

# 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, December 22 3:00pm**

#### ***Rockland County Concert Band***

Conductor Larry Zaidan will lead the band again in a musical program designed to infuse you with the holiday spirit.

**Mondays 6:00-7:00pm**

**December 2, 9, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24**

#### ***Teen Tech Tutors***

On select Monday nights, there will be a tech savvy teen on hand to answer your technology and device questions. Patrons are encouraged to register but walk-ins will be welcome.

**Sunday, January 12 3:00pm**

#### ***Memoir Writing with Louis G. Alexander***

Have you ever thought about writing your story for future generations? Join us for this workshop given by author Louis Alexander to see how it is done.

**Sunday, January 26 3:00pm**

#### ***The Frost Kings in Concert***

The Frost Kings will play roadhouse blues at its best. Big Al Krotoff and company will provide that rousing blues rhythm to get your feet tapping.

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

#### ***The Burr Johnson Trio***

Burr and company will perform white-hot improvisational tunes and jazz standards for your Sunday afternoon listening pleasure.

**Sunday, February 9 3:00pm**

#### ***Pencil Landscape Drawing***

Artist Pam Jones will show patrons how to draw landscapes using a variety of techniques using pencils. Registration is required.

**Sunday February 23 3:00pm**

#### ***Reducing Stress through Meditation***

Join Dr. Frank Pawlowski, PhD., and learn the meditative ways of stress relief. The practice of meditation may help you to live a longer and healthier life.

*I know that I am intelligent,  
because I know that I know nothing.*  
**Socrates**

### Celebrating "50 Years on Franklin"

On Sunday, November 3, we invited all of the community to attend an Open House commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the original library building constructed on our current site in 1963. Our "Fifty Years on Franklin" celebration was an ambitious undertaking featuring a varied array of activities, many of which had an early 1960's theme.



Thanks to the efforts of many community members, the day was a huge success. In particular we recognize the contribution of resident John Fahey and members of the American Legion and Marine Corps League who paid tribute to the memory of Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr., Second Lieutenant USMC, for whom a memorial stone has been positioned at the base of the Library's flagpole since 1967. The participation of our elected officials and community leaders including New York State Senator David Carlucci, New York State Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, Rockland County Legislator John Murphy, and Orangetown Supervisor Andy Stewart, Pearl River School Board Vice President Thomas DePrisco, and Pearl River Rotary President Jim Murphy was very much appreciated.

We thank local newsmen and authors Art Aldrich and Bob Knight for their participation in a discussion of the history of the hamlet. We thank the Friends of the Library for coordinating and serving refreshments throughout the afternoon, with the assistance of generous donations provided by Luigi O'Grady's, Munno's Deli, ShopRite, and the Pearl River Women's Club. We also thank our teen volunteers, or "Jr. Friends," for their assistance during the day.

### READ Campaign Photography Exhibit Extended

Our photo display of over 400 patrons, Friends of the Library, and other neighborhood book enthusiasts will continue to adorn the walls of the Library through the end of the year. Originally launched on November 3rd as part of the Library's "Fifty Years on Franklin" celebration, this popular "READ" poster campaign has taken on a life of its own, becoming a local portrait gallery of sorts, filled with familiar faces from the Pearl River Public Library community.

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# Children's

# Activities

## Concerts



### Mr. Kurt Sings Silly Songs

Ages: 2-6 with an adult  
Date TBD, 10:30-11:15am  
**No registration.** Bring a friend.

Additional Concerts are in the works. Please check in the library or on our website.

## Weekly Story Time Sessions

### Stories, Songs & Silliness with Miss Sarah

Ages: under 2 with an adult  
Mondays, 11:00-11:30am  
January 13-February 10

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

Ages: walkers under 3 with an adult  
Thursdays, 9:45-10:15am  
January 9-January 30

Miss Sue comes back with her popular Toddler Yoga class. A fun, easy introduction to yoga for you and your toddler.  
**Registration begins Monday, January 6** 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 9-January 30

Miss Sue is back with her popular introduction to yoga. Be a tree or a car and strengthen those muscles!  
**Registration begins Monday, January 6** 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 9-January 30

This story time is toddler-sized with stories, songs, finger plays, rhymes and bean bags.  
**Registration begins Monday, January 6** at 9:30am.

## More Weekly Story Time Sessions

### Big Kid Story Time with Miss Annadora

Ages: 4-6 years old – kindergarteners welcome!  
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:10am or 1:30-2:10am  
January 14-February 11  
**Registration begins Monday, January 6** at 9:30am.

### Preschool Story Time

Ages: 3-5 years old with an adult  
Fridays, 10:30-11:00am  
January 10-February 28 (not 2/21)  
**No registration.**

### Lego Club



Ages: 4-10 years old  
Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm  
December 11 & 18, January 15 & 29, February 12  
**No registration.** Bring a friend.

