

Newsletter

Pearl River Public Library

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"Your Door to the World"

Adult Programs

Monday, June 1 7:00pm
Pearl River's First Responders in the 1900s
Local history librarian James Cassetta brings together archival photographs and ephemera chronicling our police, fire and ambulance forces.

Tuesday, June 2 7:00pm
Drainage in Pearl River
Environmental Consultant Chuck Stead will speak about drainage and hydrology problems in and around Pearl River.

Wednesday, June 3 7:00-8:30pm
Beginning Drawing
Local artist Yoko Olson will teach beginning drawing, utilizing the talents of the right hemisphere of the brain. Registration required.

Sunday, June 7 3:00pm
The Burr Johnson Trio
Burr is back with his trio to serenade your soul with jazz.

Monday, June 8 7:00pm
New Techniques for Hip and Knee Replacements
Orthopedic Surgeon Doctor Nicholas Alexander will explain new advances in the process to replace knee and hip joints.

Sunday, June 14 3:00pm
The Healing Power of Pets
Dr. Daphne Mobley will speak on the power our pets have on our health and our life.

Thursday, July 23 7:00pm
Women's Self-Defense
Master Raymond Portante of East Coast Martial Arts will instruct you to defend yourself in this free program. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Thursday, August 13 7:30pm
Summer Band Concert
The Rockland County Concert Band led by Mr. Larry Zaidan will entertain you with songs from summers past in their annual summer concert.

Questions about any of these activities?
Please stop in or call us at 845-735-4084, x115.

*Always read stuff that will make you look good
if you die in the middle of it.
P.J. O'Rourke*

Dear Patrons and Neighbors,

A few months ago, the Board of Trustees adopted a goal statement for the library... **"Our goal is to make every person's visit to the library a successful one."**

The Board has set into motion action steps to achieve this goal. Some of the steps, such as an annual audit of our finances conducted by an independent auditing firm, will be invisible to our patrons. Other action steps such as new furniture in the Art Gallery and the Periodical Area along with the replacement of ceiling tiles in the Community Room will be visible. We are also increasing our digital and online resources and working more closely with the school district to enhance our resources rather than duplicate what is already being provided.

Just as important is the construction of the next fiscal year's budget. Keeping in mind the need to continue to provide quality library services at a cost our patrons can afford, **the Board has crafted a budget that reflects an increase in the projected tax levy that is less of an increase than the last two previous years. Last year's increase was 3.74%. The year before, it was 3.95%. This year we are asking for an increase of 2.5%.**

Nevertheless, the 2.5% increase exceeds the 1.62% tax cap. Without exceeding the tax cap the Board would be forced to cut some of the programs and services the community values. **The Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on Tuesday, June 9, from 9:00am to 9:00pm in the Library's Pearl River Room. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Library.**

We invite you to join us at the Public Budget Hearing and Candidates Night on Tuesday May 27, at 7:15pm. 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.

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.

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

PEARL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROPOSED BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

	Current 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Revenues		
Interest	2,000	2,000
Fines	28,000	28,000
Grants	6,000	6,000
Gifts	500	500
Miscellaneous Income	20,000	20,000
Allocation from Fund Balance	100,000	42,368
PILOT income	---	18,743
Amount to be raised by Taxes	<u>2,202,163</u>	<u>2,257,217</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$2,358,663</u>	<u>\$2,374,828</u>
Expenditures		
Library Materials	\$210,000	\$226,000
Library Supplies/Processing	6,500	6,800
Computers/ANSER/Telecom/Software	75,000	80,000
RCLS System Fee	2,672	2,939
Programs/Art Exhibits & Displays/PR	24,000	26,400
Printing/Newsletters	5,000	5,500
Office Supplies	7,500	8,250
Equipment Service Contracts	10,750	11,825
Contracted Services	11,000	12,100
Equipment/Furniture	7,000	8,000
Equipment Rental	5,000	5,500
Building Supplies	8,000	8,500
Building Maintenance & Repair	35,000	38,000
Groundskeeping/Snow Removal	7,000	7,700
Gas & Electric	78,000	80,000
Water	3,250	3,400
Sewer Tax	3,400	3,740
Telephone	4,000	4,200
Postage	4,000	4,400
Personnel	1,290,000	1,280,623
Social Security	98,685	97,967
MTA Payroll Tax	500	500
Medical Insurance	198,000	170,325
Disability Insurance	9,500	9,600
State Retirement	194,731	202,356
Workers' Compensation	16,800	17,640
Mileage	1,500	1,650
Memberships/Professional Dev.	2,000	2,200
Insurance	21,375	23,513
Accountant	10,000	5,600
Audit	--	11,000
Legal Fees, Election Expenses	3,500	3,600
Contingency	5,000	5,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,358,663</u>	<u>\$2,374,828</u>

