

Newsletter

Pearl River Public Library

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"Your Door to the World"

Adult Activities

- Sunday, December 7** 3:00pm
Relieving Holiday Stress through Meditation
Join Dr. Frank Palowski Ed.D to learn to use meditation techniques to relieve the hectic holiday season stress.
- Mondays, December 1, 8, 15** 2:00pm
Sashiko Embroidery Class
Mrs. Naoko Konno will instruct 10 students on how to create a small project using the Japanese Sashiko method. Class size is limited. **Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call us at 845-735-4084, x115.**
- Sunday, December 21** 3:00pm
Annual Holiday Concert
The Rockland County Band returns, under the leadership of Larry Zaidan, to put you in the holiday mood.
- Monday, December 29** 4:00-7:00pm
Teen Tech Tutors
Come visit with some tech-savvy teens who can answer your technology questions. Did you receive a new smart phone? Laptop? eReader? Adults, bring it in and our teens will help you learn how to use it. Teens will also be available on January 5, 12 and 26. **Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call us at 845-735-4084, x115.**
- Sunday, January 11** 3:00pm
Joel Zelnik Trio with Annette Sanders
With Joel on piano and Annette on vocals, hear the spiced up Trio's performance of jazz standards. Not to be missed!
- Sunday, January 18** 3:00pm
A History of Animation
C.A. MacFinn will give a presentation on the history of animation.
- Sunday, January 25** 3:00pm
The Citizens Disaster Preparedness Course
A member of the American Red Cross will train attendees to prepare for man-made and natural disasters that could strike our area. Learn how to survive a disaster.

Please look on page 4 for additional activities.

**Any questions about any of these programs,
please contact us at 845-735-4084, x115.**

Library Appoints Interim Director

As some of you are aware Kathy Rose has accepted the position of Head of Technical Services at the Finkelstein Memorial Library. Ms. Rose worked at the Pearl River Public Library for many years and became director in February 2007. We wish her the best as she pursues a new career path. Her bright smile, winning personality and unwavering dedication to the library and the patrons will be missed.

To fill the void the Library Board appointed Jim Farrell as Interim Director until a permanent director is chosen. Mr. Farrell has a wide range of professional and personal experiences. He is an ex-marine who served in Viet Nam. He taught in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn and worked as a senior librarian in a maximum security prison in upstate New York for over 6 years.

From 1981 through 2004 Mr. Farrell worked for the NYS Education Department in the Division of Library Development. He was responsible for the Public Library Construction Program, the Public Librarian Certification Program, trustee education throughout the state and a consultant for public libraries on Long Island, in New York City and Westchester County. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at both the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Queens College and Long Island University, Palmer School of Library and Information Science.

After retiring from the NYS Education Department in 2004, Mr. Farrell started his own public library consulting business. Most recently he worked from 2009 to 2014 as Director of the Ossining Public Library.



Children's Activities

Toddler & Preschooler Activities

Stories, Songs and Silliness with Miss Sarah

Ages: not yet 2 years old with an adult
 Mondays, January 5 – February 2, 11:00-11:30am
 This is the perfect way to introduce your youngster to fun happenings at the library. Join Miss Sarah for stories, songs, bubbles and lots of fun.
No registration.

Toddler Yoga with Miss Sue

Ages: walkers under 3 with an adult
 Thursdays, 9:45-10:15am
 January 15 – February 5
 Miss Sue comes back with her popular Toddler Yoga class. This is a fun, easy intro to yoga for you and your toddler.
Registration begins Monday, January 5 at 9:30am. If your child attended the last session, you must go on the waiting list.



Preschool Yoga with Miss Sue

Ages: 3-5 years old (not yet in kindergarten)
 Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am
 January 15 – February 5
 Miss Sue is back with her popular introduction to yoga. Be a tree or a car and strengthen those muscles!
Registration begins Monday, January 5 at 9:30am. If your child attended the last session, you must go on the waiting list.



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

Ages: 2 & 3 years old with an adult
 Thursdays, 1:30-2:00pm
 January 15 – February 5
 This story time is toddler-sized with stories, songs, finger plays, rhymes and bean bags.
Registration begins Monday, January 5 at 9:30am.

Big Kid Story Time with Miss Annadora

Ages: 4-6 years old – kindergarteners welcome!
 Tuesdays, 10:30-11:10am or 1:30-2:10pm
 January 13 – February 10
 Miss Annadora shares stories, rhymes, songs and action.
Registration begins Monday, January 5 at 9:30am.

