

"Your Door to the World"

# Newsletter Pearl River Public Library

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Editor: Pamela D. Gunning, MLS

## Adult Activities

**Sunday, March 4 3pm**  
**Carlos Colina and the Straight-Up Blues Band**  
Master harmonica player Carlos and his band will entertain you with the sounds of jazz and blues music.

**Wednesday, March 14 7pm**  
**Origami Paper Bag Making Workshop**  
Join artist Yoko Komori Olson, a newly inducted member of the National Association of Women Artists, as she will show 15 people how to make an environmentally friendly and sturdy shopping bag from old newspapers. Please register at the Adult Reference Desk. 845-735-4084, x115.

**Monday, March 19 7pm**  
**Women's Self Defense**  
Women's self-defense martial arts instructor Master Ray Portante of East Coast Martial Arts will demonstrate methods for women to defend themselves in any situation. Please register at the Adult Reference Desk. 845-735-4084, x115.

**Saturday, March 24 11am-4pm**  
**Sunday March 25 1-5pm**  
**Quilt Show**  
The Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades will once again be having a show of members' quilts. See quilting demonstrations and works in progress. Vote for your favorite challenge quilt. Try a "hands on" project.

**Sunday, April 1 3pm**  
**Harlem and Jewish Harlem Talk**  
Marty Schniet of Marty's New York Tours will give a PowerPoint presentation on this unique area of upper Manhattan, including its sights, people, and foods.

**Teen Tech Tutors (T3): E-Book Bonanza!**  
**Wednesday, April 11 1pm- 4pm**  
Want to know how to download eBooks from the library on your new e-reader? Come by the library for instruction with a teen tech tutor. (Kindle owners will need to know their Amazon account login info.) No registration required.

**Sunday, April 15 3pm**  
**The Big Band Sound**  
The Rick Yaccino Band will play the music of the big band era with an accompanying horn section.

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For more information, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 845-735-4084, x115.

Additional activities for adults, as well as the **Friday Film Festival**, can be found on page 4. Children's activities are on page 2; Teens' activities are on page 3.

## Your Door to the World:

[www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org)

Our new website is up and running! It currently includes a number of pages developed for teens and children which we will continue to customize. In the future we hope to be able to provide the same for our adult patrons, developing online reader's advisory features and possibly an online book club. We plan to provide expanded coverage of our monthly art exhibits and archival materials. We will also be further developing our community links.

We are now able to post scheduling updates in real time. Click on the "Library Happenings" tab and you will see an up-to-date calendar of programs that can be displayed in daily, weekly or monthly views. The system can also provide timely email reminders of upcoming events patrons may be interested in attending. Starting with the Winter 2011 issue, the Library's quarterly newsletter can also be found on our website. Click on the "About the Library" tab on the left side of the homepage. Another menu will appear that includes the Library Newsletter.

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## Library System Migration:

### Thanks, Pearl River, for Sticking with Us!

The migration to our new catalog system went quite smoothly; however, there is still a good amount of customization that needs to be done to make the new catalog the best place for patrons to find the materials they need. By working closely with the Ramapo Catskill Library System we hope to have many of the kinks and glitches smoothed out in a timely manner. Your continued patience and understanding regarding this migration is much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Library or visit us on the web at [www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org) for more information and instructions on how to access materials through our new catalog.

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## Borrow eBooks from the Library

PRPL patron OverDrive digital borrowing activity has more than doubled! Our December *eBook Bonanza!* was so successful we are holding another one April 11 (*see left*). Our Teen Tech Tutors will be back to assist staff in instructing patrons on how to download digital books borrowed from the library to their personal e-reader devices. Brochures with step by step directions to borrow and download eBooks to the Kindle, Nook, Sony Reader, iPad and other devices are available both in the Library and on our webpage.


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# Children's Activities

All activities are for PRPL cardholders.

## Activities Starting in March

### Stories, Songs and Silliness with Miss Sarah

 Ages: those not yet 2 years old with a grown up  
Mondays, March 5 to April 2, 11:00-11:30am  
**No registration**, but bring a valid PRPL card.

