

# Newsletter

## Pearl River Public Library

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*"Your Door to the World"*

### Adult Activities

*If you have questions or want to register,  
please call us at 845-735-4084, x115.*

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

#### ***Blues: Soulful and Funky***

Mark Naftalin on piano—original keyboardist in the Butterfield Blues Band—and Rockland County's own Daniel J (vocals, guitar, slide guitar, and harmonica) perform in solo and duo performances.

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

#### ***Tissue Paper Collage Workshop***

New York City artist Jamie Ross will show you how to make artwork with colored tissue paper. Each participant will leave with a piece of art that can be framed. Registration is required.

**Saturday, March 29 10:00am-4:00pm**

**Sunday, March 30 1:00pm-4:00pm**

#### ***Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades Quilt Show***

Come view a display of quilts by members of the Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades. Enjoy the quilts, vote for your favorite challenge quilt, observe quilters at work and try a hands-on activity.

**Sunday, April 6 3:00pm**

#### ***Rene Marie and Chuck Baby Walker in Concert***

In solos and duets, Rene Marie and Chuck Walker will sing the great pop and oldies tunes of the past 60 years. Join them for a trip down memory lane.

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

#### ***Chakras: A Basic Introduction***

Rekki Master Susan Portillo will explain what chakras are, how they affect your health and well-being, and how they are used in eastern medicine.

**Sunday, May 4 3:00pm**

#### ***Reflections Swing Band***

Made up of members of the Rockland County Concert Band, Reflections Big Band is led by Mr. Paul Bastone. This band plays the swing music of yesteryear with vocal accompaniment. **The band is brought to you by the Friends of the Pearl River Public Library as part of their annual membership drive. Refreshments will be served.**

### Annual Library Budget Vote And Trustee Election

The Library's annual budget vote and trustee election will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. There will be one five-year Trustee position on this year's election ballot for the seat held by incumbent Gloria Donoghue, who has indicated that she will not be seeking re-election. This volunteer position is for an unpaid five-year term beginning July 1, 2014.

Candidate petitions, signed by 25 or more qualified voters, must be submitted to the Library Board Clerk by 5:00pm on Monday, May 12, 2014. Blank petitions will be available at the Library on or after Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Please contact Library Board Clerk Wendy Courtney at 845-735-4084, X117 if you are interested in learning more about serving as a Trustee.

A budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27. That evening trustee candidates are invited to attend for the opportunity to meet with members of the public.

### Board Announcement

Library Trustee Thomas H. Quinlan has submitted his resignation which the Board has accepted with regrets.

Mr. Quinlan has had a long association with the Library. We thank him for his many years of service and wish him the very best. The Board has appointed Kelley Hadelier to fill the vacant seat.

### Zinio Electronic Magazines Available

*Download full cover-to-cover digital copies  
of your favorite magazines!*

"Zinio" gives Pearl River cardholders online access to full text, full image, and cover-to-cover issues of popular magazines. Zinio bills itself as "the world's largest newsstand" and our initial subscription selection features 50 magazine publications, including *Newsweek*, which is no longer made available in print.

Zinio can support an unlimited number of simultaneous users for a particular magazine issue. There are no holds, no checkout periods and no limit to the number of magazines that can be downloaded. Full individual magazine issues can be checked out, downloaded and stored for later viewing at your leisure on your PC, tablet and a variety of e-reader and smartphone devices. It's easy! Just go to our webpage at [www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org) to get started!



# Children's

## Toddlers/Preschoolers

### Stories, Songs and Silliness with Miss Sarah



Mondays, March 3 – May 5, 11:00-11:30am  
(Not April 14 or April 21)

Ages: not yet 2 years old with an adult

This is the perfect start to create library lovers!  
Bring your little one in for stories, songs, bubbles and lots of fun!

No registration.

### Toddler Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, May 1-22, 9:45-10:15am

Miss Sue comes back with her popular Toddler Yoga class.

This is a fun, easy introduction to yoga for you and your toddler. If your child attended the last session, you must go on the waiting list.

