

Newsletter

Pearl River Public Library

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"Your Door to the World"

Adult Activities

Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 **1:30-2:30pm**
Chair Yoga
Certified Yoga teacher Eileen Carey will conduct classes for those who cannot exercise on the floor.

Sunday, September 11 **3:00pm**
Marimba and Piano Concert
Greg Giannascoli will play everything from Bach to Gershwin on the marimba, accompanied on piano.

Sunday, September 18 **3:00pm**
Anna Veleva in Concert
Anna will dazzle you with a soprano voice of an angel, singing classical Bulgarian and Russian songs.

Monday, September 19 **7:00pm**
The Bronx: The Way It Was
Steve Samtur, editor and publisher of *Back In THE BRONX* magazine and author of four books on The Bronx, will bring his special PowerPoint presentation about The Bronx in the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. Free copy of *Back In THE BRONX* magazine for all attendees.

Fridays, Sept. 16 - Nov. 4 **10:15am-12:30pm**
A Matter of Balance
This is a free program designed to reduce fear of falling and raise activity levels among older adults. Students learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable and to set realistic goals for increasing activity. They also find ways to change the environment to reduce fall risk factors and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance. To register call: 845-364-2500.

Sunday, October 9 **3:00 pm**
Daniel J and Mark Naftalin in Concert
Daniel and Mark will perform a variety of music, "blues, soulful and funky," on piano and guitar.

Sunday, October 16 **3:00pm**
Jane Stuart Trio
The Jane Stuart Trio presents a Billie Holiday Tribute.

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From the Director's Desk

First of all, I would like to **thank our library patrons who supported our budget for this upcoming year.** Without your support and the great staff we are lucky to have working for us, we would not be able to accomplish all the things we hope to do this year.

For starters, **we are expanding our Friday evening hours. Starting September 9, the hours will be 10:00am to 7:00pm.** Depending on how this works out, other hours of operation may be expanded further.

Have you walked by the library lately and noticed **the new rock wall** around the garden? If you haven't, come by and take a look. While you're there, come into the library and see the new and exciting things taking place.

By now, most of you have seen **our new Learning Lab behind the Teen Zone** at the rear of the library. A lot is happening there – everything from Digital Photography Classes, Math Club, Chess Club to Teen Tech Tutors – and much in between. I'm partial to Teen Tech Tutors. It's great to see young men and women explaining how to use devices they grew up with to adults being exposed to them for the first time.

Another program **in the works is a genealogy workshop.** More information on this will be forthcoming.

If you have **any suggestions for a program or service you would like to see at the library,** let us know. Just tell someone at the Circulation Desk, the Reference Desk or the Children's Desk. The person you tell will write it down and pass it on to me for review.

Remember it's your library and we want to give you what you want!

Jim Farrell, Director

Children's Activities

Concerts

No registration! Just come!

Songtime with Delores JiJi

Wednesday, October 5, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 2-5 years old with an adult

Jeffrey Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Thursday, November 10, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 2-5 years old with an adult

Stories, Songs & Silliness with Miss Sarah

Ages: not yet 2 years old, with an adult

Mondays, 11:00-11:30am, September 19-November 21

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

Ages: 6 to 36 months old, with caregiver

Fridays, 10:30-11:00am, September 9-30

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 Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30am

Story Time for 2s & 3s with Miss Sarah

Ages: 2 and 3 years old with an adult

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am, September 15-October 6

This story time is toddler sized with stories, songs, rhymes and bean bags.

Register starting Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30am

Stories and a Craft with Miss Annadora

Ages: 4 and 5 years old

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

September 20-November 15 (No stories 10/4 & 11/8)

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

Register starting Monday, September 12 at 9:30am

Preschool Story Time with Mrs. Gunning

Ages: 3-5 years old. Adults welcome.

Fridays, 10:30-11:00am

October 7-November 18 (Closed November 11)

Stop in for stories, songs and fun.