### Let's Pretend with Miss Nora

Ages: 2 and 3 with a grown up  
Wednesdays, March 7–March 28, 10:00-10:30 or 10:45-11:15  
**Register:** Feb. 27 to March 2, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

OR

### Story Time for 2s & 3s with Mrs. Gunning

Ages: 2 and 3 with a grown up  
Wednesdays, March 7 to March 28, 1:30-2:00pm  
**Register:** Feb. 27 to March 2, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday


### Story Time for 4s & 5s with Miss Annadora

Ages: 4 and 5  
Tuesdays, March 6–May 1  
10:30-11:10am *or* 1:30-2:10pm  
(Afternoon kindergarteners may join us at 10:30am.)  
**Register:** Feb. 27 to March 2, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Kinderstories with Miss Noël

Ages: Morning kindergarteners  
Thursdays, March 8–May 3, 1:30-2:30pm  
**Register:** Feb. 27 to March 2, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Lego Club


 Ages: 4 to 12  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm  
March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, June 6  
**No registration.** Bring a friend.

### Basic First Aid

Ages: 7-10  
Thursday, March 8, 4:00-5:00pm  
**Register:** Feb. 27 to March 2, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday



### Spring Training with the Rockland Boulders

 Grades: kindergarten – 6  
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00-8:45pm  
**Register:** Feb. 27 to March 2, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Grades: kindergarten – 3  
Thursday, March 15, 4:00-5:00pm  
**Register:** Feb. 27 to March 2, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Chess Fridays

Grades: 2 – 6  
Fridays, 3:45-4:45pm  
March 9, April 20, May 4, June 1  
**No registration.** Bring a friend.



*Additional details for any of these activities are available in the Children's Room.*

## April/May Activities

### Story Time for 2s & 3s with Mrs. Gunning

Ages: 2 and 3 with a grown up  
Wednesdays, April 4 to May 2, 10:30-11am or 1:30-2pm  
**Register:** March 26 to March 30, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Baby Signs® with Fran Roesemann

Ages: 6 months to 2 years (not yet talking)  
Mondays, April 16 to May 14, 11:00-11:30am  
**Register:** March 26 to 30, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday



### Toddler Yoga with Sue Haberman

Ages: walkers to 3 with a grown up  
Thursdays, April 19 to May 10, 9:45-10:15am  
**Register:** March 26 to March 30, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Preschooler Yoga with Sue Haberman

Ages: 3 to 5 and not in kindergarten  
Thursdays, April 19 to May 10, 10:30-11:15am  
**Register:** March 26 to March 30, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Find the Bunny



Grades: 2 – 5  
Tuesday, April 3, 4:00-5:00pm  
**Register:** March 26 to March 30, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### The Art of Cartooning

Grades: 3 – 6  
Thursday, April 19, 4:00-5:00pm  
**Register:** March 26 to March 30, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### Story Time with the Dentist

Ages: up to 5 years old with a grown up  
Wednesday, April 25, 10:00-10:40am or 11:00-11:40am  
**Register:** April 16 to April 20, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

*More Children's Activities are on the next page.*

### Music for Preschoolers

**No registration**, but a valid PRPL card must be shown.

### Mr. Kurt Sings!

Ages: 2 – 6 with a grown up  
Thursday, March 22, 10:30-11:15am

### Jeffery Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Ages: 2 – 6 with a grown up  
Wednesday, May 9, 10:30-11:15am

### Homework Help

for Kindergarteners to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Wednesdays, March 7 to June 6, 4:00-6:00pm

*(Note change of day to Wednesday!)*

Teen volunteers will be available in the **Story Time Room** to help children with those tough homework problems.

No registration. Just bring your homework.

## Children's Activities

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### It's Circus Time!

Grades: kindergarten – 3

Thursday, April 26, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** April 16 to April 20, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday



### Boys' & Girls' Day

Grades: kindergarten – 3

Tuesday, May 15, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** April 30 to May 4, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

### It's Gardening Time!

Grades: 3 – 6

Wednesday, May 9, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** April 30 to May 4, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday



### Longfellow's Water Habits

Ages: 5 – 10

Friday, May 18, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** April 30 to May 4, 10am-8pm, 5pm Friday

# Teen zone!

### Otaku Club

Ages: 16-25

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

March 2, 16, 30, April 13, 27, May 11 & 25

If you have an avid interest in anime, manga, video games and all things Japanese, this is the club for you. Join us on alternating Fridays and learn more about Japanese culture. Walk-ins welcome!