Registration begins Monday, April 28 at 9:30am.

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

Thursdays, March 6 – April 10

10:30-11:00am or 1:30-2:00pm

Ages: 2 and 3 years old with an adult

Registration begins Monday, February 24 at 9:30am.

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

Thursdays, May 1-22, 1:30-2:00pm

Ages: 2 and 3 years old with an adult

Registration begins Monday, April 28 at 9:30am.

### Preschool Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, May 1-22, 10:30-11:15am

Miss Sue is back with her popular introduction to yoga. Be a tree or a car and strengthen those muscles!

If your child attended the last session, you must go on the waiting list.

Registration begins Monday, April 28 at 9:30am.

### Preschool Story Time

Fridays, March 7 – May 9, 10:30-11:00am

(Not April 18)

Ages: 3-5 years old with an adult

No registration.

### Big Kid Story Time with Miss Annadora

Tuesdays, March 4 – May 6 (Not April 15)

10:30-11:10am or 1:30-2:10pm

Ages: 4-6 years old

Registration begins Monday, February 24 at 9:30am.

We are open 24/7/365 at:

[www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org)

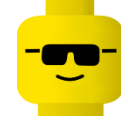
Look at your account, renew books,  
and place holds anytime!

# Activities

## School Age

### Lego Club

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm



March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 14 & 28

Ages: 4 – 10 years old

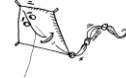
Use our Lego collection and your imagination!  
No registration – bring a friend.

## Celebrate Spring – After School Series

### Kite Day

Thursday, March 27, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



Kick off the spring season by creating a colorful “koinobori,” traditional Japanese carp streamer or “windsock”.

Registration begins Monday, March 17 at 9:30am.

### Earth Day



Thursday, April 24, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Fashion fairy houses with objects from nature, paint on rocks and build your “inuksuk” rock sculpture.

Registration begins Monday, April 7 at 9:30am.

### Doll's Day

Tuesday, May 13, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Bring your favorite doll to the library for tea and treats. We will make some tiny treasures to take home.

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



## Concerts



### Song Time with Delores JiJi

Wednesday, March 26, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 1 to 6 years old with an adult

Delores JiJi is back with her guitar named Sally.

Delores learns all the kids' names while she is here!

No registration.

### Jeffrey Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Wednesday, April 23, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 2 to 6 years old with an adult

Can you count how many instruments Jeffrey can play? You'll hear some great music from them!

No registration.

### Matty Roxx

Monday, May 12, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 2 to 6 years old with adult

A warm welcome to Matty Roxx – it's his first concert here and you are in for a treat!

No registration.



# Children's Activities

## Book Clubs

### Boys, Books & Beyond with Mr. Aiello

Fridays, 4:00-4:45pm

March 21, April 25, May 16

Ages: boys in grades 3-5

Here's an opportunity for boys to get together and discuss the books they've read.

Registration begins at the previous month's meeting. Pick up a copy of the book then too.

### Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Friday, March 28, 3:30-4:30pm

Ages: girls in grades 4-5

This month, readers have a choice: *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* or *The Mysterious Benedict Society*

Registration begins at the previous month's meeting. Pick up a copy of the book then too.

### Mother/Daughter Book Discussion with Mrs. Amabile

Thursday, May 1, 7:00-8:30pm

Ages: girls in grades 3-5 with an adult (Mom, Grandma, etc.)

The book for this discussion will be announced.

Registration begins Monday, April 7 at 9:30am.

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## Library Program Reminders

Don't want to miss that concert? Or story time? Go to our website and click on the "Library Happenings" tab to bring you to our online EventKeeper calendar. Scroll through and when you find the event you want to attend, click on "Remind Me" and you'll receive a timely e-mail reminder. There is also a "Tell a Friend" feature for you to use to share information about specific Library programs with others by e-mail.