**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 26, 7:15 pm
Trustee candidate is Donna Warren

BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

at the Library
Tuesday, June 9, 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, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2020.

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 10, 2014; who have U.S. citizenship; who have resided in the district for 30 days immediately prior to June 9, 2015 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 3, 9:00am-9:00pm

Thursday, June 4, 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 9, 2015.

By the Numbers for 2014 . . .

The Pearl River Public Library served:

Service area population	15,564
Card holders	9,642
Hours open per week	66
Items borrowed	176,823

including: 5,569 ebooks

3,018 digital music downloads

The Pearl River Public Library provided:

Total physical material collection	110,167
<i>including: 5,080 audiobooks/music CDs</i>	
<i>8,132 DVDs/videotapes</i>	

Public Internet workstation sessions	11,168
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Reference questions answered	12,230
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The Pearl River Public Library offered:

Adult program sessions	157
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Teen program sessions	68
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Children's program sessions	223
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Community use sessions	395
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...Total program attendance was 16,404

including community use session attendance of 6,655.

Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

On the Walls

June Painter Carolyn MacDonald presents **Sunrise, Sunsets and Moonglow**

This show of oil paintings features landscapes from Cape Cod and Maine, along with scenic views of our own Rockland County. Artist Reception TBA.

July Marquetry Artists of Rockland

Requiring fine motor skills and a sensitive eye, marquetry is a wood-working art form like none other. This local group of artisans does the tradition proud. Artist Reception TBA.

August Multi-Media Artist Steve Reid

Painting, design, sculpture, graphics: it's all there in the works of this unique artist. Artist Reception TBA.

In the Display Cases

June Pearl River's 1st Responders in the 1900s

Our ongoing series "Our Archives/Your History" continues with this display. Local history librarian James Cassetta brings together archival photographs and ephemera chronicling our police, fire and ambulance forces. *A talk and slide show on the topic will be presented in our Community Room on Monday, June 1st, 7pm.* Display runs through June 15th.

June/July Model Ts, Model As, Model Cars!

Look at over 50 hand-painted collectors' cars, along with stats, facts, manuals, adverts and books from our collection.

August World War II

Marking the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII, our August display will feature photographs, periodicals, objects and nonfiction and fiction works on the subject.

The Adult Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday each month, 7:00-8:30pm. This group is led by Kathy Rose and Adriane Fabio. This season's picks:

June 16 – *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult
July 21 – *Fever* by Mary Beth Keane
(There is no meeting in August.)

Friday Film Festival

*All films start at 2:00 pm.
Popcorn will be served!*

June 5 Zulu (1964)
Michael Caine and Stanley Baker

June 12 The Westerner (1940)
Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan

June 19 Fail Safe (1964)
Dan O'Herlihy, Larry Hagman, Walter Matthau, Henry Fonda

June 26 Wings (1927)
Buddy Rodgers, Richard Arlen, Gary Cooper, and Clara Bow

July 3 Angels with Dirty Faces (1938)
James Cagney and Pat O'Brien, and the Dead End Kids

July 10 Strangers on a Train (1951)
Farley Granger, Ruth Roman, Robert Walker, Leo G. Carroll

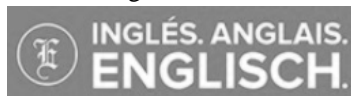
Databases to Try



65 Languages: Pick One and Conquer the World

Mango Languages is on a mission to increase learning of a second or even third language by Americans. And your Pearl River Public Library card gives you *free* access to learn one (or two) of 65 different languages. Learn at your own speed, on your own time schedule. You can also use Mango's translator tool or view one of a few select foreign films.

