



"Your Door to the World"

# Pearl River Public Library Newsletter

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## Library Technology News

### New Automated Library System to Debut in December

The automated catalog and circulation system currently used by our Library is scheduled to be replaced in December. From December 5 to 8, some catalog features will not be available. The Library will remain open and patrons will be able to check out items that are on our shelves; however other circulation services will be limited. During those days, all current checkouts, fine information and existing hold requests will be transferred to the new system.



The new library catalog will have a different look and feel and will offer additional searching capabilities. New features available in this system will include the ability to pay fines online from home using a PayPal account and the ability to choose the library location where you would like to pick up your items.

Please note that any lists you may have saved using the "MY DISCOVERIES" feature on our library catalog will not be moved to the new system. You'll need to print or save this information elsewhere by doing a Copy/Print command on your computer *before* December 5.

Thank you for your patience with the library staff as they get used to the new system. If you have any questions, please contact us at 845-735-4084.

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### Got a Kindle?



The library now has e-books available for Kindle users through the OverDrive portal located on the PRPL homepage. You must have a library card to log in. Search for a desired title (if the book is available for the Kindle it will be listed below the information about the book) and check it out.

Click on the "Get for Kindle" button to open the Amazon.com website. If you are not already logged in for Amazon you will have to do so. Once there click the "Get library book" button.

Library e-books can also be downloaded to other devices, including the Nook.

Stop by the Reference Desk for more detailed instructions or **join us on Wednesday, December 28 anytime from 1:00 to 5:00pm for our E-Book Bonanza.** Teen Tech Tutors will be on-hand to show patrons how to download e-books to their e-readers.

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### Wi-Fi Users

We've changed how Wi-Fi users log into our wireless internet. Laptop users no longer need a library card to log in. Come on in and get connected to our free Wi-Fi service.



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### Adult Activities

The listing of Adult Activities can be found on page 4, next to the Friday Film Festival.



### Website Under Construction

In the near future, be on the lookout for our new, updated website! We've been working hard to create a more user friendly, informational site to help you.

Meanwhile, you can still use our current page at [www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org). The address will remain the same after the change.



# Children's Activities

All activities are for PRPL cardholders.

## Read to Me Club: Wild for Reading!

Ages: children up to 5 (kindergarteners too)

Tuesday, January 3 – Friday, March 2



Here's a reading club for preschoolers like the big kids have! Read library books with your child then add them to your child's reading record at the library. Children will earn stickers for books read. This is perfect to practice with new readers! Sign up is in the children's room.

**Register:** Tue., Jan. 3 – Fri., Feb. 17, 10am-8pm, Fri. to 5pm

### Under 2 years old

## Stories, Songs and Silliness with Miss Sarah



Ages: those not yet 2 years old with a grown up  
Mondays, Jan. 9 to Feb. 6, 11:00-11:30am  
**No registration**, but bring a valid PRPL card.

### For Toddlers

## Toddler Yoga with Sue Haberman

Ages: walkers to age 3 with a grown up  
Thursdays, Jan. 12 to Feb. 2, 9:45-10:15am

**Register:** Tues.-Fri., Jan. 3-6, 10am-8pm (to 5pm Fri.) Class size is limited.



OR

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

Ages: 2 and 3 year olds with a grown up  
Wednesdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 15, 10:30-11am or 1:30-2pm

**Register:** Tues.-Fri., Jan. 3-6, 10am-8pm (to 5pm Fri.)

### For Preschoolers

## Preschooler Yoga with Sue Haberman



Ages: 3 to 5 year olds and not in kindergarten  
Thursdays, Jan. 12 to Feb. 2, 10:30-11:15am

**Register:** Tues.-Fri., Jan. 3-6, 10am-8pm (to 5pm Fri.) Class size is limited.

OR

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

Ages: 4 and 5 year olds  
Tuesdays, January 10 to February 14  
10:30-11:10am *or* 1:30-2:10pm  
(PM kindergarteners may join us at 10:30am.)

**Register:** Tues.-Fri., Jan. 3-6, 10am-8pm (to 5pm Fri.)

To allow as many children as possible to participate in library programs, children may only be registered for one weekly series at a time.