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## Get Freegal Music

Pearl River Public Library cardholders can use *Freegal*, an online music service offering 3 million songs. It is easy to do - there is no software to download or digital rights management (DRM) restrictions. Patrons are allowed 3 songs per week, with the download counter resetting every Monday at 12:01am. It is easily accessed from our webpage. There is also a Freegal app for mobile devices that allows you to get your music anywhere right away.



Freegal Music is set up to either browse by genres, or to search for your favorite artists, composers, albums or songs. There is something for everyone!

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# Teen Zone

## Teen Library Council Meeting

Ages: 12-18

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

April 2, May 7

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or just want to become more involved in what is happening at the library join TLC! This group helps make decisions about what materials are purchased for the teen section and participates in the planning of ongoing teen events. New members are always welcome!

## Otaku Club

Ages: 14-25

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

March 21, April 18, May 23

If you are into anime, manga, video games and all things Japanese this is the club for you! Join us and learn more about Japanese culture. Walk-ins welcome!

## Tuesday Teen Book Club

Ages: 11-18

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

March 11, April 8, May 13

Competitive mini-book battles, trivia and snacks make up Tuesday Teen Book Club. At each meeting the group chooses books to battle for the next month. All are welcome but registration is required. Stop in or call us at 845-735-4084, x115.

## Teen Writing Club

Ages 11-18

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

March 12, April 9, May 14

Are you interested in writing? Do you need feedback from others your own age regarding your writing? Even if you have not written anything but are thinking about starting, join us for an afternoon of writing tips, tricks and techniques to help your writing get even better. All are welcome but registration is required. Stop in or call us at 845-735-4084, x115.

## Teen Volunteer Orientation

### Summer Reading Program

There will be volunteer opportunities every weekday from June 30th through August 7th for teens to participate and fulfill volunteer requirements. Returning volunteers will receive new applications by mail in May. New volunteers can pick one up at the Adult Information Desk or download one from the teen home page of the Library website **beginning Monday, May 5**. All returning and new teen volunteers will be required to attend a Teen Volunteer Orientation on either Wednesday, June 4 **or** Thursday, June 5 from 4:00-5:00pm. Registration for orientation will begin Monday, May 5. For more information contact Mrs. Gunning at ext. 126.

**Friday Films**  
in the Pearl River Room, starting at 2:00 pm

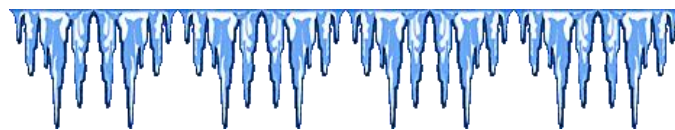
- March 7           **Cats** (1998)  
Elaine Paige and Sir John Mills
- March 14          **The Red House** (1947)  
Edward G. Robinson, Judith Anderson, Julie London, Lon  
McCallister
- March 21          **Half a Sixpence** (1968)  
Tommy Steele and Julia Foster
- March 28          **The Spirit of St. Louis** (1957)  
James Stewart
- April 4           **Harold and Maude** (1971)  
Ruth Gordon and Bud Cort
- April 11          **The Outlaw** (1943)  
Walter Houston and Jane Russell
- April 18          **State Fair** (1962)  
Pat Boone and Ann-Margret
- April 25          **Shane** (1952)  
Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, and Van Heflin
- May 2**           **Mame** (1974)  
Lucille Ball and Beatrice Arthur
- May 9**          **Inherit the Wind** (1960)  
Spencer Tracy, Gene Kelly, and Fredric March
- May 16**         **Hello Dolly** (1969)  
Barbra Streisand and Walter Matthau
- May 2**          **Carousel** (1956)  
Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones

*Arrive early for a "good seat!"*

**Third Tuesday Theater**

Recent releases shown every third Tuesday at 2:00pm

- March 18          **John Carter** (2012)  
Taylor Kitsch and Lynn Collins
- April 15          **MUD** (2013)  
Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon
- May 20           **Kon Tiki** (2013)  
Pal Sverre Hagen



**The Weather Outside Has Been Frightful...**

The cold, snow and freezing conditions have provided many challenges to all in our region this winter season. We have been working hard to keep the Library's walkways and front sidewalk and curb area clear of snow and ice. When the temperature hits the single digits the sensors on our front automatic doors can stop working, requiring us to route all our visitors to use the side entrance. After multiple snowstorms we brought in a contractor to remove snow from our multi-leveled flat roof.

