has to do with our great staff. Through outreach to our schools, and interactions with patrons, our librarians and circulation staff stay closely in tune with community needs. As a result, we’ve been offering activities that are meaningful, engaging and of particular interest to our patrons of all ages.

Children’s and teens’ programs have been exceptionally lively and well-attended this year. Thanks to hard work and creativity, our YA program is revitalized and running as strong as ever. Along with our growing Teen Library Council and Teen Writing Group, we’ve added a Math Club, a Chess Club, and we look forward to new Teen Coding classes this summer, as well as a bigger Battle of the Books Team than ever.

In addition, our bright Teen Tech Tutors have been helping adult patrons learn how to get the most out of their new iPhones, iPads, android devices, Nooks, Kindles, and tablets.

To accommodate all this new programming and activity, the Library Board and I have decided to create a designated Learning Lab at the library. The glass-walled Lab, outfitted with 15 new Chromebooks, will be a place for patrons to participate in tech classes and other workshops, for example genealogy, and digital photography. Chromebooks will also be available for homework, study and research.

A grand opening of the Learning Lab is scheduled for 3:00pm, Saturday, June 4th. All are welcome.

We also hope to extend our hours on the weekends to better serve the community. A new schedule will be announced after the budget vote.

To keep you up-to-the-minute on all these activities and developments, we’ve installed a large LCD Panel above the Circulation Desk, displaying library events and other offerings in the area that may be of interest to our patrons.

As you know, all of the changes we are making at the library need your support. The Board of Trustees took a long look at the programs and services the library hopes to offer and how much these services will cost the local taxpayer. In order to move forward, we are asking for a 4.25% increase in our operating budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This increase is above the state proposed tax cap of 0.73% for the next fiscal year, however, even without the new programs and the anticipation of extended hours we would need to go above the proposed tax cap.

We invite you to join us at the Public Budget Hearing and Candidates night on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:1pm. If you have any questions about the proposed budget or library services, please contact Jim Farrell, Library Director at 735-4084, extension 118, or jfarrell@rcls.org.

The Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7, from 9:00am to 9:00pm in the Library’s Pearl River Room. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Library.

We thank you for your continued support and interest.
The Library Board of Trustees

Please turn the page for a copy of the proposed budget and additional Vote and Trustee Election details.

PEARL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROPOSED BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

	Current 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Revenues		
Interest	2,000	700
Fines	28,000	23,800
Grants	6,000	4,000
Gifts	500	1,500
Miscellaneous Income	20,000	9,100
Allocation from Fund Balance	42,368	100,000
PILOT income	18,743	18,741
Amount to be raised by Taxes	2,257,217	2,353,149
Total Revenue	\$2,374,828	2,510,990
Expenditures		
Library Materials	\$226,000	166,778
Library Supplies/Processing	6,800	4,000
Computers/ANSER/Telecom/Software	80,000	78,000
RCLS System Fee	2,939	2,561
Programs/Art Exhibits & Hosting	26,400	58,530
Printing/Newsletters	5,500	5,500
Office Supplies	8,250	10,000
Equipment Service Contracts/Piano	11,825	12,225
Contracted Services	12,100	11,522
Equipment/Furniture	8,000	10,000
Equipment Rental	5,500	6,126
Building Supplies	8,500	8,500
Building Maintenance & Repair	38,000	40,000
Groundskeeping/Snow Removal	7,700	7,700
Gas & Electric	80,000	70,500
Water	3,400	3,500
Sewer Tax	3,740	3,800
Telephone/WiFi	4,200	5,670
Postage	4,400	4,400
Personnel	1,280,623	1,412,460
Social Security	97,967	101,000
Medical Insurance	170,325	227,778
Disability Insurance	9,600	10,525
State Retirement	202,356	172,000
Workers' Compensation	17,640	19,404
Mileage/Travel	1,650	3,000
Memberships/Professional Dev.	2,200	10,500
Insurance	23,513	26,013
Audit	11,000	11,000
Legal Fees, Election Expenses	3,600	5,490
Contingency	5,000	2,508
Total Expenditures	\$2,374,828	\$2,510,990

**For further Budget Vote & Trustee Election information,
please call the Pearl River Public Library
80 Franklin Ave., Pearl River, NY, Phone: 735-4084**

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & PRESENTATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

at the Library

Tuesday, May 31, 7:15 pm

Trustee candidate is William Morris

BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

at the Library

Tuesday, June 7, 9:00am-9:00pm

To elect one (1) member to the Pearl River Public Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2021.

Eligible voters are residents of the Pearl River Library District (coterminous with the Pearl River Union Free School District), Pearl River, New York 10965 who are 18 years of age by June 7, 2016; who have U.S. citizenship; who have resided in the district for 30 days immediately prior to June 7, 2016 and are registered to vote.

Voter Registration is available at the Library for those residents meeting eligibility criteria who have not previously registered to vote.

Wednesday, June 1, 9:00am-9:00pm

Thursday, June 2, 9:00am-9:00pm

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the Library, at least seven days prior to the Vote & Election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Vote & Election if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00pm, prevailing time, on June 7, 2016.