### Music For 2 - 6 year olds

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

## Storytime Stage: Winter Wonderland

Ages: 2-6 years old with a grown up  
Wednesday, December 14, 10:30-11:15am



## Song Time with Delores Jiji

Ages: 2 - 6 years old with a grown up  
Friday, January 6, 10:30-11:15am



## Jeffery Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Ages: 2 - 6 years old with a grown up  
Tuesday, February 28, 10:30-11:15am

## Activities for Your Holiday Break

**No registration for any of these activities.**

### Story Time for 3 to 6 year olds

Tuesday, December 27, 10:30-11:15am

### Chess Basics for grades 1-5

Wednesday, December 28, 10:30am-12:00pm

### Lego Mania for 4 to 12 year olds

Wednesday, December 28, 1:30-3:00pm

### Movie Day! (Titles TBD)

Thursday, December 29 at 10:30am and 1:30pm

## For School Age Children

### Kinderstories with Miss Noël

Ages: kindergarteners

Thursdays, January 12 to February 16, 1:30-2:30pm

**Register:** Tues.-Fri., Jan. 3-6, 10am-8pm (to 5pm Fri.)

### Feed the Birds



Ages: kindergarteners-3<sup>rd</sup> graders

Thursday, January 19, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** Tues.-Fri., Jan. 3-6, 10am-8pm (5pm Fri.)

### Valentines for Veterans

Ages: kindergarteners-3<sup>rd</sup> graders

Thursday, February 2, 4:00-5:00pm



**Register:** Mon.-Fri., Jan. 23-27, 10am-8pm (to 5pm Fri.)

### Wonderstruck with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: grades 4-6

Tuesday, January 10, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** Tues.-Fri., Jan. 3-6, 10am-8pm (to 5pm Fri.)

### Mardi Gras with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: grades 4-6

Tuesday, February 7, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** M-F, Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 10am-8pm (5pm Fri.)

### Lego Club

Ages: 4 to 7 years old

Wednesdays, January 11 and February 8, 4:00-5:00pm

No registration. Bring a friend!

### Tween Lego Club

Ages: 8 to 12 years old

Wednesdays, January 18 and February 15, 4:00-5:00pm

No registration. Bring a friend!



## Homework Help

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

Mondays, December 5 & 12, 4:00-6:00pm

Thursdays, January 12 to February 23, 4:00-6:00pm

(*Note change of day to Thursday!*)

Teen volunteers will be available to help children with those tough homework problems.

No registration. Just bring your homework.

Questions? Call us at 845-735-4084, x129

# Teen Zone

## Upcoming Teen Events

### Otaku Club

Ages: 16-25

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

December 2 & 9, January 20 & 27, February 10 & 24

Otaku is a Japanese term, in this case, referring to people with avid interests in anime, manga and/or video games. This group meets at least twice a month to talk about all things Japanese. Walk-ins welcome!

### Secrets of Self Defense with a Martial Arts Master

Ages: 11-18

Monday, December 5, 7:00-8:00pm

Learn simple self-defense techniques and some basic Tae Kwon Do from a Martial Arts Master. Registration is required.\*



### Teen Library Council Meeting

Ages: 12-18

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

December 7, January 4, February 1

Current and new members always welcome. This group is for teens interested in volunteer opportunities and becoming more involved in their library.

### End of the World Party: Band Festival

Ages 15-25

Friday, January 13, 5:00-9:00pm

Local Bands scheduled to appear: *Your World on Fire*, *Tonight Will Fall*, *Silence in Screaming*, *The Perception*, *Lost in Thought* and *The Rise & Fall*. Tickets are limited and are only available from the library beginning November 1. No one will be admitted without a ticket.

### Tuesday Teen Book Club

Ages 11-18

Tuesdays, 4:00- 5:00pm

December 6, January 10, February 7



Join us for book talk, trivia and snacks. Each month participants will talk about the books they have read, engage in trivia battles with other members and offer future reading suggestions. Registration is required.\*

### Teen Holiday Movie Night

Ages: 11-18

Thursday, December 15, 6:00-8:30pm

The holidays are here. Join us for a holiday movie at the library. Popcorn will be provided.

### Justin Bieber Party



Ages: 11-18

Friday, February 3, 4:30-7:30pm

If you are a JB fan (and we know there are a lot of you out there), join us for an evening of games, trivia, food and all things Justin. Registration is required.\*

### Zumba for Teens!

Ages: 11-18

Mondays, 7:00-8:00pm

February 6, 13, 27 & March 5

Zumba is dance and exercise

together. Join us for this 4-week series of workouts at the library. It is not necessary to attend all 4 classes however registration is required for each class.\*

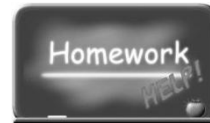
## ZUMBA!



### Teen Volunteer Opportunities

*Homework Help Teen Volunteers are needed.*

There will be volunteer opportunities every Thursday from January through May for teens to participate and fulfill their volunteer requirements. The program will include working



with children grades K-5 helping with their after school homework. This program will be every Thursday (excluding holidays) from 4:00-6:00pm.