### Teen Library Council Meeting

Ages: 12-18

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

March 7, April 4 & May 2

This group is growing! We have over 20 members and are always looking for more. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or just want to become more involved in what is happening at the library join TLC.

### Tuesday Teen Book Club

Ages: 11-18

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

March 13, April 10 & May 8

Competitive mini-book battles, trivia and snacks make up Tuesday Teen Book Club. At each meeting the group chooses books to battle for the next month. All are welcome but **registration is required.\***

*\* To register, call or visit the Adult Reference Desk. For additional information contact Ms. Linder at [clinder@rcls.org](mailto:clinder@rcls.org) or call her at 845-735-4084, x138.*

# Teen zone!

## Upcoming Teen Events

### Teen Chess Club



Ages: 11-18

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

March 26 & April 30

Chess players unite! And join us at the Library. This club is for beginners and avid chess players. Come battle it out with others who love chess as much as you do. Walk-ins welcome.

### Monday Night Movie for Teens

Ages: 11-18

Monday, April 9, 6:00-8:00pm

Join us for a Spring Break movie event! Popcorn will be provided.

### Teen Tech Tutors (T3): E-Book Bonanza!

Ages: 12-18

Wednesday, April 11, 1:00- 4:00pm

Volunteers are needed to teach others how to download eBooks to their eReaders. Contact Ms. Linder at ext. 138.

### Teen Gaming Afternoon

Ages: 11-18

Thursday, April 12, 3:00-5:00pm

This program is back by special request from the TLC group. Join us for Spring Break gaming at the library. Walk-ins welcome.

### Teen Traveling Author Series

#### 2012 Author: Barry Lyga

Ages: 12-18

Saturday, April 28

Each year the libraries of Rockland County come together and sponsor an author event. For 2012 the author will be Barry Lyga creator of *The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy & Goth Girl*, *Goth Girl Rising* and most recently *Mangaman*. Mr. Lyga will be visiting three different Rockland libraries on April 28. The itinerary for this event will be announced closer to the scheduled date. For more information contact Ms. Linder at ext. 138.

### Teen Game Day

Ages: 11-18

Friday, May 4, 3:30-4:30pm

Take a break from studying and come to the Library to de-stress before the SAT's by playing video games! Walk-ins welcome.

### Origami Newspaper Craft



Ages: 12-18

Saturday, May 19, 1:00-3:00pm

The library always recycles old newspapers but what better way to help the environment than to put those newspapers toward a useable craft. Yoko Komori Olson will be here to show teens how to make great gift bags out of recycled newspapers. **Registration is required.\***

## Adult Activities (continued)

**Fridays, April 20 to June 15** 10:15am

### *A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falling*

This popular Rockland County program returns. This multi-week series is designed to help participants improve balance skills. *Attendees must register with the Rockland County Dept. of Health at 845- 364- 2501.*

**Sunday, April 22** 3pm

### *Taking Care of You: Learning to Mother Yourself*

Join Susan Portillo as she provides insight from her life journey on how to nourish the soul, mind, and body through your everyday battle with the world.

**Sunday, April 29** 2pm

### *Gathering Time*

The Friends of the Library present *Gathering Time*, a folk rock harmony trio that appeals to all ages! Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon. Listen to wonderful music, meet the musicians and learn more about the Friends of the Library. Reception with refreshments following. *(Please note the 2pm start time.)*

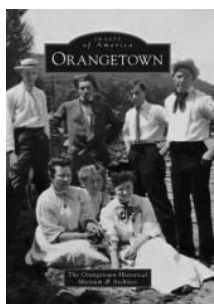
**Sunday, May 6** 3pm

### *Musical Mystery*

Join pianist Robert Hoover for an entertaining afternoon! When plays the first few notes of a song on our piano, the audience must guess the song.