By the Numbers for 2015 . . .

The Pearl River Public Library served:

Service area population	15,564
Card holders	9,642
Hours open per week	66
Items borrowed	213,561

including: 6,538 ebooks

3,288 digital music downloads

The Pearl River Public Library provided:

Total physical material collection	109,062
<i>including: 5,050 audiobooks/music CDs</i>	
<i>8,062 DVDs/videotapes</i>	

Public Internet workstation sessions	8,986
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Reference questions answered	9,973
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The Pearl River Public Library offered:

Adult program sessions	218
Teen program sessions	61
Children's program sessions	220
Community use sessions	425

... Total program attendance was 17,514

Just for Teens

(Entering 6th-12th grades)



Collaborative Summer Library Program 2016

The Library offers activities for teens entering 6th through 12th grades.

- Intro to Web Design
- Math Club
- Chess and Games Club
- Teen Writing Workshop
- Online summer reading club
- Art Club
- And more!

In addition, books from the school district's required reading will be available. Don't wait until August to get your copy!

We ♥ Teen Volunteers!

We are proud of all our teen volunteers who have helped us through the years with our summer reading activities. This year, we welcome volunteers who will have completed 7th-11th grades by July 1. Applications will be mailed home to current volunteers. Prospective volunteers can stop in for a form or download one from our website after May 16. Orientation meetings will be:

- Wednesday, May 25 at 4:30pm
- Thursday, May 26 at 4:30
- Monday, June 13 at 7:00pm

Please bring work and vacation schedules with you to your session.

Volunteers must attend one of these orientation meetings to volunteer this summer. Please contact Mrs. Gunning at 845-735-4084, x126 with any questions.

Sign up for a session starting Monday, May 16 at the Adult Reference Desk or by calling 735-4084, x115.

For Kids Only

(Birth to entering 6th grade)

Jeffrey Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Tuesday, June 7 at 1:30pm

Not to be missed! Sing along with old favorite tunes and new original pieces too! Jump, clap and sing! Special Guest: The Bossy Frog

**ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET...
READ!**



Collaborative Summer Library Program 2016

Come to the library for activities, crafts and music for children from birth to those entering 6th grade. And we'll have summer reading fun for those entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Watch for a separate summer reading newsletter filled with opportunities such as:

- Code Club
- Engineering Challenge
- Story Times
- Music classes
- Concerts
- And more!



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Library Budget Vote
and Trustee Election
Tuesday, June 7, 2016
9:00am-9:00pm

Adult Activities

Sunday June 5 3:00pm

Learn to draw Pet Portraits

Jamie Ross will teach 15 patrons how to draw a portrait of a favorite pet. Materials will be provided. Please register at the information desk.

Sunday, June 5 3:00pm

World Class Harmonica Virtuoso Jia-Yi He

Mr. He is a world renowned master of the harmonica, who has played at the United Nations, Shea Stadium, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and many other venues around the globe. Mr. He will be accompanied on our Kawai baby grand piano playing classical and popular tunes.

Wednesday, June 8 7:00pm

Kaitlyn Rindler on Mindfulness

Certified Yoga instructor and life coach Kaitlyn Rindler will speak on the topic of mindfulness, the ability to think consciously in the now.

Sunday, June 12 1:30pm

Recycled & Repurposed Newspaper Shopping Bags

With Yoko Olson, you will learn to make a sturdy recycled newspaper shopping bag using origami folding techniques. Please register at the Information Desk.

Sunday, June 12 3:00pm

The Joel Zelnick Trio

Pianist Joel Zelnick and the group will play jazz standards for your listening pleasure.

Wednesday, June 15 7:00 pm

Selling on eBay!

Have you ever wondered how to get the maximum amount of money out of selling your stuff on the eBay web site? Join Rick Feingold, an eBay Power Seller, as he takes you step by step to sell like a pro.

Wednesday, June 29 7:00pm

Savvy Social Security Planning for Women

Tim Boyle of Forester Financial Group will speak to women on being smart about Social Security.

Thursday, July 14 9:00am-3:00pm

American Safety Institute Drivers Course

Art Aldrich is the instructor for this driver's safety course. You must register in person and pay the \$30 fee with checks made out to Arthur Aldrich at the time of registration. No call in signups will be accepted.

Thursday August 4 7:30pm

Rockland County Concert Band Summer Concert

Join us to hear the music of the good old summer time.



June 3 Royal Wedding 1951

Starring: Fred Astaire and Jane Powell

June 10 On the Waterfront 1954

Starring: Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, and Eva Marie Saint

June 17 The Razor's Edge 1984

Starring: Bill Murray, Theresa Russell and Denholm Elliott

June 24 The Dawn Patrol 1938

Starring: Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone, David Niven and Donald Crisp

July 1 The Battle of the Bulge 1965

Starring: Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw and Robert Ryan

July 8 ;Three Amigos! 1995

Starring: Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short

July 15 The Outlaw 1943

Starring: Jack Buetel, Thomas Mitchell and Jane Russell

July 22 Ninotchka 1939

Starring: Greta Garbo, Melvyn Douglas and Ina Claire

July 29 Diamonds Are Forever 1971

Starring: Sean Connery, Jill St. John, Charles Gray

August 5 Flyboys 2006

Starring: James Franco, Jean Reno and Jennifer Decker

August 12 Touch of Evil 1958

Starring: Charlton Heston, Orson Welles and Janet Leigh


August 19 Judgment at Nuremburg 1961

Starring: Spencer Tracy, Burt Lancaster and Richard Widmark

August 26 The Poseidon Adventure 1972

Starring: Gene Hackman, Ernest Borgnine, Red Buttons, Shelley Winters, and Roddy McDowell

Come early for a good seat – and popcorn!