In early January the extreme cold temperatures caused a water pipe to freeze and burst, sending water cascading into the building. We experienced extensive damage to walls and ceilings adjacent to our Teen Zone area. Luckily this occurred while the Library was open and staff members were able to contain and stop the water flow and no materials or equipment were damaged. While there was some inconvenience during the period that that area of the Library was inaccessible, we were able to complete all the repairs while keeping the Library open its regular schedule.

Winter is not over yet, and there may be additional days that the Library closes or has a delayed opening for inclement weather. Always be sure to check the Library's status before heading out on questionable weather days. Closing information is posted to our website, cancellations.com, and on News Channel 12. A recorded message is also placed on our phone system (select "2" for hours and closing information).

Overdue fines are not charged for days we are closed.

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**Tax Return Assistance**

Volunteers from the AARP-Tax Aide program will be at the Library to assist seniors and low to middle income individuals with filing their New York State and Federal income tax returns. Trained tax volunteer counselors will be **available on Fridays from 10:30 to 2:30pm during the tax season through April 11.** Bring with you copies of federal and state returns filed last year, all income and deduction related forms and statements as well as proof of identity and social security cards for yourself and all dependents. All returns are now e-filed.



This program is also available at other libraries and public sites throughout Rockland County on alternate days of the week. Check our webpage, ask a Reference Librarian or call 1-888-AARP-NOW for this and further information.

*A society grows great when old men plant trees  
whose shade they know they shall never sit in.*

**Greek Proverb**



## The Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

### Gallery Exhibits

**March:** We celebrate that grand Pearl River tradition: **the St. Patrick's Day Parade**. Town resident and uniquely talented **photographer Carol Dyer** captures all the excitement, pride and camaraderie of the parade in her colorful and engaging images.

**April:** We present the enchanting **landscape paintings of David Jermann**. Alive with richly-detailed flora and fauna, warm and inviting with golden-hued sunlight, each canvas is an idyllic world all its own, summoning the viewer to explore.

**May:** We welcome **local artist Kenneth Jozwiak** who brings paintings of the picturesque from close to home and across the nation. Whether it's a beautiful corner of Rockland County, or an awesome expanse of the Painted Desert, this painter captures the heart of the place.

### Display Cases

**March:** Our display case is currently filled with a spectacular collection of paperweights owned by Jim Waters. The wondrous works of glass-art feature vibrant floral designs, shimmering marine settings and cosmic, otherworldly scenes shot through with star dust.

**April:** Our own local history librarian, Jim Cassetta, gathers photographs, documents and objects from the PRPL archive to present: Industrial Pearl River, 1890s-1960s. The display will focus on the work of town founder and prolific inventor, J.E. Braunsdorf, as well as the history of the Dexter Folder Company and Lederle Laboratories.

**Quilts** are from the Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades.

**Window Display** created by John Aiello.

### Call for Artists

Local artists who wish to be considered for future exhibits are asked to fill out an *Exhibit Request Form* available at the Library. The Library's Art Display and Exhibit Policy can be found on our webpage.

### Magnification for Low-Vision Needs

We have installed a new 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.

### Get More Library E-Mail News

We have begun collecting patrons e-mail addresses to allow us to send our newsletter and other information and notices out electronically to keep you informed about all things happening at the Pearl River Public Library. Please go to our webpage for more information.

## Websites to Try



Here are a few websites included in Time.com's *50 Best Websites of 2013*. For the complete list, visit <http://techland.time.com/2013/05/06/50-best-websites-2013/slide/all/>. This annual salute showcases "sites and services that keep you entertained and informed, save you time and money — and maybe even change your life."

