

# Newsletter

## Pearl River Public Library

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Editor: Pamela D. Gunning, MLS



*"Your Door to the World"*

### Adult Activities

#### *Chair Yoga for Seniors*

**Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 1:30pm**

Learn to exercise without the floor. No registration.

#### *A Matter of Balance*

**Fridays, Sept. 25 – Nov. 13**

**10am-12noon**



Are you afraid of falling? Do you limit your activities because of it? When you limit yourself, you actually increase your risk of falling. In **A Matter of Balance Workshop**, you will find out practical ways to reduce fear and become more active. This is a free 8-week workshop. Call Rockland County Health Dept. to register at 364-2501.

#### *The Frost Kings*

**Sunday, September 13**


**3:00pm**

Blistering roadhouse blues will be played till the roof falls in when "Big" Al Krottoff lets loose with the band.

#### *Jane Stuart Quartet*

**Sunday, September 20**

**3:00pm**

In their first concert here at Pearl River, the Jane Stuart Trio will present "**100 years of American Music**," ranging from Irving Berlin to Norah Jones. Jane's sultry voice compliments her jazz back up musicians. 

#### *The Borscht Belt*

**Sunday, September 27**

**3:00pm**

Marty Schneit of Marty's New York Tours will present the history of the golden age of Catskill comedy and vacationing in a multimedia program.

#### *Blues Funky and Soulful*

**Sunday, October 4**

**3:00pm**

Daniel J and Mark Naftalin are in concert here! Local blues musicians Mark and Daniel J will play blues funky and soulful for your listening enjoyment.

*Adult Activities are continued on page 5.*

We are open 24/7/365.  
[www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org)

### From the Director's Desk

As we enter a new year at the library I would like to tell you about some of the new activities we are anticipating.

On September 21, we are offering *a workshop to college bound students and their parents on how to search for grants and scholarships* that can be used to help offset the high cost of a college education. This will be a hands-on workshop. Participants are expected to bring their own laptops. For those who do not have a laptop we can supply a limited number of Chromebooks. This workshop will be a first for us. And if it is well received we will repeat it at a later date. Please sign up at or call the Adult Reference Desk at 845-735-4084, x115.

Sometime in the near future the library will host a "*Scan Your Photos Sunday*". We recently acquired a high end photo scanner that can automatically feed, rotate and crop various size photos. These photos can scan to a thumb drive, an e-mail account or the cloud. Initially, library staff will help with the scanning process. Once patrons are comfortable using the scanner they will be able to scan photos and documents on their own. There will not be a charge for this service. As we get closer to "Scan Your Photos Sunday" we will let you know. Watch our website for the date.

*The Board of Trustees recently applied for grants to upgrade the HVAC, lighting, the Community Room and the carpeting.* Once we hear more about them we will let the community know.

### Pearl River Day

October 10<sup>th</sup> is Pearl River Day. The library will have a booth set up. Bring your library card to our booth and receive a free gift.



# Children's Activities

## Toddlers/Preschoolers

### Stories, Songs & Silliness with Miss Sarah

Mondays, September 21-November 23, 11:00-11:30am

Ages: not yet 2 years old with an adult

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.*

### Baby Signs® with Miss Fran

Thursdays, October 1-29, 10:30-11:00am

Ages: 6 to 36 months old with caregiver



Join us for a unique hands-on class where you and your baby/toddler will learn signs so that they can communicate before they can talk! This interactive fun class features music with guitar, songs, puppets, instruments, movement, sign language and laughter. Class size is limited.

*Register starting Monday, September 21 at 9:30am*

### Story Time for 2s & 3s with Miss Sarah

Wednesdays, September 30-October 28

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

Ages: 2 and 3 years old with an adult

This story time is Toddler Sized with stories, songs, rhymes and bean bags.

*Register starting Monday, September 21 at 9:30am*

### Story Time for 4s & 5s with Miss Annadora

Tuesdays, September 22-November 17

(No stories 10/27 & 11/3)

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

Ages: 4 and 5 years old

This story time with Miss Annadora is lots of fun! We share stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays and laughter.