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Questions? Call us at 735-4084, x115.

Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

In Our Gallery

June: **Watercolors by Allan F. Avery**
Enjoy the beautiful landscape watercolors done on locations throughout Rockland County and the Catskills. Come and meet the artist on Saturday June 12th at an opening reception at the Library, 1:30-3:30pm.

July: **TBA**

August: **TBA**

On Display

June/July: **Ceramics by Lorna Carroll**
Mrs. Carroll, a PRHS Art Teacher, teaches ceramics for residents who live in the area during her summer break. Come and see some of her ceramic art.

August: **April Saladino**
A jewelry designer/art teacher creates one of a kind jewelry pieces with found objects.

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Teen Tech Tutors

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm
June 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22
If you've got a smartphone that's outsmarting you, or any other device that's dumbfounding you, our *Teen Tech Tutors* can fix that. Come by the library to get smart about your tech.
Sign up at the Reference Desk or call us at 735-4084, x115.

Digital Photography

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm
July 13, July 27 & August 10
Take better pictures with your camera and learn how to edit them to perfection. In this 3-session workshop we'll learn about natural lighting and flash, composition and focus. Taking cues from the great photographers, we'll try our own shots in the library and outside, then learn to edit them in Pixlr, using library Chromebooks. We'll compile our best shots in an online gallery.
Sign up at the Reference Desk or call us at 735-4084, x115.

Websites to Try

Genealogy Resources
<http://guides.rcls.org/prldatabases>

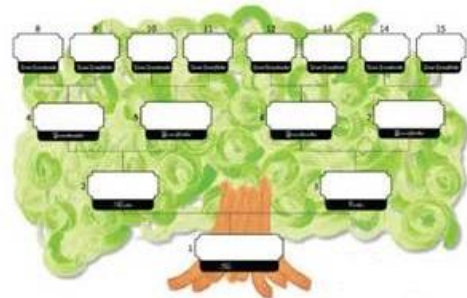
Looking to explore your family tree? Visit these online resources through the links included on our Database page under the tab *History & Genealogy*.

Ancestry Library Edition
Funded by the Pearl River Public Library, this resource is available for IN LIBRARY USE ONLY. Come in to use our computers or bring in your laptop to use our Wi-Fi.

Ancestry.com New York Records
Free access to all NYS residents courtesy of the NYS Archives. This service is available AT HOME OR IN THE LIBRARY.

FamilySearch
This online website offers free access to “the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world.”

HeritageQuest Online
Funded by the Pearl River Public Library, this product is available FROM HOME OR IN THE LIBRARY, but HOME access requires a Pearl River library card.



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Adult Book Club

The Adult Book Club meets the third Tuesday each month at 7 pm in the Pearl River Room. Books are available at the Circulation Desk. Upcoming titles for discussion are:

- June 21** *Girl in Translation*
by Jean Kwok
- July 19** *The Chimney Sweeper's Boy*
Barbara Vine

We will be off for the month of August and resume in September.

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Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm
Friday – Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Summer Library Hours start Saturday, June 18:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm
Friday – Saturday: 10:00am-2:00pm
Sunday: Closed

Holiday Closings:

Independence Day – Monday, July 4

Board of Trustees

Elizabeth Van Wynen, Ed.D., RN, *President*
Marie Manning, *Vice President*
William Morris
Eric Sharrin
Donna Warren

*The Board of Trustees meets
the fourth Monday each month, at 7:15pm.*

For additional details, please call 845-735-4084, x117.

Director

James L. Farrell, Jr., MLS

Community Resident



Friends

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Felice Evans Morris, President

The Friends Book Discussion Club meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at 1:00pm. Selected discussion books are available at the Circulation Desk approximately one month before. Here is the list of books for the Summer season:

June 16 *Why Islam Needs Reformation Now*
By Hirisi Ali Ayaan

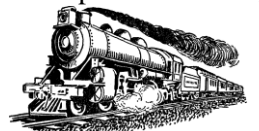
July 21 *Heart of Darkness*
Joseph Conrad

August 18 *The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*
Eric Larson

Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

The last steam-driven train on the Erie railroad line to carry commuters from Jersey City to Spring Valley passed through Pearl River on its last trip on March 17, 1954. This K-1 Class Pacific locomotive was built between 1905 and 1908 and given the number 2530. On this day, the fires in the engine's firebox and the head of steam in its boiler were "dropped" after it reached the Erie Yards in Jersey City, never to run the Pascack Valley Line again.



*Mosquitos are like children: when they stop
making noise you know they are into something.*

Anonymous