Preschool Story Time with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: 3-5 years old with an adult
 Fridays, 10:30-11:00am
 January 9 – February 27
 Drop in with your preschooler for stories, rhymes and songs.
No registration.

Lego Club

Ages: 4-10 years old
 Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
 December 10 & 17, January 14 & 28,
 February 11 & 25
No registration. Bring a friend.



After School Events

Valentines for Veterans

Ages: Kindergarten and up. Adults welcome too.
 Monday, January 26, 4:00-5:30pm
 It's time to be creative at our annual Valentines for Veterans! We'll have all the supplies you will need. You are invited to stop in and make a valentine or two for our veterans, to be delivered to Rockland County's Veterans Services Office. Valentine treats for all card makers.
Registration begins Tuesday, January 20 at 9:30am.



Lego Party

Ages: kindergarten – grade 3
 Thursday, January 8, 4:00-5:00pm
 It's all about Lego at the Library: building challenges, character crafts and treats.
Registration begins Monday, January 5 at 9:30am



Happy Chinese New Year!

Ages: kindergarten – grade 3
 Thursday, February 12, 4:00-5:00pm
 Come celebrate Chinese New Year with paper lantern crafts, good luck traditions and fortune cookies.
Registration begins Monday, February 2 at 9:30am



Concerts

Jeffrey Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Ages: 1-5 years old with an adult
 Thursday, December 4, 10:30-11:15am
 Join us for some old favorites and new original music. A very special guest: The Bossy Frog!
No registration.



Sukey Molloy and Friends

Ages: 1-5 years old with an adult
 Thursday, January 8, 10:30-11:15am
 Join Sukey Molloy and her award-winning music for an hour of sing-along fun! Dance with Sukey's friends, Sunny and Tick Tock and enjoy colorful felt art storytelling, and lots of musical participation.
No registration.



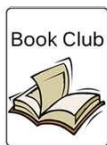
Mr. Kurt Returns!

Ages: 1-5 years old with an adult
 Monday, February 9, 10:30-11:15am
 Another one of our long-time favorite performers, Mr. Kurt returns with your favorite tunes for singing and dancing along. Have you heard his gasoline can guitar?
No registration.



Children's Activities

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Book Clubs

Boys, Books & Beyond with Mr. Aiello

Ages: boys in grades 3-5
Third Fridays, 4:00-4:45pm
January 16, February 20

Here's an opportunity for boys to get together and discuss the books they have read. Writing activities are included. Book titles will be announced on our website.

Registration begins Monday, January 5 at 9:30am.

Book Café for Girls with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: girls in 4th – 6th grades
Friday, January 23, 3:30-4:30pm

It's time to get organized for the coming discussions and suggest titles.

Registration begins Monday January 5 at 9:30am.

4th Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: girls in 4th grade
Friday, February 27, 3:30-4:30pm
Book: TBA

Registration begins at the Book Café on January 23.

5th & 6th Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: girls in 5th & 6th grades
Friday, March 20, 3:30-4:30pm
Book: TBA

Registration begins Monday, February 23 at 9:30am.

Teen Zone

Teen Writing Workshop

Ages: grades 8-12
Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
December 10, January 14, February 11

This workshop is a supportive place where you will meet other teen writers and, together, set your creative ideas in motion. The workshop is led by librarian John Aiello, who has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry, and holds an MFA in Fiction Writing.



Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 845-735-4084, x115.

Teen Book Club

Ages: grades 7-12
Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
December 16: *The Perks of Being a Wall Flower*
January 20: *A Madness Underneath* by Maureen Johnson
February 10: TBA

Read some great Young Adult titles and join in competitive book battles, trivia and snacks. At each meeting, the group chooses the books to read for the next month. Please check our website for the up-to-date info on titles to be read.

Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 845-735-4084, x115.

Teen and Tween Art Activities

Ages: grades 6-12
Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm
Create something new with Pearl River School District art instructor Lorna Carroll. All materials are supplied.



January 22: *Junk Mail Snowflakes*
Cut amazing snowflakes from recycled mail.

February 26: *Concentric Kiragami*
Discover circular 3-Dimensional Origami.

Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 845-735-4084, x115.

Yoga for Teens

Ages: grades 6-12
Wednesdays, January 7-14-21-28, 7:00-8:00pm
Get rid of all that mid-term stress. Take a break and stretch. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel.

Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 845-735-4084, x115.