*Register starting Wednesday, September 16 at 9:30am*

### Drop In Story Time with Mrs. Amabile

Fridays, September 18-November 20, 10:30-11:00am

Ages: 3-5 years old. Adults welcome.

Stop in for stories, songs and fun.

*No registration.*

*When registration is required,  
Pearl River School District residents get priority.  
Non-residents may sign up on the Waiting List  
and will be added if space allows.*

*Age restrictions are set for each program  
to ensure it will run smoothly.  
Please do not ask us to make exceptions.*

# Children's Activities

## Concerts

*No registration for these concerts.*

### Sukey Molloy and Friends

Thursday, September 17, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 1-5 years old with an adult

### Song Time with Delores JiJi

Tuesday, October 27, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 1-5 years old with an adult



### Jeffrey Friedberg & the Bossy Frog Band

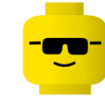
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Ages: 1-5 years old with an adult

## After School Activities

### Lego Club

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm



September 8 & 22, October 13 & 27

November 10 & 24, December 8 & 22

Ages: 4-10 years old. Absolutely none younger please.

Be creative with our Lego collection.

*No registration.*

### Makerspace

Thursday, September 24, 3:00-5:00pm

Ages: all ages

We're cleaning out the craft closet – and you're in luck! Find paper, buttons, googly eyes and more, fold Origami, cut or glue to make whatever you like. Find your inner artist.

*Register starting Wednesday, September 16 at 9:30am*

### Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, October 1-29, 4:00-4:45pm

Ages: Kindergarten – grade 2



Miss Sue is back – school age kids this time!

This fun creative approach to yoga uses games, music and props. Learn poses that increase strength, flexibility, coordination and balance.

*Register starting Monday, September 21 at 9:30am*

### Horrorgami

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00-8:00pm

Ages: grades 3-6

Be here for an origami Halloween:

Horrorgami! Fold a flapping bat or Dracula or even claws for your fingers! Class size is limited.

*Register starting Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30*



# Children's Activities



# Book Clubs



## Halloween

Thursday, October 29, 4:00-5:00pm  
Ages: Kindergarten-grade 3



Come celebrate Halloween with our local treasure: Washington Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Stories, crafts, tricks and treats! Costumes welcome.

*Register starting Monday, October 19 at 9:30am*

## Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 19, 4:00-5:00pm  
Ages: Kindergarten-grade 3



Whatever happened to the lost colony of Roanoke? You're invited to a Thanksgiving event about an unsolved history-mystery. Stories. Crafts! Feast!

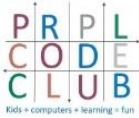
**Please bring a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry.**

*Register starting Monday, November 9 at 9:30am*

## PRPL Code Club

### PRPL Code Club 1: Basics

Fridays, 3:45-4:45pm  
September 18, October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20  
Ages: grades 3-6



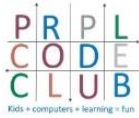
We're teaching kids the language of the future in this fun club for 3rd-6th grades. Using Code.org, Google Chromebooks, Angry Birds and a little imagination, kids

will get familiar with the building blocks of writing code in JavaScript.

*Register starting Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30am in the Children's Room.*

### PRPL Code Club 2: Coding Projects

Fridays, 3:45-4:45  
Sept. 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 4  
Ages: grades 3-6



Picking up where our popular summer classes left off, in PRPL Code Club 2 we'll continue learning JavaScript by playing Code Combat and other tech games. We'll also work on individual coding projects. For kids who have already taken Code Club 1.

*Register starting Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30am in the Children's Room.*

*See Page 4 for other computer classes at PRPL.*



## Books & Bites – Grades 3&4 with Mrs. Amabile

Friday, October 23, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders

Come hear about some great new reads – and some enduring classics too. Books, games and snacks too. Bring your library card!

*Register starting Monday, October 5 at 9:30am*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Friday, November 20, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders

Title: TBA. Check our website or ask us.