Teen volunteers do not need to be available every week. Schedules will be made to accommodate all who are interested. If you are a returning teen volunteer you do not need to fill out a new application but you do need to let Ms. Linder know if you are interested. Applications for new volunteers (in grades 6 and up) are available at the information desk. For more information contact Ms. Linder @ 735-4084 x138 or [clinder@rcls.org](mailto:clinder@rcls.org)

### Study Space @ Your Library

Monday, January 23-Thursday, January 26, 3:00-9:00pm



**The library's Community Room will be open for studying** for all Pearl River students who need a quiet place to study for mid-term exams.

**\* 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.**



# Adult Info



## Adult Activities

**Sunday, December 4 3:00pm**  
***The Health Care Reform Act and Your Medicare Coverage***  
 A two-hour presentation on how the Medicare program will affect seniors by insurance expert Jim Farnham.

**Sunday, December 11 3:00pm**  
***Rockland County Concert Band Annual Holiday Concert***  
 The Rockland County Concert Band will perform the warm sounds of the holidays.

**Wednesday, December 28 1:00-5:00pm**  
***Teen Tech Tutors (T3): E-Book Bonanza!***  
 Want to know how to download books from the library on that new e-reader you received for the holidays? Come by the library for instruction with a Teen Tutor. (Kindle owners will need to know their Amazon account login info.) No registration required. For more info, call the Adult Reference Desk at 735-4084, x115.

**Sunday, January 8 3:00pm**  
***Start the Year with Meditation***  
 Dr. Frank Pawlowski will demonstrate simple and effective techniques to attain inner peace and deeper concentration.

**Sunday, January 15 3:00pm**  
***Near Earth Asteroids and the Tunguska Event of 1908***  
 Keith Murdock of the Rockland Astronomy club will speak about asteroids and the Siberian cosmic event of 1908.

**Sunday, January 22 3:00pm**  
***Carolyn Enger in Concert***  
 Pianist Carolyn Enger will perform classical music on our Kawai baby grand piano for the pleasure of our music lovers.

**Sunday, February 5 3:00pm**  
***Drum & Percussion Show***  
 Professional percussionist Obi Kaye will give a program on a variety of percussion instruments and allow audience participation. *Snow date: February 19.*

**Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 4:00-5:00pm**  
***Sashiko the Art of Japanese Embroidery***  
 Learn the art of Japanese embroidery from Naokao Konno. Materials will be provided. To register please call the Adult Reference Desk at 735-4084, x115. Residents of the Pearl River School District will be given priority.

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*If you have any questions about any of these activities, please call us at 735-4084, ext.115*

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*“Let us read and let us dance. These two amusements will never do any harm to the world.”*

**Voltaire**

## Friday Film Festival

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

**December 2 *Red River (1948)***  
**John Wayne, Montgomery Clift, Walter Brennan**  
 The classic Western story of a cattleman and his adopted son.

**December 9 *Rebel Without a Cause (1955)***  
**James Dean, Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo**  
 The story of rebellious youth in 1950's America and the establishment's inability to understand them.

**December 16 *Where Eagles Dare (1968)***  
**Clint Eastwood and Richard Burton**  
 British and American commandos are charged to rescue an American general from a German alpine fortress.

**December 23 *One Man's Hero (1999)***  
**Tom Berenger and Patrick Bergin**  
 The story of the Irish Brigade of St. Patrick, immigrants who fought in the Mexican /American War of the 1840's.

**December 30 *Blood on the Sun (1945)***  
**James Cagney and Silvia Sidney**  
 An American newspaper editor in pre-war Japan uncovers a twisted plot for world conquest.

**January 6 *Michael Collins (1996)***  
**Liam Neeson and Julia Roberts**  
 The Irish Revolutionary, who transformed the Irish struggle against British rule.

**January 13 *Escape From Alcatraz (1979)***  
**Clint Eastwood and Patrick McGohhan.**  
 An account of the famed 1962 jail break from the rock.

**January 20 *Guys and Dolls (1955)***  
**Marlon Brando, Frank Sinatra, Vivian Blaine**  
 Runyon classic about the New York underworld put to song.

**January 27 *American Graffiti (1974)***  
**Ron Howard and Richard Dreyfuss**  
 American teenagers come of age in small town America along with drag racing and car hop culture.

**February 3 *Mrs. Miniver (1942)***  
**Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon**  
 A courageous woman keeps a stiff upper lip during the bombing of Britain.

**February 10 *Lady in Cement (1968)***  
**Frank Sinatra and Raquel Welch**  
 Detective Tony Rome discovers a corpse while scuba diving.

**February 17 *A Summer Place (1959)***  
**Richard Egan, Sandra Dee, Troy Donahue**  
 Hanky-panky at an elite 1950's Maine resort.

