

Newsletter

Pearl River Public Library

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"Your Door to the World"

Adult Activities

Sunday, March 3 3:00pm

Gypsy Jazz Band

Doug Munro will lead this group which mixes traditional gypsy sound with a jazz beat to produce beautiful listening for a Sunday afternoon. Original compositions will be performed.

Tuesday, March 5 7:00pm

Women's Self Defense

Master Ray Portante of East Coast Martial Arts will demonstrate basic self-defense techniques. Wear loose comfortable clothing, sneakers and prepare to be physically active. Please register at the adult reference desk or call 845-735-4084, x115.

Sunday, March 10 3:00pm

Magazine Bead and Necklace Workshop

Local artist Yoko Komori Olson will teach the making of beads made from recycled newspaper and fashioning them into jewelry designs. Please register at the reference desk or call 845-735-4084, x115.

Saturday, March 24 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday March 25 1:00pm-4:00pm

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 14 3:00pm

The Music Makers

The senior musical group has been entertaining in Rockland for over 30 years. Come hear them at the library and support the Rockland County Meals on Wheels Program.

Sunday, April 28 3:00pm

Concert Pianist and Steinway Concert Artist

Carolyn Enger will return to perform the works of Elper, Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Scriabin, and other composers on our Kawai Baby Grand piano.

Sunday, May 19 3:00pm

Carlos Colina and the Straight-Up Blues Band

This is the group's 10th return concert at the library so sit back and enjoy the sounds of rock'n harmonica blues. ***The Friends of the Library will be serving refreshments.***

Any questions, please call us at 845-735-4084, x115.

Tax Return Assistance

Volunteers from the AARP-Tax Aide program will be at the Library to assist seniors and low to middle income individuals with filing their New York State and Federal income tax returns. Trained tax counselors will be **available on Fridays from 10:30 to 2:30pm during the tax season from February 1 through April 12.** All returns are e-filed. Bring with you copies of federal and state returns filed last year, all income and deduction related forms and statements as well as **proof of identity** (new this year).



Annual Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election

There will be one Library Trustee position on this year's election ballot scheduled for Tuesday, June 4. The position is an unpaid five-year term beginning July 1, 2013. Candidate petitions signed by 25 or more qualified voters must be submitted to the Library Board Clerk by 5:00pm on Monday, May 6, 2013. Blank petitions will be available at the Library on or after April 2, 2013. Please contact Library Board Clerk Wendy Courtney at 845-735-4084, x117 if you are interested in learning more about serving as a Trustee.

The Forest for the Trees

The Friends' Garden Club will have a guest speaker for the meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:45pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Natural Resource Educator Chuck Stead will offer a lecture on the distinction between our suburban tree top canopy and our park forest stand. He will consider the health and well-being of our trees, as well as the role the various trees play in the ecological community. He will offer a review of the still lingering damage from Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. In honor of Arbor Day, tree saplings will be available for homeowners.



Coming Soon! Exciting changes with easier searching capabilities on our online e-Library Catalog, OverDrive!

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.
Benjamin Franklin

Children's Events

Events for children from birth through 6th grade

Concerts

Jeffrey Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Thursday, March 28, 1:30-2:15pm
Ages: 2-6 years old with an adult
No registration.

Songtime with Delores JiJi

Wednesday, April 24, 10:30-11:15am
Ages: 2-6 years old with an adult
No registration.

Weekly Events Starting in March

Stories, Songs & Silliness with Miss Sarah

Mondays, 11:00-11:30am
March 4-April 29 (not March 25)
Ages: under 2 with an adult
This is a perfect intro to story time for our youngest patrons.
No registration.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am or 1:30-2:00pm
March 6, 13 & 20
Ages: 2 and 3 years old
Stories, rhymes, finger plays and bean bags.
Register starting Monday, February 25 at 9:30am.

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, 10:30-11:00am
March 1-April 26 (not March 29)
Ages: 2-5 years old with an adult
Stop in for stories, songs and fun.
No registration.

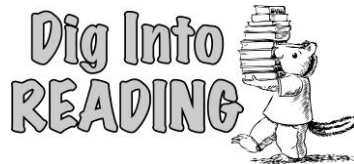
Big Kid Story Time with Miss Annadora

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:10am or 1:30-2:10pm
March 5-April 30 (not March 26)
Ages: 4-6 years old, including kindergarteners
Stories, rhymes, action and lots of fun.
Register starting Monday, February 25 at 9:30am.

Registration will now start at 9:30am. Numbers will be available when we open at 9:00am.

Just a reminder to parents: When you bring your child to an event at the Library, you need to remain in the building for the duration. Every now and again, a parent is needed.