*Register starting at the October 23 Books & Bites meeting.*

## Books & Bites – Grades 5&6 with Mrs. Gunning

Friday, October 16, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Come hear about some great new reads – and some enduring classics too. Books, games and snacks too. Bring your library card!

*Register starting Monday, October 5 at 9:30am*

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club with Mrs. Gunning

Friday, November 13, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders

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## Soar Into Reading!

Our summer reading program, *Soar into Reading*, was a huge hit. 359 children registered, reading 2592 books. Attendance numbers were also good. The total for the summer was 1339. We had 53 different children's activities, led by staff and others.



We couldn't have done any of it without our legion of dedicated teen volunteers! All 38 earned volunteer time helping with crafts, games, reading club, technology and more. A HUGE thank you to each of them!

We already know what theme will be next summer: **On Your Mark. Get Set. Read!** A perfect match, with the Summer Olympics happening in Rio de Janeiro!

# Teen Zone

## Teen Library Council Meetings

Ages: grades 6-12

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

September 16, October 28, November 18

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](mailto:pgunning@rcls.org). *No registration.*



## Teen Writing Workshop \*

Ages: grades 8-12

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm

September 9, October 14, November 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.



## Anime Club



Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

October 2, November 6, December 4

Get together with other teens who love all things Japanese! See Anime videos, play Japanese games.

*No registration.*

## Teen Book Club \*

Ages: Grades 7-12

Monday, October 26, 4:00-5:00pm

Teens are welcome to come and chat about what they've been reading. Hear about some new titles. Make some choices about books for the next few meetings. No reading is required for this meeting.

## Laser Tag \*

Ages: grades 6-12

Friday, November 13, 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. A movie, board games, 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.*

# Computer Learning @ PRPL

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## Teen Tech Tutors\*

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

September 21, October 5 & 19, November 2, 16 & 30

If you've got a smartphone that's outsmarting you, or any other device that's dumbfounding you, our teen tech tutors can fix that. Come by the library to get smart about your tech.

## What is a Chromebook exactly? And what does Google Drive have to do with it?\*

Wednesday, October 14 *or* 28, 7:00-8:00pm

Your kids may already know the answers to these questions. But if they've been too busy to get you up to speed, come to this one-hour workshop for an overview of the kind of computing your kids (and you?) will be doing in the future.

## De-Bug Your Device:

## Virus Removal & Prevention Workshop\*

Monday, October 5 & 19, 7:00-8:30pm

This 2-session workshop led by Tech Consultant Raymond B. Fagan, Ph.D., starts by defining some key terms, then walks you through a virus search and destroy mission for laptops, tablets and smartphones. A PowerPoint and Q&A will make the procedure clear.

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

# Adult Activities

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## *Beaded Jewelry*

**Wednesday, October 7**

**7:00-9:00pm**

Marianne Olbermann of the store **Bead Mosaic** will be teaching a one night class to create a piece of beaded jewelry using a kit and tools that will be provided. Registration is required. Please no walk-ins will be allowed to participate!



## *Chopin in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Paris*

**Sunday, October 11**

**3:00pm**

The piano virtuosos the Karkowska Sisters will educate you about classical music, and perform the music of Chopin on our Kawai baby grand piano. A must see performance!

## *The Music Makers on the Road*

**Sunday, October 18**

**3:00pm**

The Music Makers present their latest musical road show.

## *Hotter Than a Pepper Sprout*

**Sunday, October 25**

**3:00pm**

The band **Nina Etc.** will play the songs of country artists like the Carter Family and Johnny Cash. Don't miss this celebration of American music.

## *The Home Grown String Band*

**Sunday, November 1**

**3:00pm**

Georgiana, Rick, and the Girls will be playing pop songs that speak the sounds of blue grass music.

## *Piano and Oboe in Concert*

**Sunday, November 8**

**3:00pm**

Fred Katzenburg on oboe and pianist Gary Klein will play chamber music written for these two instruments.