**February 24 *No Time for Sergeants (1958)***  
**Andy Griffith**  
 A Hillbilly lands in the Air Force and knocks his sergeant for a loop in this crazy comedy.

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



## The Hub Gallery Exhibits

- December:** Mixed Media by Simon Jeruchim
- January:** Paintings and sculpture by Jeffrey Spindel and Mitch Baron
- February:** Watercolors by D. Robert Brebbia
- Quilts:** Heritage Quilters of Hudson Palisades
- Window:** Designed and created by Martha Murdock and Dick Lewis

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## Websites to Try



### GovEngine.com

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

This directory of United States federal, state and local government websites offers links to official executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. Click on a state in the map to reach the links for that state. The navigation menu at the right side of the web page offers additional access to Federal Government, Federal Courts, and Local Government (also using the map to narrow down your search ultimately to the county or township level).



### Best Overall Diets

<http://health.usnews.com/best-diet/best-overall-diets>

*U.S. News and World Report* evaluated and ranked 20 diets with input from a panel of health experts. To be top-rated, a diet had to be relatively easy to follow, nutritious, safe, and effective for weight loss and against diabetes and heart disease. *U.S. News* also ranked diets best in special categories: **Best Weight-Loss Diets** – diets ranked by effectiveness for both quick and lasting weight loss; **Best Diabetes Diets** – diets that can prevent diabetes or help diabetics; **Best Heart-Healthy Diets** – diets that lower cholesterol, blood pressure, or triglycerides; and **Best Commercial Diet Plans** – brand-name diets ranked by overall effectiveness.



### Sports Reference

<http://www.sports-reference.com/>

"A combination of sites providing top notch statistics and resources for sports fans everywhere. Our aim is to be the easiest-to-use, fastest, most complete sources for sports statistics anywhere." This website includes coverage of professional baseball, basketball, football, and hockey as well as college football and basketball.



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## Rockland County Tax Aide Program

Volunteers from the AARP Tax Aide Program will be at the Library again this tax season to assist seniors and low-income individuals with filing their New York State and Federal income tax returns. Beginning February 3 (through April 13), trained tax counselors will be available here on Fridays from 10:30am to 2:30pm.



If the weather is questionable, please call us before heading out!

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## If the Weather Outside is Frightful...

To find out if the library is open during inclement weather, call 735-4084 and press "2" for *Library Hours and Closing Information*. This information can also be found at [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com). Outdoor book and AV drop boxes are available to return materials at all times. There are no fines for days the library is closed due to bad weather.



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## Notary Public Services



For your convenience the library has two 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.

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## 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.



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**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:**

*Christmas Eve:* Saturday, December 24  
*Christmas Day:* Sunday, December 25  
*Christmas Day observed:* Monday, December 26  
*New Year's Eve:* Saturday, December 31  
*New Year's Day:* Sunday, January 1  
*New Year's Day observed:* Monday, January 2  
*Presidents' Day:* Monday, February 20

**Board of Trustees:**

Kelley Hadel, President  
Thomas H. Quinlan, P.E., Vice President  
Anne Brebbia  
Gloria Donoghue  
Debra Garcia-McDermott

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

**Director:**

Kathleen W. Rose

**Community Resident  
Pearl River, NY 10965**



*Happy Holidays  
from the Library Staff*

**Friends' Corner**

*Felice Evans Morris, President*

A **BIG thank you goes to all the Friends of the Library who recently renewed their memberships.** It's never too late to join the Friends! Your membership provides several extras for the library that are not in the library budget. Please use the form below.

The **Friends usually meet on the first Monday** of the month at 9:30am in the Pearl River Room. Please call ahead to confirm. All are welcome.

Be sure to **check the Friends' bulletin board** near the library entrance for upcoming events, including **book discussions** (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1pm) and Garden Club meetings.

**Did You Know?**

*James V. Cassetta, MLS*

On March 12 and 13 of 1905, the old wooden K-12 school on Franklin Avenue was fumigated to kill small pox after an outbreak. By order of the school board, the pupils were not allowed back into the school until they were vaccinated against small pox and had a certificate signed by a licensed physician.



In 1912 there were so many students enrolled in the Pearl River School District (349 students in all), that classes had to be held above the fire house on Central Avenue which was conveniently located behind the school. The school and the fire house were back to back. Miss Mary E. McCabe was 1912's sole graduate.



**Friends of the Pearl River Public Library  
2011-2012 Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Donor

Please make check payable to:

**Friends of the Pearl River Public Library** and return with completed form to the library in person or by mail.

*Thank you for your support.*