Our summer reading program is coming!
Registration begins June 17.



Weekly Events Starting in April

Music with Miss Fran

Thursdays, April 4-May 2, 10:30-11:00
Ages: 1-4 years old with an adult
Join Miss Fran for an introduction to music for our youngest listeners. First time we've offered this 5-week activity.
Register starting Monday, March 18 at 9:30am.

Toddler Rhyme Time with Julie Baxter

Thursdays, April 4-25, 1:30-2:00pm
Ages: 2-3 years old with an adult
Books, rhymes, songs and finger plays = FUN! (And it's an introduction to early literacy skills!)
Register starting Monday, March 18 at 9:30am.

Toddler Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, May 9-30, 9:45-10:15am
Ages: walkers under 3 with an adult
Register starting Monday, May 6 at 9:30am.
Please note: If your child attended in January, he or she must go on the waiting list.

Preschool Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, May 9-30, 10:30-11:15am
Ages: 3-5 and not yet in kindergarten
Register starting Monday, May 6 at 9:30am.
Please note: If your child attended in January, he or she must go on the waiting list.

Chess Friday

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm
March 1, April 5, May 3
Ages: grades 2-6
Learn to play or learn to play a better game.
No registration.

Homework Help

Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00pm
March 5-May 28 (not March 26)
Ages: kindergarten-grade 5
Teen volunteers are available to help your child get the homework done. Just bring your homework.
No registration.

Lego Club

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15
Ages: 4-12 years old
Dig into our Lego collection and start building.
No registration.

Everyone is Irish Today

Thursday, March 14, 4:00-5:00pm
Ages: kindergarten-3
Luck of the Irish to you and celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.
Register starting Monday, March 4 at 9:30am.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Thursday, April 25, 4:00-5:00pm
Ages: kindergarten-3
It's all about umbrellas and rain, soil and seeds.
Register starting Monday, April 15 at 9:30am.

More Children's Events

Book Clubs

Boys, Books and Beyond with Mr. Aiello

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

March 8 (register February 25)

April 12 (register April 1)

May 10 (register April 29)

Ages: boys in grades 4-6

Register starting at 9:30am - see dates above.

4th Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

March 15, April 19

Ages: girls in 4th grade

Register: see Mrs. Amabile

5th Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

March 22, April 26

Ages: girls in 5th grade

Register: see Mrs. Amabile

Mother/Daughter Book Discussion w/ Mrs. Amabile

Thursday, May 23, 7:00-8:30pm

Ages: girls in grades 3-5 with their mothers

Register starting Monday, May 6 at 9:30am.

Teen Events

Zumba for Teens!

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 7:00-8:00pm

Ages 11-18

Join us Monday nights for this Latin-inspired dance class.

Wear loose clothing and be prepared for a vigorous workout!

Registration is required.

Teen Library Council Meeting

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3, May 1, 4:00-5:00pm,

Ages: 12-18

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities during the school year or just want to become more involved in what is happening at the library, join TLC! There is something for everyone. **Walk-ins welcome!**

Tuesday Teen Book Club

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: 11-18

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.**

Get ready for the Teen Summer Reading Program:

BENEATH THE SURFACE

Teen Events

Otaku Club

Fridays, March 22, April 26, May 24, 3:30-4:30pm

Ages: 14-25

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

Last Chance Chess Mondays

Mondays, March 25 & April 29, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: 11-18

Join us the last Monday of each month for games of Chess between beginners and avid players. Battle it out with others who love chess just as much as you do. **Walk-ins welcome.**

One Direction Fan Party

Friday, April 5, 4:30-7:00pm

Ages: 10-15

If you are a *One Direction* fan this is the event for you. Join us for an evening of music, games, trivia, food and all things *One Direction*. **Registration is required.**

Yoga for Teens!

Mondays, April 15 & April 29, 7:30-8:00pm

Ages 11-18

Join us for an hour of relaxation & meditation with Yogi Devin. Devin will be at the library for two sessions to teach basic Yoga techniques for any level learner. Wear loose clothing and please bring a Yoga mat or beach towel for each session. **Registration is required.**

Library Association of Rockland County

Presents Teen Author Series: Carolyn Mackler

Thursday, April 18, 6:00-8:00pm

Ages: 12-18

Each year the Libraries of Rockland County come together and sponsor an author event. For 2013, the author will be Carolyn Mackler creator of *The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things*. Ms. Mackler has many other titles for young adults; her most recent, *The Future of Us* was co-written with Jay Asher. This event is for all libraries and communities of Rockland County and will be held here at the Pearl River Public Library. For more information contact Ms. Linder at ext. 138.

