

Pearl River Public Library Newsletter

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"Your Door to the World"

Adult Programs

- Wednesday, December 7** 6:30pm
Crystal Pendant Workshop
With Amy Kanareck, learn to create a pendant using Swarovski crystals. Registration is required and class size is limited. Sign up at the reference desk.
- Sunday, December 11** 3:00pm
The Chanteurs Holiday Concert
The choral group the Chanteurs will perform a concert of holiday songs.
- Thursday, December 15** 6:00pm
Pearl River High School Chorus
High school students, under the direction of their teacher, Sherine Way, will entertain you with holiday vocals.
- Sunday, December 18** 3:00pm
Rockland County Concert Band
RCCB will perform its traditional annual holiday concert here in the Community Room of the library.
- Sunday, January 8** 3:00pm
Anna Veleva in Concert
Operatic Soprano Anna Veleva will enrapture you with the arias of the Italian Composers.
- Sunday, January 15** 3:00pm
Oboe and Piano Concert
Join Frederick Katzenberg and Garry Klein who will play duets written for both instruments.
- Sunday, January 22** 3:00pm
Lucia Wehr in Concert
New to our lineup, Soprano Lucia will sing arias, Neapolitan classics and Broadway show tunes for your musical entertainment.
- Wednesday, January 25** 7:00pm
Dream Big, Creating a Life You're Excited For!
Certified Life Coach Kaitlyn Rindler will show you how to grab the brass ring on life's merry go round.

From the Director's Desk

A couple of months ago the Board of Trustees decided to keep **the library open until 7:00pm on Friday evenings**. I am happy to report this has been a huge success. The statistics we have compiled are impressive. So much so that **we now going to open the library on Friday mornings at 9:00am**, rather than our normal opening time of 10:00am. However, there will be limited services available from 9:00am until 10:00am. Patrons will be able to check out and return books and DVD's, sit and read newspapers or magazines and log on to the public access computers. All full services will begin at 10:00am.

As you can see from the article below our Head of Children's Services, Pam Gunning is retiring. We will miss her and we hope she has a long, healthy and happy retirement!

Mrs. Gunning is Retiring!

Pamela D. Gunning, Head of Children's Services is retiring at the end of November. Mrs. Gunning started as a library page while in high school, worked as a circulation clerk in college and became a librarian after graduate school. She was Head of Adult Services for 2 years and Head of Children's Services for 13 years. She also worked for several years at Marsh & McLennan in NYC, where she was Assistant Manager/Assistant Vice President of the Information Center.

"Many things have changed for the better over the years, but I still firmly believe that a library card is the most important card in any wallet. It gives you access to reading, learning and information about pretty much everything out there. I will miss all the wonderful families here in Pearl River, but they will be in good hands."

Mrs. Gunning plans on relaxing, traveling, knitting and getting things done around her home. *Keep Reading!*

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Children's Activities

Toddlers/Preschoolers

Stories Songs & Silliness with Miss Sarah

Mondays, 11:00-11:30am, January 9-February 13
Be here for stories, songs, bubbles and lots of fun.
No registration – just come.

Baby Signs® with Miss Fran



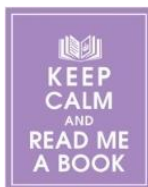
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00am, January 10-31
Join us for a unique hands-on class where you both will learn signs to communicate.
Register starting Monday, January 2 at 9:30am

Stories & a Craft with Miss Annadora

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:10am or 1:30-2:10pm
January 10-February 7

What's better than story time? Story time with a fun craft! Be here for stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft.

Register starting Monday, January 2 at 9:30am



Story Time for 2s & 3s with Miss Sarah

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am, January 11-February 8
Stories, songs, finger plays – toddler sized.
Register starting Monday, January 2 at 9:30am

Toddler Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, 9:45-10:15am, January 12-February 2

Learn the Yoga Song and be a tree. Join Miss Sue for some basic yoga for young children.

Register starting Monday, January 2 at 9:30am



Preschool Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am,
January 12-February 2
Miss Sue makes yoga fun!

Register starting Monday, January 2 at 9:30am

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, 10:30-11:00am
January 13-February 17

Drop in for lots of stories, songs and loads of fun.
No registration – just come.

Bring a Bear to Breakfast

Thursday, February 16, 10:30-11:15am



Ages: 3 years old and older, with an adult
Wear your jammies and join us for an "old school" Saturday morning with cereal, cartoons and coloring books. Bring along a blanket, a pillow and your best bear.

Register starting Monday, February 6 at 9:30am

Children's Activities



Concerts

*For ages 2-5 with an adult
No registration – bring a friend!*



Kurt Gallagher Sings Songs for Playful Children

Thursday, December 8, 10:30-11:15am

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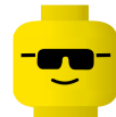
Friday, January 13, 10:30-11:15am

Jeffrey Friedberg & the Bossy Frog Band

Wednesday, February 22, 10:30-11:15am

School Age

Lego Club



Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30pm
Dec. 6 & 20, Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 14 & 28
Be creative with our Lego collection.
No registration – just come.