Teen Laser Tag

Ages: grades 6-12
Friday, February 6, 5:00-7:00pm
Come to this after-library-hours event and play Laser Tag in the stacks! Up to 10 kids will be able to play at once. Board games, Wii and other activities will be available for kids not engaged in Laser Tag Battle.



Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 845-735-4084, x115.

Teen Zone

Teen Library Council Meetings

Ages: grades 6-12
Friday, December 19, 3:30-4:45pm
Wednesday, January 21, 4:00-5:00pm
Wednesday, February 18, 4:00-5:00pm

The TLC is for teens who are interested in volunteer opportunities at the Library or who just want to become more involved in what is happening in the Library. This group helps in planning ongoing teen events, suggesting book and game titles, and more! New members are always welcome. Earn volunteer hours while you are here. For more information, contact Mrs. Gunning at 735-4084, x129 or email pgunning@rcls.org.

No registration.

Adult Activities - Continued

Wednesdays, February 4 – March 11 1:00-3:30pm

Better Choices, Better Health

The Rockland County Health Department's Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention presents a six-week class to help you gain control of your health. Additional details inside, on page 5. **Please call 845-364-2501 to register.**

Sunday, February 22 3:00pm

Akiko Kobayashi in Concert

New York City violinist Akiko Kobayashi will perform, with piano accompaniment, the works of Mozart, Beethoven, De Falla and Strauss.

If the Weather Outside is Frightful...

To find out if the Library is open during inclement weather, call 735-4084 and select "2" for *Library Hours and Closing Information*. This information can also be found on our webpage and at www.cancellations.com. Our 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.



Notary Public Services

For your convenience the Library has three public 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.



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, x115 for additional information.

Magnification for Low-Vision Needs

We have a screen display magnification program called "ZoomText" on our public workstation that is specially outfitted with an over-size monitor and large print keyboard. We thank the Pearl River Lions for their recent \$200 donation given to help fund the cost of this software.



The Library also has a desktop digital video magnifier and enhancer available that can be used to assist in reading all sorts of printed materials, including books, newspapers, magazines, personal documents and even small print appearing on labels and packaging.

Friday Film Festival

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

December 5 *The Greatest Show on Earth (1952)*
Starring Charlton Heston

December 12 *The Egg and I (1947)*
Fred MacMurray, Claudette Colbert, Marjorie Main, and Percy Kilbride

December 19 *The Elephant Man (1981)*
Starring Anthony Hopkins and John Hurt

December 26 *Jezebel (1938)*
Starring Bette Davis and Henry Fonda

January 2 *Spellbound (1945)*
Starring Gregory Peck and Ingrid Bergman

January 9 *From Here to Eternity (1953)*
Starring Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr

January 16 *How Green Was My Valley (1941)*
Starring Roddy McDowall and Walter Pidgeon

January 23 *On the Waterfront (1954)*
Starring Eva Marie Saint and Marlon Brando

January 30 *My Favorite Wife (1940)*
Starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant

February 6 *Fiddler on the Roof (1971)*
Starring Topol and Norma Crane

February 13 *Fort Apache the Bronx (1981)*
Starring Paul Newman

February 20 *The Time of Your Life (1948)*
Starring James Cagney and Broderick Crawford

February 27 *King Creole (1958)*
Starring Elvis Presley

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

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 6 (through April 10), 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!

PRPL is open 24/7 at www.pearlriverlibrary.org

Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

On the Walls

December *A Life in Mixed-Media Throughout the Years* by Joseph Amabile
This wide-ranging show features paintings, collages, woven paper works and more.

January *5x5*
In this group show five unique artists each present five of their finest works of art. Complimentary and contrasting styles make this a particularly vibrant exhibit.

February *Fine Art/Graphic Art*
Martha Zaldivar-Aiello presents miniature landscapes and still-lives in oil along with silk-screened graphic designs featuring literary themes.

Display Cases

December/ January *Miss Noel's Fashion Statements*
Our own Children's Librarian and fashion aficionada presents highlights from her wardrobe of international designs and accoutrements.

February *Tudor England in Art, Literature, Music, Architecture and More*
Along with a display case of Tudor objects and curiosities, our staff will gather a rich sampling of books, movies and CDs so Anglophiles can bring a bit of old England Home.

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Better Choices, Better Health

It's never too late to take care of your health. Would you like to have the tools to improve your quality of life? Better Choices, Better Health: Managing Ongoing Health Conditions is a free program offered by the Rockland County Health Department's Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention. Over the course of six-weeks you will get skilled at using the tools that can help you gain control of your health conditions and give you a sense of well-being. Others have done it; so can you!