Teen Volunteer Orientation:

Summer Reading Program & Teen Tech Tutors needed!

There will be volunteer opportunities every weekday from June 24th through August 8th for teens to participate and fulfill volunteer requirements. Returning volunteers will receive new applications by mail in May. New volunteers can pick one up at the Adult Information Desk or download one from the teen home page of the Library website **beginning Monday, May 6**. All returning and new teen volunteers will be required to attend a Teen Volunteer Orientation on either Wednesday, June 5 *or* Thursday, June 6 from 4-5pm. Registration for orientation will begin Monday, May 6. For more information contact Ms. Linder at ext. 138.

Friday Film Festival

All films are shown at 2:00pm in the Pearl River Room.

March 1 ***The Little Princess*** (1939)
Shirley Temple, Cesar Romero, Arthur Treacher, Richard Greene, Anita Louise

A little girl is left by her father in an exclusive seminary for girls, due to her father having to go to Africa with the army.

March 8 ***Harold and Maude*** (1971)
Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, Cyril Cusack
A darkly humorous cult classic about a pair of funeral crashers.

March 15 ***Going My Way*** (1944)
Bing Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald
The nostalgic and heartwarming story of young Father O'Malley who is sent by his bishop to help out Father Fitzgibbon at mortgage-ridden St. Dominic's parish.

March 22 ***Arsenic and Old Lace*** (1944)
Cary Grant, Raymond Massey, Jack Carson
A mild-mannered drama critic learns that his two kindly and lovable aunts have been poisoning people with elderberry wine.

March 29 ***Pin Up Girl*** (1944)
Betty Grable, John Harvey, Martha Raye
Glamorous Lorry Jones, the toast of a Missouri military canteen, has become "engaged" to almost every serviceman she's signed her pin-up photo for. Now she's leaving home to go into government service.

April 5 ***On the Waterfront*** (1954)
Marlon Brando, Karl Malden
A priest sets out to smash mob control over the New York waterfront in this film classic.

April 12 ***His Girl Friday*** (1940)
Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell, Ralph Bellamy, Gene Lockhart
Newspaper editor Walter Burns is in love with Hildy Johnson, his star reporter and ex-wife. Walter will do anything and everything to prevent her from marrying her soon-to-be-husband Bruce Baldwin.

Get Music Streamed to Your Computer

Freegal is a downloadable music service available on the Library website homepage offering access to 3 million songs. It is easy to do with no software to download or digital rights management (DRM) restrictions *if* you are a cardholder with the Pearl River Public Library. Patrons are allowed 3 downloads a week, with the download counter resetting every Monday at 12:01am. There is a Freegal app for mobile devices that allows you to get your music anywhere right away.

The site is set up to easily browse or search for your favorite music or artist. You can use the navigation at the top of the page to browse by keyword, artist or album; or you can simply browse the entire collection, A-Z. Freegal Music offers a collection of Top Download lists on the homepage where users can see what others have downloaded. Every music genre is represented – there is something for everyone!

Friday Film Festival

All films are shown at 2:00pm in the Pearl River Room.

April 19 ***The Majestic*** (2001)
Jim Carrey, Martin Landau, Allen Garfield, Laurie Holden, Bruce Campbell

Peter Appleton is a Hollywood screenwriter in the 1950's blacklist era, unjustly accused of being a Communist, loses his memory and lives in a run-down movie theater called T/he Majestic.

April 26 ***There Will Be Blood*** (2008)
Daniel Day-Lewis, Paul Dano, Kevin J. O'Connor
Daniel Plainview is a turn of the century prospector in Texas who has success in oil. Daniel is a true sociopath who attempts to crush anyone who will stand in his way in this extreme character study.

May 3 ***Shakespeare in Love*** (1998)
Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes, Judi Dench, Geoffrey Rush
William Shakespeare, a struggling young playwright, suffers from writer's block in this witty, fast-moving romantic comedy set in London in 1593.

May 10 ***La Vie En Rose*** (2007)
Marion Cotillard, Sylvie Testud, Pascal Gregory
The life story of singer Édith Piaf.

May 17 ***About Schmidt*** (2002)
Jack Nicholson, Hope Davis, Dermot Mulroney
A man upon retirement embarks on a journey to his estranged daughter's wedding only to discover more about himself and life than he ever expected.

May 24 ***The Others*** (2001)
Nicole Kidman, Christopher Eccleston, Fionnula Flanagan, Elain Cassidy, Eric Sykes
When her husband goes off to war, a woman takes her two children and moves to the isolated Isle of Jersey.