## After School Events

### Winter Vegetable Root Boxes

Ages: K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades  
Wednesday, January 22, 4:00-5:00pm  
Watch your winter vegetables take root and grow through the cold season. Replant them in your spring garden for a bountiful season.  
**Registration begins Monday, January 6** at 9:30am.

### Valentines for Veterans

Ages: Kindergarten and up. Adults welcome too.  
Monday, January 27, 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 for children begins Tuesday, January 21** at 9:30am.



### Clay Masks with Miss Annadora

Ages: K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades  
Thursdays, February 6 & 13, 4:00-5:00pm  
Join us to make a mask of clay. We'll fire it and when you return, you can decorate it.  
**Registration begins Monday, February 3** at 9:30am.

### Maple Sugaring

Ages: K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades  
Wednesday, February 26, 3:45-5:00pm  
Learn about the history of maple sugaring, the different syrups, how the Native Americans and Colonials did it. We'll even go outside and tap a tree!  
**Registration begins Monday, February 10** at 9:30am.



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# Children's Activities

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## Book Clubs



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

Ages: boys in grades 3-5

Fridays, 4:00-4:45pm

January 17, February 7, March 21, April 25, May 16

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 6 at 9:30am.**

### Book Café for Girls with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: girls in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades

Friday, January 10, 3:30-4:30pm

It's time to get organized for the coming months. Share titles for future discussions.

**Registration begins Monday January 6 at 9:30am.**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: girls in 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Friday, February 7, 3:30-4:30pm

Book: TBA

**Registration begins Monday, January 6 at 9:30am.**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: girls in 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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

Book: TBA

**Registration begins Monday, January 6 at 9:30am.**

# Teen Zone

## Teen Library Council Meeting

Ages: 12-18

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

January 8, February 5, March 5

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.

## Teen Babysitting Workshop



Ages: 12-18

Saturday, January 11, 11:00am-3:00pm

Learn tips, tricks and techniques to becoming a better child care provider for your family, friends and neighbors. Attendees should bring a notebook, pen, lunch and snack for this program. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the workshop.

**Registration is required.**

# Teen Zone

## Tuesday Teen Book Club

Ages: 11-18

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

December 10, January 14, February 11

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.**

## Otaku Club

Ages: 14-25

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm



December 20, January 24, February 21

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.

## Study Space @ Your Library!

Monday, January 27 through Wednesday, January 29

3:00-8:30pm

The Library Community Room will be available to all Pearl River students who need a quiet place to study for final exams. Food and phones will also be allowed, quietly.



## SAT Practice Test

Grades 10 & 11

Saturday, February 22, 10:00am-2:00pm

The Kaplan Test Prep group will be here to offer an official SAT practice test to 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Kaplan will follow up via email with attendees to provide test results and highlight areas where the student needs work. This practice test and follow-up evaluation is provided free from Kaplan Test Prep Services.

**Registration is required.**

## Catching Fire Laser Tag

Ages 11-15

Friday, February 28, 4:30-7:30pm

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.



**Registration is required.**

*To register for teen programs, please stop in  
or call 845-735-4084, x115.*

## Friday Film Festival All Films Start at 2:00pm

**Friday, December 6 Kings Row**  
(1942) Ronald Reagan, Ann Sheridan, Robert Cummings, Charles Coburn, Claude Rains, and Maria Ouspenskaya

**Friday, December 13 Knute Rockne, All American**  
(1940) Pat O'Brien, Gale Page, Ronald Reagan and Donald Crisp

**Friday, December 20 Storm Warning**  
(1951) Ginger Rogers, Ronald Reagan, Doris Day, Steve Cochran

**Friday, December 27 Vengeance Valley**  
(1951) Burt Lancaster, Joanne Dru and Robert Walker

**Friday, January 3 Moonstruck**  
(1987) Cher, Nicholas Cage, and Olympia Dukakis

**Friday, January 10 The Adventures of Robin Hood**  
(1938) Errol Flynn, Olivia De Havilland, Basil Rathbone and Claude Rains

**Friday, January 17 The Sea Wolves**  
(1980) Gregory Peck, David Niven, and Roger Moore

**Friday, January 24 In Cold Blood**  
(1967) Robert Blake, Scott Wilson and John Forsythe

**Friday, January 31 The Rains Came**  
(1939) Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent

**Friday, February 7 The Green Berets**  
(1968) John Wayne, David Janssen, Aldo Ray and Jim Hutton

**Friday, February 14 The Treasure of Sierra Madre**  
(1948) Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston, Tim Holt, Bruce Bennett, and Alfonso Bedoya

**Friday, February 21 A Fish Called Wanda**  
(1988) John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline and Michael Palin

**Friday, February 28 Rio Grande**  
(1950) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Ben Johnson, Claude Jarman, Jr. and Harry Carey Jr.

### Third Tuesday Theater

New releases shown every third Tuesday at 2:00 pm  
**Tuesday, December 17 Kon-Tiki**  
(2012) Pal Sverre Hagen and Anders Baasmo Christiansen

**Tuesday, January 21 Mud**  
(2012) Mathew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Tye Sheridan and Sam Shepard

**Tuesday, February, 18 On the Road**  
(2012) Garrett Hedlund, Sam Riley, Kristen Stewart

### 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](http://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.



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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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### 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.