## *American Safety Institute Drivers Course*

**Thursday, November 12**

**9:30am-4pm**

This 6-hour, one day course is taught by Art Aldrich. Both new and old drivers can benefit from the reductions received in insurance premiums. Registration is required in person, no phone registration. A fee of \$30 dollars must be paid in person at registration. No exceptions! Please make checks out to Art Aldrich.



## *The Mountain Oysters*

**Sunday, November 15**

**3:00pm**

Bluegrass and country music with a twist! Come hear Wild Bill Jones and his Oysters play for you. Follow them on Facebook too.



# Friday Films

*All films will be shown at 2pm  
in the Pearl River Room.*

**September 4 The Philadelphia Story (1940)**

Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn

**September 11 The Defiant Ones (1958)**

Sidney Poitier and Tony Curtis

**September 18 King Solomon's Mines (1950)**

Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr

**September 25 The Pink Panther (1963)**

Peter Sellers and David Niven

**October 2 Wuthering Heights (1939)**

Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon

**October 9 A Summer Place (1959)**

Sandra Dee and Troy Donahue

**October 16 Breakheart Pass (1975)**

Charles Bronson, Richard Crenna, Jill Ireland, Charles Durning, Ben Johnson

**October 23 A River Runs Through It (1992)**

Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt and Craig Sheffer

**October 30 Legends of the Fall (1994)**

Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, and Aidan Quinn

**November 6 The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell (1955)**

Gary Cooper, Elizabeth Montgomery, Ralph Bellamy and Charles Bickford

**November 13 Tucker: The Man and His Dream (1988)**

Jeff Bridges, Joan Allen, Frederic Forrest, Mako, Dean Stockwell and Martin Landau

**November 20 Across the Pacific (1942)**

Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, and Sydney Greenstreet

**November 27 Grand Hotel (1932)**

Greta Garbo, Wallace Beery, John Barrymore, Joan Crawford, and Lionel Barrymore

*Come early for a good seat –  
and popcorn!*



# Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

Mrs. William A. Serven (born: Lu Lu Alma Edsall), the daughter-in-law of general store proprietor James A. Serven, was the Chairwoman of the Rockland County Suffrage Movement in 1917. Her slogan, "Ballots for Both," was influential in getting New York State and Rockland County to approve voting rights for women. Her husband was a merchant in the family business and the Assemblyman for Rockland County, elected in 1915. The suffrage movement in Pearl River came out of the Christian Women's Temperance movement, which was headed in town by Mary Ellen Hall Dexter, the wife of inventor and industrialist Talbot C. Dexter. Mrs. Serven made canvassing tours around Rockland County in a Model T Ford provided by suffrage movement's H.Q. in New City. She was also a member of the Pearl River Ladies Fire Company – Women's Auxiliary, and the WPU: Women's Political Union.



The property which is currently under construction on Veterans Memorial Highway and Blue Hill Road South was once the farm of John Perry, one of the first settlers in that area, 1728-1773. He built the sandstone home in the design particular to the Hackensack River Valley in 1728.

This area featured in the Tory and Patriot battles during the Revolutionary War. The farm was later known as the Holdrum farm. Holdrum's daughter Hester married George Springsteen, the Pearl River carpenter who built most of the wooden buildings on Main Street in 1895 at the behest of Talbot C. Dexter, of folding machine company fame. Sometime in the 1950's, a Mr. Seth purchased the property and collected antiques in the barn.



I am happy to say that the building concern which is now developing this plot is keeping the old sandstone house to serve as a clubhouse for the townhouse community being built there. A rare win-win, yet hard-fought victory, for both the developer and local history preservationists.

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*Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind. – Rudyard Kipling*

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## End of an Era:

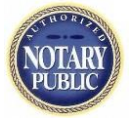
### Goodbye Videocassettes!

The time has come. We are phasing out our VHS movies. If you've still got a trusty VCR at home, check out our VHS discards being added every week to our book sale. Just 25 cents each!