A Snowy Day at the Library

Thursday, January 19, 4:30-5:30pm

Ages: kindergarten – grade 3

Join us for winter fun, crafts and treats.

Register starting Monday, January 2 at 9:30am



Herbs 'N' Spice and All Children Nice

Thursday, February 23, 4:30-5:30pm

Ages: kindergarten – 4th grade

Cornell Cooperative Extension returns with an interactive S.T.E.A.M.-oriented investigation of some not so common herbs and spices and their varied, sometimes strange uses.

Register starting Monday, February 13 at 9:30am



Peter and the Christmas Coal

Saturday, January 21, 2:00-3:00pm

Ages: 6-8 years old

Local author and Pearl River resident Tyler Brooke will read his book, answer questions about Autism and sign any books purchased beforehand. (Local bookstores and Amazon may have copies. Please purchase ahead of time if you would like it signed.)

Register starting Monday, January 9 at 9:30am

To register online: go to pearlriverlibrary.org, click on "See what's coming up on the calendar" on the right side, find the date of the event, and click the register button.

Other ways to register: Call us after 10:00am at 845-735-4084, x5 or stop in and we'll get you signed up.



Kids Code Clubs/Learning Lab

Code Club Beginners-Intermediate

Tues., 4:15-5pm Dec. 6, 13, 20, Jan. 3 & 10

This fun club for 3rd-6th grades teaches kids the building blocks of code. Register at the Children's Desk or online at the library website. See below.

Code Club – Intermediate-Advanced

Tues., 5:15-6pm, Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14 & 28

Intermediate and advanced Code Club kids will work on designing their own websites. Register at the Children's Desk or online at the library website. See below.

Teens & Tweens/Learning Lab

Intro to Website Design & Coding

Tues., 5:15-6pm, Dec. 6, 13, 20, Jan. 3 & 10

Teens will learn the fundamentals of HTML and CSS and develop coding skills to make pages eye-catching and interactive. See registration details below.

Math Club

Dates and time TBA. Check our website for details.

S.T.A.C. Math Professor Meghan DeWitt will introduce a new math concept and then teach how to use it. See registration details below.

Chess and Games Club

Wed., 4:15-5pm, Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 4, 18, Feb. 1 & 15

Come meet other chess and game enthusiasts. See registration details below.

YA Book Club

Thurs., 6:30-7:30pm Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16

If you love to read, join PRPL's YA book club to have fun and talk about your favorite books and authors. See registration details below.

Teen Writing Workshop for Grades 8-12

Wed., 5:30-6:30pm, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15

Meet other teen writers and, together, set your creative ideas in motion. See registration details below.



YA Art Club

Thurs., 6:30-7:30pm, Dec. 1, 8, Jan. 12

Let your creative ideas flow: sculpt clay masks, make jewelry beads, and create collages and more. See registration details below.

To register online: go to pearlriverlibrary.org, click on "See what's coming up on the calendar" on the right side, find the date of the event, and click the register button.

Other ways to register: Call us at 845-735-4084, x115 or stop in and we'll get you signed up.

Adults/Learning Lab

Teen Tech Tutors



Mon., 4:00-5:00pm, Dec. 5, 19, Jan. 9, 23, Feb. 13 & 27

Come by the library and get smart about your tech. See registration details below.

Digital Photography for Adults & Young Adults

Wed., 7:00-8:00pm, Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 4, 18, Feb. 1

In this 5-session workshop we'll learn about natural lighting and flash, composition and focus. See registration details below.

Hour of Code for Adults

Tuesday, December 6, 7:30-8:30pm

Once a year, people all around the world participate in the **Hour of Code**, a fun, fast intro to computer programming. The Hour of Code will be taught by our most advanced Code Club Kids. See registration details below.

Intro to Website Design & Coding for Adults

Wed., 7:00-8:00pm, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 8, 22

Learn the fundamentals of HTML and CSS - the languages of web design - then start building your own webpages. See registration details below.

Seniors/Learning Lab

Writing from Life for Seniors

Thur., 12:30-1:30pm, Dec. 8, 22, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 23

You've got a lifetime of stories, and it's time to write them down. Find the voice to tell your own stories. See registration details below.

Intro to Computers and Technology for Seniors

Thur., 12:30-1:30pm, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, 16, Mar. 2

This 5-session workshop is a great intro to the world of technology and computers, including email, internet searches, social media, digital coupons, and our Website. Library Chromebooks will be available to participants in class. See registration details below.

Other Teen & Tween Activities

Teen Library Council

Thursdays, 5:00-6:00pm, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16

Here's a chance for teens to meet over pizza and to brainstorm about the future of the library. And find out about volunteer opportunities. See registration details below.

Laser Tag/Pizza Party/Teens & Tweens, Grades 6-12

Friday, 7:00-9:00pm, December 2

With the library all to ourselves and plenty of pizza on hand, we'll have some friendly laser tag fun. See registration details below.