May 31 ***The Legend of Zorro*** (2005)
Antonio Banderas, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Rufus Sewell, Nick Chinlund
When a situation arises that threatens California's pending statehood, Zorro must ride again to save the place that he and his family call home in this swashbuckling adventure.

Use Our Website!

Don't want to miss that concert? Or story time? Go to our website and click on the "Library Happenings" tab to bring you to our online calendar. Scroll through and when you find the event you want to attend, click on "Remind Me" and you'll receive a timely e-mail reminder.

We're open 24/7!

Find us at www.pearlriverlibrary.org.



The Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

March:	St. Patrick's Day Parade Photos by Carol Dyer
April:	To Be Announced
May:	To Be Announced
Quilts:	Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades
Window:	Designed by Martha Murdock & Dick Lewis

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Attention Local Artists

The Library proudly showcases the work of local artists in our monthly exhibits. The Library's Arts Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00pm to select artists for exhibits in 2013 and 2014. Any adult artists in Rockland County interested in having an exhibit here are asked to bring in three (3) samples of their work on March 12 or 13 for review. Artists can pick up their work on March 14. Contact Martha Murdock at 845-735-4084, x142 for more information.

March is National Quilting Month

Throughout the year the beautiful quilts supplied by The Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades adorn our walls. The Library will again be hosting the group's Annual Quilt Show the weekend of Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24, when our entire Community Room will be filled with quilts! Guild members will also share information about their craft and give demonstrations. Details on the front page.

Library Closings This Spring

The Library will be closed on the following days:

Sunday, March 17: **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Sunday, March 31: **Easter**

Saturday, May 25-Monday May 27: **Memorial Day Weekend**

Homebound Delivery Service

A mail delivery service funded by LARC (The Library Association of Rockland County) is available for homebound residents unable to travel due to illness, disability or injury. If you or someone you know may be interested in this service, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 735-4084 for additional information.

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



BookPage

<http://bookpage.com/>

If you missed picking up a free print copy of the monthly *BookPage* at the library, you can find its book reviews here online. Click on the Print Edition tab at the top left of the page to explore the content of the print editions. From there, you may also click on the icon to Browse the Current Edition to see the print edition page by page. You may browse for books on the website by genre or by author and BookPage also offers four free email newsletters: Book of the Day (weekdays), BookPageXTRA (twice a month), Children's Corner (twice a month), and BookPage Top 10 (monthly).

100 Greatest Cooking Tips of All Time

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/chefs/100-greatest-cooking-tips-of-all-time/>

The Food Network has collected 100 cooking and food preparation tips from popular restaurant and television chefs. Read through the list and something is bound to surprise you. Food Network chef entries also include the tip in the chef's own handwriting.

WatchKnowLearn

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org>

"WatchKnowLearn has indexed approximately 50,000 educational videos, placing them into a directory of over 5,000 categories. The videos are available without any registration or fees to teachers in the classroom, as well as parents and students at home 24/7. Users can dive into [the] innovative directory or search for videos by subject and age level." WatchKnowLearn serves as a library for links to educational videos that have been selected by educators but are hosted at other sites such as YouTube and eHow.

Coming Soon! Exciting changes with easier searching capabilities on our online e-Library Catalog, OverDrive!

Notary Public Services

For your convenience the library now has three notaries on staff. While an appointment is not required, we recommend that you call ahead to confirm a notary's availability. This service is offered free of charge to the public.



We're open 24/7!

Find us at www.pearlriverlibrary.org.

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

Holiday Closings

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Welcome Spring!

Friends

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Felice Evans Morris, President

The **Friends' Book Discussion Club** meets every third Thursday at 1:00pm. This season's titles are:

March 21 *The Grief of Others*
 By Leah Hagar Cohen
April 18 *In the Garden of Beasts*
 By Erik Larsen
May 16 *The Alchemist*
 By Paulo Coelho

Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

The Friends' Garden Club Wednesdays, 6:45-8:45pm

April 24: Cornell Cooperative Extension Natural Resource Educator Chuck Stead is the guest speaker. Additional details on the first page.

May 15: Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will present a slide show on how to improve your soil, get bigger veggie yields, companion planting, crop rotation and how to choose the best plant varieties – all with less work!

Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

The Pearl River Public Library has a history of being moved around to several different locations in its early years, starting in 1890. In 1949, the library moved to the Hopper bowling alley at 33 Ridge Street. (See photo left.) In 1962, the library changed from a free association library to a public library to be eligible for funding desperately needed to expand. A new library building was built at 80 Franklin Avenue, where it has been since opening November 3, 1963. (See photo below.) The Library, as we see it today, opened June 1990. (Written this month by Pamela Gunning.)



(At press time, Jim is out on leave. He will be returning soon and writing again for the next issue.)