**Wednesday, May 16** 7pm

### *A Photographic History of Orangetown*



Town Historian Mary Cardenas will speak and give a PowerPoint presentation about the “collective history of river villages and hamlets that make up the town of Orangetown,” contained in the new book *Orangetown*. This pictorial overview from Arcadia Press’ *Images of America* series recently published by the Orangetown Historical Museum and Archives contains over 200 photos of the Orangetown area.

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If you have any questions about any of these activities, please contact us at 845-735-4084, x115.

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*The worst thing about new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones.*

**Joseph Joubert**

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## Friday Film Festival

*All films start at 2:00pm in the Pearl River Room*

- March 2** **Lilies of the Field** (1963)  
Starring Sidney Poitier, this classic is the story of an itinerate handyman who builds a chapel for a group of nuns.
- March 9** **Tony Rome** (1967)  
Frank Sinatra stars as the hardboiled detective from L.A. embroiled in blackmail, lies and murder.
- March 16** **Son of Paleface** (1952)  
A hilarious Bob Hope romp through the old west.
- March 23** **A Place in the Sun** (1951)  
Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift. A poor man wants to climb the social ladder and win the rich girl of his dreams.
- March 30** **The Manchurian Candidate** (1962)  
Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury. A soldier is programmed by the communists to be an assassin.
- April 6** **Bringing Up Baby** (1938)  
An heiress and a zoologist fall in love in this zany screwball comedy starring Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant.
- April 13** **The Producers** (1968)  
Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder star as crooked producers aiming to put on a Broadway play they think will be a flop.
- April 20** **How to Murder Your Wife** (1965)  
A confirmed bachelor is married during a drunken night of fun only to be horrified in the morning. Jack Lemmon, Verna Lisi.
- April 27** **McKenna’s Gold** (1969)  
Gregory Peck and Omar Sharif star as a fearless sheriff and a ruthless bandit who battle it out for legendary golden treasure.
- May 4** **The Thief of Bagdad** (1940)  
Tales of the Arabian Nights brought to the big screen, starring Sabu, John Justin, Rex Ingram, June Duprez, Conrad Veidt.
- May 11** **The Ghost and the Darkness** (1996)  
Michael Douglas, Val Kilmer. Set in 1896 East Africa two marauding lions shut down the construction of a railway and it’s up to two rail employees to stop the man-eaters.
- May 18** **The Spirit of St. Louis** (1957)  
Jimmy Stewart plays Lucky Lindy in this tale of his 1927 trans-Atlantic flight.
- May 25** **Three Smart Girls** (1936)  
Deanna Durbin. Three sisters try to reunite their parents who divorced a decade earlier.

*Come early for a good seat! Popcorn will be served.*

## The Hub Gallery Exhibits

- March:** St. Patrick's Day Parade photos by Carol Dyer  
**April:** Watercolors by D. Robert Brebbia  
(*postponed from February*)  
**May:** Marquetry Artists of Rockland County  
**Quilts:** Heritage Quilters of Hudson Palisades  
**Window:** Designed and created by Martha Murdock  
and Dick Lewis

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### Under Construction

Our art exhibit space was under construction in February as we installed a new wall display system. The "Walker Picture System" involves a new stationary molding and adjustable fiberglass rods and hooks that alleviated the need to make holes in walls. Many thanks for the Friends of the Library for their contribution toward this display system.

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### Memory Sticks/Thumb Drives

For those times when you need to save the work you are doing on our computers, we now have 128MB memory sticks/thumb drives available for a small fee at the Adult Reference Desk.



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### Evening Book Discussion Group for Adults

The Library currently has two book discussion groups that meet during the daytime. We would like to know if there is interest in establishing an additional evening group and/or an online book club. Please contact Library Director Kathy Rose at [prpldirector@rcls.org](mailto:prpldirector@rcls.org) if you think this might be for you!

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### Video Games at the Library

Popular video games are now available for kids, teens and adults for three different consoles: Wii, X Box 360 & PS3. Borrowing is limited to one game per PRPL cardholder with a three day loan period. Check out our website for a complete list of available games.

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### Tax Time Again

The AARP Tax Aide Program volunteers will be here on Fridays up through April 13 from 10:30am to 2:30pm to provide assistance to seniors and low-income individuals in preparing their personal income tax returns.