Learn English with individualized instruction for native speakers of Spanish, Russian, Cantonese or Mandarin or any of fourteen other languages.



Learn at home in front of your own computer.



Learn on the go using your smartphone or tablet.

Explore Mango Languages today by clicking on the Mango icon on the right side of our homepage and creating a free profile.

Summer Reading Club and School Lists

Youth Services have been working to set up a fun-filled reading club for our youth for this summer. The theme is: *Soar into Reading*, with our mascot Pegasus, the flying horse of Greek mythology. Watch your mail box for a separate issue of this newsletter after June 1st, filled with all the details you'll need. Earn prizes and books for reading all summer long. Going away? No problem! Take some books with you! The fun begins on Monday, June 22.

Books on reading lists for students entering grades 5-12 will be available very soon. Look for 5 & 6th grade in Children's. Grades 7-12 will be found in the Teen Zone.

Friday Film Festival (continued)

July 17 It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
Donna Reed, James Stewart, and Lionel Barrymore

July 24 Frances (1982)
Jessica Lange and Sam Shepard

July 31 On Golden Pond (1981)
Jane Fonda, Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn

August 7 The Great Caruso (1951)
Mario Lanza and Ann Blyth

August 14 Adams Rib (1949)
Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn

August 21 Hurricane (1937)
Jon Hall, Dorothy Lamour, and Raymond Massey

August 28 The Green Mile (1999)
Michael Clarke Duncan and Tom Hanks

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Library Hours:

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

Summer Hours starting June 20:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm
Friday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-2:00pm
Sunday: Closed

Holiday Closings:

Independence Day: Saturday, July 4
Labor Day: Monday, September 7

Board of Trustees

Debra Garcia-McDermott, *President*
Elizabeth Van Wynen, Ed.D., RN, *Vice President*
Marie Manning
Eric Sharrin
Donna Warren

The Board of Trustees meets

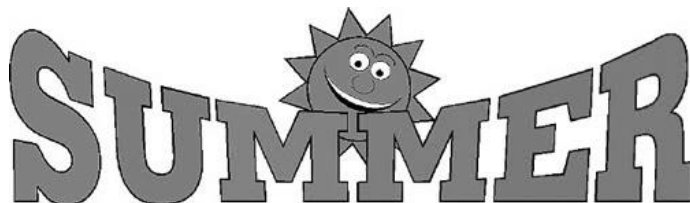
the fourth Monday each month, at 7:15pm.

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

A Big Thank You to Our Friends!

The Children's Department would like to *thank the Friends of the Library* for their generous donation. Once again, they are providing backpacks to the members of the Summer Reading Club. Thank you! It sure is nice to have Friends!

Friends' Book Discussion Group

The *Friends Book Discussion Group* continues this summer, meeting at 1:00pm on the third Thursday each month. Here are this season's titles:

- June 18: ***Anna's Book***
by Barbara Vine
July 16: ***Catskill***
by John R. Hayes
August 20: ***The English Patient***
by Michael Ondaatje

Copies of these titles are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion.

Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

The corner building which today houses the cafe "Jane on Main" once housed a general store run by the Miller Family in 1899. The entrance door was set into the corner of the building and the store's porch covered the sidewalk, which was made of wood. Originally, Paul Meyer's barbershop stood here, the first barber in Pearl River, circa 1875. Mr. Miller's wife was a Merritt and their daughter grew up, married and became Martha Knight. She owned a famous local gift store in another Merritt-owned building across Franklin Avenue, from the 50's through the early 80's, which is now Grant, Smith and Dassler.

Now, most parades start from the top of Central Avenue hill at Middletown Road. Before the 70's, the parades would start from Pearl Street (now Route 304) and go up Central Avenue to Memorial Park (now Braunsdorf Park). The Excelsior Fire Station House and the VFW Hall were located on or near Pearl Street and served as a starting place for members who were marching. The St. Patrick's Day parade starts at Crooked Hill Road because of its larger size and attendance.