Adult Activities
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Sunday, January 29 2:00pm
Getting Started with Genealogy using Ancestry.com
12 patrons will be introduced to using Ancestry.com on Chromebook Laptops in our Computer lab. Local author and historian Jim Cassetta will show you how. You must know how to use a computer to search the internet. Online registration starts Monday, January 2.

Sunday, February 12 3:00pm
The Piano Man
Larry Hunt, known professionally as the "Piano Man," will perform on our Kawai baby grand piano.

Sunday, February 19 3:00pm
Traditional Latin Music Concert
Chuck Walker and his Latin band will be playing congas and other instruments unique to Latin music.

Sunday, February 26 3:00pm
A Touch of Sinatra
Join us for a tribute to "Old Blue Eyes" in this exciting program which has played to packed houses all over Rockland County.

*Please call the Reference Desk with any questions:
845-735-4084, x115*

Adult Book Club

The Adult Book Club meets the third Tuesday each month at 7:00pm in the Pearl River Room. Books are available at the Circulation Desk. Upcoming titles for discussion are:

- December 20 *One Thousand White Women*
by Jim Fergus
- January 17 *My Brilliant Friend*
by Elena Ferrante
- February 21 *Becoming Nicole*
by Amy Ellis Nutt

Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS



*Give me books, French wine, fruit, fine weather,
and a little music played out of doors
by somebody I do not know.*

John Keats

There were two picnic groves in Pearl River during the late 19th century. Braunsdorf's Grove stood just south of his factory on land now occupied by Vision Fitness Center and its parking lot along the Muddy Brook. In



later years the railroad used this area as a dump and later in the 1950's the first Little League field in Pearl River was there. Then there was Serven's Grove which was also called Serven's Park. This is a piece of undeveloped land at the end of South Serven Street. There is a well on it, which provided water to picnickers. The well has been closed up.

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.



Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

In Our Gallery

December Elaine Schloss

Enjoy the very dramatic paintings and drawings of an artist who is also an actor, a singer and a musical theater writer. The show runs through December 30th.

January Ann Adelstein

On display will be the paintings of a self-taught artist, whose inspiration comes from everyday experiences. The show runs through January 31.

February Group Art Show

Jane Murphy, George Doerre, and Ed Box loan us their photography and paintings. The show runs through February 28.

On Display

Display case exhibits run for six weeks.

Mid-December/ January Beverly Huff

Do you like beer? How many brands can you name? See a beer can collection from around the world.

February/Mid-March Beverly Huff

This month, Beverly Huff shares her stuffed animal collection from A to Z.

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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.



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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. Starting Friday, February 3 and continuing through April 14, trained tax counselors will be available from 10:30am-2:30pm.

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We're open 24/7/365.
Visit us anytime at
www.pearlriverlibrary.org

Websites to Try



Our Website Gets a New Look

You may have noticed that the Library website looks different. The redesign was driven by the need to be friendlier to mobile devices and the result is a cleaner and easier to navigate site.



Here are a few additions:

A revolving display at the top of the home page reduces the need to scroll down a long page. Is it changing too slowly? Click on the dots under the display to move through more quickly.



Click on the bar showing new books at the bottom of the page to view book summaries. Click on the red C to check the library catalog.

Before the Fall, C a G

The Children and Teens tabs also include select book summaries of items in our collection.

Many of the links to our special services and products have been consolidated in buttons on the right hand side of the home page. Here you'll still find our digital magazines, e-books, and Freegal music downloads as well as our events calendar and Learning Lab info.

Ch-Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes!

Zinio for Libraries has changed its name to RBdigital, but everything else about streaming or downloading magazines stays the same.

Overdrive has updated its interface for downloading e-books and audiobooks. We hope it will make Overdrive easier to use. (Check for handouts at the library.)

Rosetta Stone online language instruction arrives for RCLS patrons! This well-known product is being funded through central library funds and has no additional cost to Pearl River Public Library. Mango Languages will be available until our current contract expires.

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Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-7:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Holiday Closings:

Christmas Eve – Saturday December 24
Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25
New Year’s Eve – Saturday, December 31
New Year’s Day – Sunday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 16
Presidents’ Day – Monday, February 20

Board of Trustees

Elizabeth Van Wynen, Ed.D., RN, *President*
Marie Manning, *Vice President*
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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

Please join the Pearl River Public Library as a Friend for calendar year 2017. Please use the form below.

The Friends usually meet on the first Monday of the month at 9:30am in the Pearl River Room. All are welcome.

Friends Book Discussion Group

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

- December 15: ***The Boys in the Boat*** by Daniel Brown
- January 19: ***The Space Between*** by Thrity Umricar
- February 16: ***Catch-22*** by Joseph Heller

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

Friends of the Pearl River Public Library – 2017 Membership Form

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

_____ \$10 Individual _____ \$25 Donor Please make check payable to **Friends of the Pearl River Public Library**
_____ \$15 Family _____ \$50 Patron and return with completed form to the Library in person or by mail.
_____ \$100 Benefactor *Thank you for your support.*