No registration.



Children's Activities

Toddler Yoga with Miss Sue

Ages: Walkers under 3 with an adult

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15am, October 13 – November 3

Miss Sue comes back with her fun, easy introduction to yoga for both of you.

Sign up starting Wednesday, October 5 at 9:30am

Preschool Yoga with Miss Sue

Ages: 3-5 years old

Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am, October 13 – November 3

Miss Sue returns with her popular intro to yoga.

Sign up starting Wednesday, October 5 at 9:30am

Pajama Stories with Miss Sarah

Ages: 3-5 years old, families welcome

Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30pm, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

Children can wear their pj's & bring a stuffed animal.

No registration.

Lego Club

Ages: 4-10 years old

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30pm

September 27, October 11 & 25, November 22

Be creative with our Lego collection!

No sign up required. Just come!

What Ever Happens to Pumpkin Jack?

Ages: Kindergarten-Grade 4

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30pm, September 28

This S.T.E.A.M.-oriented program introduces children to sound vermiculture practices and the Red Wigglers who can help Pumpkin Jack continue his healthy life cycle. This is presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County.

Register starting Monday, September 19 at 9:30am

Halloween

Ages: Kindergarten-Grade 3

Thursday, October 27, 4:30-5:30pm

Come hear our Teens read (not so) scary stories. Tales, crafts, treats and Halloween fun!

Register starting Monday, October 17 at 9:30am

Thanksgiving

Ages: Kindergarten-Grade 3

Thursday, November 17, 4:30-5:30pm

Give thanks with the Peanuts gang. Watch *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, color a character, enjoy a snack.

Price of admission: a pair for mittens for our Holiday Mitten Tree!

Register starting Monday, November 7 at 9:30am

The Children's Department sends a HUGE **Thank You to the Friends of the Library for supporting us** with the purchase of the blue drawstring bags for our reading club members. *Thank you!*

Children's Activities

Book Clubs with Mrs. Gunning

3rd & 4th Grade Book Club

Fridays, 4:00-4:45pm

September 23: *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*

by Beverly Cleary

October 21: *Babe, The Gallant Pig* by Dick King-Smith

November 18: *The Show Must Go On!* By Kate Klise

5th & 6th Grade Girls Book Club

Fridays, 4:00-4:45pm

Sept. 9: *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George

October 7: *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi

November 4: *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman





Learning Lab Kids – Grades 3-6

Register at the Children's Desk
or online at the library website.

Code Club—Beginners-Intermediate

Tuesdays, 4:15-5:00pm, Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 11 & 18

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

Code Club – Intermediate-Advanced

Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00pm, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 15, 22 & 29

Intermediate and advanced Code Club kids will work on designing their own websites using the HTML, CSS and JavaScript they have already learned. Fun coding exercises will introduce new possibilities!

Learning Lab Teens/Tweens—Grades 6-12

Register at the Reference Desk
or online at the library website.

Intro to Website Design & Coding for Teens

Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00pm

September 13, 20, 27, October 11 & 18

Teens will learn the fundamentals of HTML and CSS - the languages of web design - then start building their own webpages. In-class exercises will develop coding skills to make pages eye-catching and interactive.

Math Club for Teens and Tweens

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm

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

At each session, STAC Math Professor Meghan DeWitt will introduce a cool new math concept, then teach teens

how to put it to use with an equally cool take-home project.

Chess and Games Club for Teens and Tweens

Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm,

September 14, 28, October 12, 26, & November 9

Come meet other chess and game enthusiasts to engage in some brain-building friendly competition and conversation.

YA Book Club – Grades 7-12

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

If you love to read (and love talking about it!) join PRPL's YA book club to have fun and talk about your favorite books and authors. Then in the summer, participate in Battle of the Books.

Teen Writing Workshop - Grades 8-12

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16

This workshop is a supportive place where you will meet other teen writers and, together, set your creative ideas in motion.