The group provides a place where mutual support and success can help build your confidence in your ability to manage your health and maintain an active and fulfilling life. This class meets 2½ hours a week for 6 weeks. Please call 845-364-2501 to register.

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*How can wages meet high prices
if they are always going in the same direction!*
– Anonymous

Websites to Try



Khan Academy
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

“We're a not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere. It doesn't matter if you are a student, teacher, home-schooler, principal, adult returning to the classroom after 20 years, or a friendly alien just trying to get a leg up in earthly biology. Khan Academy's materials and resources are available to you completely free of charge.” (From the website) Their extensive library of content, including interactive challenges, assessments, and videos covers topics from Math, Science, Arts & Humanities to Computing and Test Prep. Khan Academy's motto is “you only have to know one thing: you can learn anything.”

wikiHow...To Do Anything
www.wikihow.com

“Mission: By creating the world's most helpful instructions, we will empower every person on the planet to learn how to do anything. Because wikiHow is editable by anyone, our content changes every day. Each edit can be seen on our list of recent changes, which gets reviewed constantly.” (from the website) As can be the case with wikis, the content varies greatly both in depth and seriousness, but the website includes categories as diverse as Arts & Entertainment, Cars & Other Vehicles, Education, Family Life, Finance, Health, Pets & Animals, Sports, Work World and Youth. [For other helpful sites along these lines, don't forget eHow.com and Howcast.com.]

StumbleUpon
<http://www.stumbleupon.com/>

StumbleUpon is a social bookmarking website that helps you find websites according to your interests. Daniel Nations writes in his review for About.com: “StumbleUpon is very easy to use. Since all you need to do is download the toolbar, install it, and pick your topics, you can be up and running in about two minutes. It's not as helpful if you are looking for something specific, but it is a lot of fun and a great time killer....As with all social websites, user participation is key. You don't have to participate to enjoy the benefits of StumbleUpon, but they have made it easy to give a “thumbs up” to websites you like, and a thumbs down to sites you just don't think cut it.” For the complete article visit: <http://webtrends.about.com/od/socialbookmarkingsubcat/gr/stumble-review.htm>

Holiday Closings

The PRPL will be *closed* for the following holidays:

- *Christmas Eve*, December 24
- *Christmas Day*, December 25
- *New Year's Eve*, December 31
- *New Year's Day*, January 1, 2015
- *Martin Luther King Day*, January 19
- *Presidents' Day*, February 16

No fines are charges for these closed days.
Avoid fines – use the book drop!

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

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*Christmas Eve & Day, News Year's Eve & Day,
Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day*

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*The Board of Trustees meets
the fourth Monday each month, at 7:30pm.*

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

Interim Director

James L. Farrell, Jr., MLS

Community Resident



Friends

C o r n e r

Felice Evans Morris, President

It's never too late to join or renew! All current *Friends of the Library* have received their membership renewal forms. Be sure to send yours in! Need the form? Check the Friends' Corner at the front entrance.

The *Friends Steering Committee* meets monthly on the first Monday each month at 9:30am. The next meeting will be January 5 in the Pearl River Room.

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

- December 18: ***In the Garden of Beasts***
by Erik Larson
- January 15: ***The Calligrapher's Daughter***
by Eugenia Kim
- February 19: ***You Should Have Known***
by Jean Hanff Korelitz

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

Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

During the construction of the new brick high school in 1922, the largest expenditure of time was taken up by the filling in of the swampland between Central and Franklin. The sandy fill came from along the banks of the Hackensack River in Nauraushaun and was loaded with Indian artifacts. This area was known for its wild azalea-like pink flowers called Pinksters which grew in abundance and bloomed near Easter. The first Sunday they bloomed was called "Pinkster Sunday." Unfortunately clearing this area also destroyed trees planted by Gov. Charles Evans Hughes on Arbor Day of 1908.



The first theater to show silent moving pictures was the Odd Fellows Hall, which stood at the southeast corner of Central and William. Films were shown on Saturday nights using an Edison film projector that was cranked by hand. Charlie Langer and Wesley Slade played the piano when the lights were turned on between reels. With the construction of the



Grenada Theater on the opposite corner in 1921, movie goers were treated to a "Big City" style theater with a concession counter, balcony seating, indoor toilets and plush seats. The Grenada was owned by a group of investors who operated under the name of the Pearl River Amusement Company.