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### 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

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### Join Our E-Mail List

Would you like to receive the Newsletter and PRPL announcements by e-mail? See the "Join our email list" option on our webpage and register your email address.

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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. Beginning February 7 (through April 11), 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!

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## The Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

- December:** READ posters from our 50th Anniversary Celebration –by photographer John Aiello
- January:** Abstracts by Gary Falkenstern  
Artist's Reception January 5, 2:00-4:00pm
- February:** Watercolors and Abstracts  
by Franklin Castro
- Quilts:** Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades

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### Art Exhibits at the Library

After nearly five decades of service, PRPL art exhibits coordinator **Martha Murdock** has retired. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the Library and for her commitment to bringing the visual arts to our building for all in the community to experience and enjoy. Librarian John Aiello will be assuming those duties.

### Arts Advisory Committee Members Needed

The Library has a long-standing Arts Advisory Committee, which is a group of volunteers who meet to review the artwork of local artists who wish to have their artwork displayed in the Library's gallery. PRPL district residents interested in serving on this committee are invited to submit a letter describing their background and involvement in the visual arts to PRPL Board of Trustees, either by hardcopy or by email to [prplboardclerk@rcls.org](mailto:prplboardclerk@rcls.org) by January 15, 2014.

### 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.

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### Thanks for Being a Part of PRPL's Future!

The Library's strategic planning committee would like to thank everyone who responded to our Library Community Survey which ran through November 15th. A total of 413 surveys were completed. A report will be available in the spring.

At the November 25th Board of Trustees meeting a random drawing was held and the survey respondents were awarded the following prizes: **Nook e-reader:** Kevin Stengle; **Fine Forgiveness Coupons:** Karen Blow, Brian Bednar, Rebecca Boecker, Lorraine Buono, JoAnn Chirico, Mary Dolan, June Iamundo, Connie Kopperman, Margaret Loss, Margaret McGinley; **and PRPL tote bags:** Nan Angerman, Allyn Flaherty, Theresa Florentino, Dorothy Garabrant, Margaret McKee, Pat Reilly, Joan Reynolds, Linda Ridder, Diane Rockstroh, and Fabienne Ryan.

We are very appreciative of those who took the time to "Be a Part of the Future of their Library!"

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## Websites to Try



### New Database to Try:

### *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*

Students have used printed books from the *Opposing Viewpoints* series for years here at the library, and now they will have online access both at the library and at home. Here's how the publisher enthusiastically describes this resource:

"*Opposing Viewpoints in Context* is the premier online resource covering today's hottest social issues, from Offshore Drilling to Climate Change, Health Care to Immigration. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* helps students research, analyze and organize a broad variety of data for conducting research, completing writing assignments, preparing for debates, creating presentations and more.

In addition to the engaging, streamlined interface and media-rich topic pages, the product's unprecedented collection of content and curriculum-focused tools that help students explore issues from all perspectives include:

- Pro/con viewpoint essays
- Topic overviews
- More than 300 primary source documents
- Biographies of social activists and reformers
- Court-case overviews
- Periodical articles
- Statistical tables, charts and graphs
- Images and a link to Google Image Search

*Opposing Viewpoints in Context* contains more than 700 Greenhaven Press, Gale, Macmillan Reference USA, Charles Scribner's Sons and U·X·L titles. New reference content is added on an ongoing basis, and new full-text periodical and newspaper articles are added every day."

To explore this new database, click on the link to our Databases A-Z page on our website (Online Resources – Databases) or on our catalog page. Then find *Opposing Viewpoints* listed alphabetically or simply click on the Students tab to find a shorter list from which to choose.

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### Zinio Electronic Magazines Available

Our new "Zinio" service 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.



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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**

*Christmas Eve:* Tuesday, December 24  
*Christmas Day:* Wednesday, December 25  
*New Year's Eve:* Tuesday, December 31  
*New Year's Day:* Wednesday, January 1  
*Presidents' Day:* Monday, February 17

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# Friends

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*Felice Evans Morris, President*

**Thank you to all the Friends of the Library who recently renewed their memberships for 2014.** It's never too late to join the Friends! 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.

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

- Dec. 19: *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton
- Jan. 16: *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser
- Feb. 20: *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad

# Did You Know?

*James V. Cassetta, MLS*

When the original wooden structure that was Saint Margaret of Antioch Church burned to its foundation in the fall of 1929, the Church Council wanted to build a new church at 80 Franklin Ave., our current home. This lot was owned by Ethel "Ma" Bates. The ground was tested to determine the depth of the water table. These tests turned out to show that a foundation with a basement could not be dug on this property without flooding. The church council therefore chose to stay on the original site which had been purchased from James Serven in 1900.



## Friends of the Pearl River Public Library – 2014 Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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