Teen Library Council – Grades 6-12

Thursdays, 5:00-6:00pm, Sept. 22, Oct. 20 & Nov. 17

Here's a chance for teens to meet over pizza and to brainstorm: What programs would you like to see? What clubs do you want at the library? Be heard! Also: find out about volunteer opportunities! To make sure there's a slice of pizza with your name on it, sign up!

Learning Lab – Adults

Register at the Reference Desk
or online at the library website.



Teen Tech Tutors

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

September 12, 26, October 17, 31, November 14, 28

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.

Digital Photography - Adults and Young Adults

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5 & 19

In this 5-session workshop we'll learn about natural lighting and flash, composition and focus. Taking cues from great photographers, we'll try our own shots and compile our best photos in an online gallery.

Intro to Google Drive for Adults

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2 (2 parts)

If you've got a Gmail account, you've got Google Drive. What does that mean? It means you've got access to 15G of free online storage and a suite of powerful apps - for work, school and fun - that can be accessed from any computer or online device at any time. Learn how to collaborate on projects, organize a photo collection or edit files on the go.

Adult Activities

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Thursday, October 20 7:00pm
History of Pearl River
Author and Local Historian Jim Cassetta presents a history of our town for those new to town and those who want to hear it again.

Sunday October 23 3:00pm
Meditation for a Healthy Lifestyle
Join Doctor Frank Pawlowski as he teaches you to relax through meditation.

Sunday, October 30 3:00pm
Basic Origami
Shirley Christie will instruct patrons how to make origami figures. Registration required.

Sunday, November 13 3:00pm
Doctor Dubious and the Agnostics
In their first appearance at PRPL, the Dr. and Company will play the traditional Jazz of the 1920's and 1930's.

Wednesday, November 16 7pm
Unbroken, A World War II Story of Survival and Forgiveness
Rick Feinberg will lecture on the life of Louis Zamperini, from his childhood to his triumph in World War II.

Sunday, November 20 3:00pm
The Christopher Dean Band
After a long hiatus, Christopher is back with a new group to play R&B music.

Please call the Adult Reference Desk with questions or to register at 845-735-4084, x115.



Yoga for Adults

Every Monday morning for an hour, adults gather in the Community Room for a Yoga class with Sharon Hanks. Wear some comfy clothes that allow you to move and stretch. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel. A small pillow is useful but not required. See you at 9:30!

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:

- September 20 *One Second After*
by William R. Forstchen
- October 18 *The Shadow Girls*
by Mankell Henning
- November 15 *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford



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

September 2 Random Harvest (1942)
Ronald Colman, Greer Garson and Philip Dorn

September 9 Of Mice and Men (1939)
Lon Chaney Jr., Burgess Meredith and Betty Field

September 16 Shadow of a Doubt (1943)
Teresa Wright, Joseph Cotten

September 23 Flags of Our Fathers (2006)
Ryan Phillippe, Barry Pepper and Joseph Cross

September 30 U-571 (2000)
Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton, and Harvey Keitel

October 7 Sergeant York (1941)
Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan and Joan Leslie

October 14 The Majestic (2001)
Jim Carrey, Martin Landau and Bob Balaban

October 21 The Longest Day (1962)
John Wayne, Robert Ryan and Richard Burton

October 28 The Wild Bunch (1969)
William Holden, Robert Ryan, and Ernest Borgnine

November 4 Captain Blood (1935)
Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland and Lionel Atwill

November 18 The Informer (1935)
Victor McLaglen, Heather Angel and Preston Foster

November 25 The Hunt for Red October (1990)
Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin and Scott Glenn

Popcorn will be served.

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.



Paula Bohovesky Gallery Exhibits

In Our Gallery

September Cheryl Baker

Combining her love of travel and photography, Cheryl's latest display shows us England and Scotland. Stop in for a lovely view of these countries.

