

# Newsletter

## Pearl River Public Library

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*“Your Door to the World”*

### Adult Activities

**Sunday, December 2 3:00pm**

#### ***Realistic Pencil Techniques***

Artist Pam Jones will show you techniques to make realistic image art using a graphite pencil. Class limited to 15 people. To register, call 845-735-4084, x115.

**Fridays, Dec. 7-Jan. 11 10:00am-12:30pm**

#### ***Living Well With Diabetes***

The Rockland County Department Health will host a six-week program to teach you how to manage your diabetes. To register, call 845-364-2501.

**Sunday, December 16 3:00pm**

#### ***Annual Holiday Concert***

The Rockland County Concert Band will be back to provide listeners with music of the holiday season.

**Thursday, December 27 11:00am-2:00pm**

#### ***E- Book Bonanza***

For all of you who received a new e-reader as a holiday gift, here is an opportunity to learn how to use it! To register, call 845-735-4084, x115.

**Sunday, January 13 3:00pm**

#### ***Memories of You!***

Get ready for a great do-wop show, from the group **Memories of You** lead by Chuck “Baby” Walker.

**Sunday, January 27 3:00pm**

#### ***Women of New York City***

Marty Schneit of Marty’s New York Tours will give a talk and PowerPoint presentation about the NYC’s famous and infamous women in history.

**Sunday, February 3 3:00 pm**

#### ***Meditation for Healthy Living***

Dr. Frank Polowski will enlighten you with the basics of meditation.

**February 4, 11, 25, March 4 4:30-5:30pm**

#### ***Sashiko Workshop***

Naokao Konno will teach this ancient art of Japanese embroidery. Class size is limited. To register, call 845-735-4084, x115.

**Sunday, February 17 3:00pm**

#### ***Italian Tenor Concert***

The great Italian Tenor Salvatore Chiarelli will perform operatic and traditional songs. A must-see performance.

*Questions? Call us at 845-735-4084, x115.*

### To the Pearl River Community

On behalf of the staff and trustees of the Pearl River Public Library, I share that our thoughts are with all in the community who suffered tragedy and hardship caused by Hurricane Sandy. We are grateful that the Library had the good fortune not to experience any structural damage or loss of power when so many other facilities, including other libraries and schools, were not able to open their doors for a period of time.

For a number of days following the storm the Library provided service to those who needed to charge their cell phones and other electronic devices, access the Internet, find safe, engaging pastimes for their families, or just have a warm, comfortable place to consult a newspaper or read a good book. Librarians provided a steady stream of information about local concerns. Staff members and volunteers quickly organized a variety of daily activities for children – we did not want to let Halloween go by without providing some fun and treats for the kids.

If you came to the Library during that time, you saw that every chair, desk, public computer and electrical outlet in the building appeared to be occupied. Our Wi-Fi use exceeded all system records. We had more than double our typical number of daily visitors as we assisted people from Orangetown and throughout Rockland and beyond. Library staff, some of whom were experiencing their own personal issues with property damage and living without power and heat, gave a friendly welcome to all. Library users, seated closely together, could be seen helping each other, gladly sharing equipment and offering technological advice.

So many of our patrons and visitors had kind things to say -- I would like to share how much we appreciate and were encouraged by all the many expressions of gratitude that were conveyed to us. I commend the staff for their dedication and also thank our Board members and the community as a whole for their support.

*Kathy Rose*  
Library Director

**We’re always open to look up a book!**  
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