Tax forms and instructions are available in our lobby or can be downloaded from our website.

### Knit and Crochet Class

The Library's Knit & Crochet program meets every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Participants of all experience are welcome – an instructor is available to teach you the basics or to help you with a more advanced project. Many in the group work on items that are donated to local charitable organizations.



## Websites to Try



### Still Tasty: Your Ultimate Shelf Life Guide

<http://www.stilltasty.com/>

Here you can find information on safe food storage in your pantry, refrigerator, and freezer. Under *Keep It or Toss It* you may browse shelf life information by categories including fruits and vegetables, meat and poultry, condiments, spices and beverages. *Your Questions Answered* gives responses to commonly asked questions and *Shelf Talk* offers short articles and quick tips on various food-related topics such as *Keeping Ice Cream Fresh*, *Expiration Dates: Should You Pay Attention* and *Sturdy Staples: 9 Foods That Can Outlast You*.

### National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine

<http://nccam.nih.gov/>

NCCAM is the federal government's lead agency for scientific research on the diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not generally considered part of conventional medicine. Choose a subject from *Topics A-Z* for a collection of resources on that topic or go to *Herbs at a Glance* to view fact sheets that provide basic information about specific herbs or botanicals—common names, uses, potential side effects, and resources for more information. "What is CAM?" offers an overview of complementary and alternative medicine, while both *Safety* and *Be Informed* offer guidance on making wise health-related decisions.

### Money - Past, Present & Future

<http://projects.exeter.ac.uk/RDavies/arian/money.html>

This large collection of links and articles covers a myriad of topics relating to money. While the site was created in the United Kingdom, many of the links are useful to a larger audience. *Monetary History* includes *History of Money from Ancient Times to the Present Day*, *Current Value of Old Money* (changes in the value of money, not actual currency or coins) and *The Origins of the term "Dollar" and the Dollar Sign*. Other sections cover forms of money, politics, and even money and banking in fiction.

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### Friends Garden Club

The Friends Garden Club will be meeting this spring. All meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:45-8:45pm: March 14, April 18 (Master Gardeners of the Cooperative Extension: How to Prepare your Garden for Spring) and May 9 (Crops in Pots: Gardening Made Easy).

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### Arbor Day Trees

To honor Arbor Day, free River Birch and Norway Spruce seedlings will be given out again this year. We expect the trees to arrive in late April. Please watch postings in the library and on our webpage for exact dates and times.

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### Museum Pass Update

The **American Museum of Natural History** pass will not be available after our current membership ends in March. The museum is no longer making family passes available for libraries.

## Pearl River Public Library

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<http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org>

### Library Hours:

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

### Holiday Closings:

Sunday, March 18: *St. Patrick's Day Parade*  
Sunday, April 8: *Easter Sunday*  
Saturday-Monday, May 26-28: *Memorial Day Weekend*

### Board of Trustees:

Kelley Hadel, President  
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*The Library Board meets at 7:30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Please call to confirm.*

### Director:

Kathleen W. Rose

## Friends' Corner

*Felice Evans Morris, President*

**Gathering Time** will be performing on Sunday April 29 at 2:00pm. This folk-rock harmony trio is part Peter, Paul and Mary, Crosby Still & Nash, Joni Mitchell and James Taylor and appeals to audiences of all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, a reception will follow the concert.

The Friends book Discussion group invites you to come on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm.

March 15: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

April 19: *Rosewater and Soda Bread*  
by Marsha Mehran

May 17: *The Paris Wife*  
By Paula McLain

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## Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, Pearl River had a soda bottling company in town. The Gem Bottling Co. was located on South Main Street. It was run out of a garage by Tom Scarpulla, who possessed a formula for orange soda. He made, bottled and distributed it around Orangetown by truck to homes and stores.

In the 1950s the United Cigar Agency was located at 12 East Central Avenue. Before the holidays, they distributed a Christmas toy catalog to customers. The store, owned by Mr. Bain and Mr. Braunfeld, was later to become Braunfeld's, a landmark in town. Today it is called the Village Smoke Shop.

*For more great historical tidbits, visit our Local History & Archives page on our website at [www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org).*