October Deb Luna

Deb is an Artist in Residence at the Hudson River Museum, and has taught masks workshops at several school districts in Westchester County. At her art studio in Chestnut Ridge, she teaches ceramics, sculpture and fiber arts. Her work has been exhibited in galleries around the Tri-State area.

November PRSD Art Teachers

Pearl River School District Art Teachers will present a group show of their work. The professors' art will include paintings, drawings, sculptures and multi-mixed media pieces.

On Display

August/September Playbill Collection

For the past 45 years, Joe and Rosemary Amabile have collected Broadway Playbills. Come see this wonderful collection.

October April Saladino

A jewelry designer for the past 30 years, April is known in the industry for designing one of a kind beadwork. Her tiny vessels are not only beautiful but remarkable for the creative work and patience in which they are done. She also creates with clay, metal and woven felt.

November Photo Contest

Let's put *your* work on display! Show us the beauty of Pearl River with photos of places, people and things in black & white or color, taken here in our Hamlet of Pearl River. All photos will be displayed in our glass case. Submit your postcard size, 4"x 6" photo(s) mounted on a white matte board by October 17 with your name, email address, where taken and when. Come to the Reception on Sunday, November 6th, 1:30-3:30pm. Winners will be announced at reception.

Rules:

1. Must be taken this summer/fall and in Pearl River.
 2. Photos must be mounted on a white matte board.
 3. Photos must stay until December 9th.
- Photos can be picked up on December 12th.

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.



Websites to Try



TechBoomers

<https://techboomers.com/>

(Find the link on the RIGHT side of our home page.)



Techboomers.com, a free educational site that teaches older adults and other inexperienced Internet users about websites, provides three main services:

- ✓ Introduces users to trusted new websites and Internet-based applications through an easy-to-navigate directory and targeted emails based on their interests.
- ✓ Provides free video and article tutorials in a language suited to those who may not be the most tech-savvy. These tutorials teach the easiest and most efficient ways to use the websites, as well as how these websites can improve one's quality of life.
- ✓ Keeps its users informed of important news and information about their favorite products via on-site alerts and periodic email newsletters.

Auto Repair & Maintenance

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/home-garden/automobiles.html>

This site covers topics in a range of automotive areas: Basic Repair and Maintenance, The Electrical System, The Fuel System, Cooling & Heating, Brakes & Bearings, Caring for Your Tires, Transmission, Troubleshooting, Diesels & Hybrids, and Caring for the Car's Body. From the people who publish the "For Dummies" books.

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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.



We are open 24/7/365.

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Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm

Friday: 10:00am-7:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Holiday Closings:

Labor Day: Monday, September 5

Veterans' Day: Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 23 –
closing at 5:00pm

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 24

Board of Trustees

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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

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Felice Evans Morris, President

The Friends' Steering Committee will be meeting on Mondays, September 12, October 3 and November 7 at 9:30am in the Pearl River Room. New members are always welcome to help plan the coming year.

The Friends Book Discussion Club meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at 1:00pm. Selected discussion books are available at the Circulation Desk approximately one month before. Here is the list of books for Fall:

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| September 15 | <i>Final Payments</i>
Mary Gordon |
| October 20 | <i>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</i>
Kim Edwards |
| November 17 | <i>The Boys in the Boat</i>
Daniel Brown |

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Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

One of Pearl River's original land owners and businessmen, Charles Soule, a contemporary of Julius Braunsdorf, had a swimming hole named after him. Listed as a resident of Pearl River in the *1876 Atlas of Rockland County*, Charles Soule had speculated in land and owned a large parcel which was located along the Pascack Brook. In the 20's and 30's, children swam in a part of the brook they called Soule's Bath-House.

In Old Pearl River, September was a busy time as most children were helping their families bring in the harvest. Those who lived on the many farms in the 19th century attended classes later in the school year after harvest time, which could last until early November. Because of this fact, children frequently learned at their own pace and ability. There weren't any state education curriculum schedules as there are today. The graduating class of any given year sometimes had only one student!