### The Wirecutter: a list of the best technology to buy

<http://thewirecutter.com/>

"Founded by Brian Lam, The Wirecutter focuses only on reviews of the best products in a bevy of categories, from Android phones to Bluetooth headsets to humidifiers to computer bags for women. On a Web overrun with news blogs, it's something different and rarer: a smart, reliable buying guide." (Times review by Harry McCracken)

### Pixlr: Online Photo Editor

<http://pixlr.com/>

"Pixlr isn't Photoshop. But for a free tool that works entirely within your browser, it replicates a remarkable percentage of Photoshop's most important image-editing tools, and does it very, very well. Its Express and Advanced versions make it a winner for both newbies and serious photo retouchers. It's one of the most desktop-like apps ever to grace the Web." (Times review by Harry McCracken)

### TWiT: Newscasts you love from people you trust

<http://twit.tv/>

From *About TWiT.tv*: "The TWiT.tv Netcast Network with Leo Laporte features the #1 ranked technology podcast *This Week in Tech*, along with over 20 other top-ranked online shows. Since 2005, our shows have provided news, commentary, help, how-to and perspective on the latest trends in digital tech from seasoned experts and journalists. Leo hosts and produces many of the shows, but as the network expands new hosts and participants are added."

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### When are my books due?

#### Is the DVD I reserved available for me?

All you need is your PRPL borrower number and PIN to log in anywhere, anytime to see information about your current checkouts and holds, and reserved items available for pickup. You can even pay fines for overdue or lost items online with your PayPal account.

Provide your e-mail address and you will receive notices to quickly alert you of overdue items (saving printing and postage costs). You will also receive timely notification when holds become available. As an added benefit, we will also provide you a courtesy reminder when to return or renew any borrowed items that will soon be coming due. Please see a Circulation Desk clerk to add your e-mail address to your patron record.



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**Library Hours:**

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

**Holiday Closings:**

*St. Patrick's Day Parade:* Sunday, March 23  
*Easter:* Sunday, April 20  
*Memorial Day Weekend:* Sat., May 24-Mon., May 26

**Board of Trustees**

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*The Board of Trustees meets monthly. Please call for exact day and time.*

**Director**

Kathleen W. Rose

## Community Resident



## Friends

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*Felice Evans Morris, President*

Please stop at the **Friends Tribute Tree** on your way in or out of the Library. Recently **redesigned and expanded by Pearl River artist Dick Lewis**, the tree features leaves to add the names of family and friends. Next to the tree is the form to add your own tribute.

**The Friends Book Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm.** Upcoming titles are:

March 20: *Shutter Island* by Dennis Lehane  
April 17: *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve  
May 15: *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian

The Friends Garden Club is ready for spring! Monthly meetings will be on Wednesday evenings, 6:45-8:45pm in March, April and May.

The Friends of the Library present **Reflections Swing Band on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00pm.** Made up of members of the Rockland County Concert Band, Reflections Big Band is led by Mr. Paul Bastone. This band plays the swing music of yesteryear with vocal accompaniment.

## Did You Know?

*James V. Cassetta, MLS*

Near the intersection of South Middletown Road and Gilbert Avenue the Blauvelt Family had a saw mill on the Cherry Brook. Mr. J.J. (James-John) Blauvelt had built a number of green houses on the family farm, building a prosperous business after the Civil War. He sold flowers to New York City florist shops and restaurants. His father John Isaac had built the saw mill cutting local timber into lumber as early as 1830. Today, Cherry Lane is located in this spot.

In 1884, Pearl River played host to one of the first new age cults in America. Under the leadership of Dr. Henry Tanner, who practiced fasting for health, a group called "Faithists" lived in tents at Camp Horeb located just outside of town. Its exact location is unknown. They did not believe in doctors, were vegetarians, and believed that man descended from spirits. Locals became concerned for the children's welfare and called the Nyack branch of the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to investigate. In response, the Faithists fled to New Mexico never to be seen here again.