And keep watch at the library as we gradually add some Blu-Rays to our video collection. Our very first is *Walt Disney Animation Studios Short Films Collection (2015)* which includes "Tangled Ever After" and "Frozen Fever" with characters from the Disney films *Tangled* and *Frozen*. These are also in our standard DVD collection.

### Notary Public

Notary services are available to the public free of charge. The Library has three Notaries on staff who are generally available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. In addition, a Notary may be available certain evening and weekend hours. Please call ahead to check for Notary availability at 735-4084.



### 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.

### Knit and Crochet Class

The Library's Knit & Crochet program meets every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Participants of all experience are welcome – Arlene Bernhardt is available to teach you the basics or to help you with a more advanced project. Many in the group work on items that are donated to local charitable organizations.



### Museum Passes

We have several local and NYC museum passes for our patrons' use. Included are:

- The Children's Museum of Manhattan
- Guggenheim Museum
- Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum
- Museum of the City of New York
- The New York City Fire Museum
- New York Historical Society
- Storm King Art Center

Go to our website and click on the Museum Passes link for all the details on closed days, admissions, etc.

# Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

## On Our Walls

### September William O'Connor

Master illustrator William O'Connor brings the fantastical to life in a show featuring works from a recently published update of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. With over 5000 published illustrations to his credit and a CV that includes work for Lucas Films, this Pearl River Resident is clearly a world-class artist. There will be a gallery talk with the artist on Sunday, September 27 at 1:30pm.

### October Orangetown Historical Museum

On loan from the Orangetown Historical Museum & Archive, our October display features 19<sup>th</sup> century photographs and ephemera from the collection of notable Pearl River resident, George W. Springsteen. A local history talk by Jim Cassetta will tell the stories behind the photographs: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

### November PRHS Art Teachers

Pearl River High School art teachers will present a group show of their own work. The professors' art will include paintings, drawings, sculptures and multi-media pieces.

## In Our Display Cases:

### September World War II

Our popular display marking the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII stays up through September, featuring photographs, periodicals, objects and nonfiction and fiction works on the subject.

### October The Victorian Era

Enhancing this month's art show, we will present a collection of George Springsteen's Victorian era photographs and ephemera, gathered from the archives of PRPL and the Orangetown Historical Museum. A local history talk by Jim Cassetta will tell the stories behind the photographs: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

### November 3-D Creations

As part of our November art show, our display case will be filled with sculpture, pottery and other 3-D creations by the talented art pros of Pearl River High School.



## Websites To Try



## Zinio Digital Magazines



50 digital magazines free to our patrons. Just click on the Zinio icon on our homepage to see what we have to offer. All you need to create a free library account is your PRPL card and an email address. Click on "Create New Account" and follow the directions, and soon you can be streaming or downloading current magazines as well as back issues from November 2013 on. Read magazines using your personal computer browser or download to your mobile device.

Apps are available for iPad, iPhone, Android, and Kindle HD/HDX.

**NOTE:** You do NOT need a *personal* Zinio.com account to access the library's magazine collection—only to actually *purchase* digital magazines. If you do



have a personal Zinio.com account, you can still link it to a library account to access our free collection—just use the same email address.

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**Library Hours as of September 8:**

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

**Holiday Closings:**

*Labor Day:* Monday, September 7  
*Thanksgiving Eve:* Wed., Nov. 25 (close at 5pm)  
*Thanksgiving Day:* Thurs., Nov. 26

**Board of Trustees**

Elizabeth Van Wynen, Ed.D., RN, *President*  
Marie Manning, *Vice President*  
Eric Sharrin  
Donna Warren

*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*

The Friends' Steering Committee will be meeting on Mondays, October 5 and November 2 at 9:30 in the Pearl River Room. New members are always welcome to help plan the coming year.

**Friends' Book Discussion Group**

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

- September 17: ***The Book Thief***  
by Marcus Zusak  
October 15: ***The Fall of the House of Usher***  
by Edgar Allen Poe  
November 19: ***Olive Kitteridge***  
by Elizabeth Strout

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



*Jim Cassetta's column, Did You Know?  
can be found on Page 6.*