

# Newsletter

## Pearl River Public Library

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“Your Door to the World”

### Adult Activities

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

#### **Reiki**

Reiki Master Susan Portillo will speak about the Asian art of healing called Reiki, which uses a technique commonly called palm healing or hands-on healing.

**Sunday, September 23 3:00 pm**

#### **Origami Recycled Newspaper Shopping Bag Workshop**

Local artist Yoko Komori Olson will teach how to create shopping bags from old newspapers allowing you to reuse the paper as an alternative to recycling them.

**Fridays, Oct. 5- Nov. 30 10:15am to 12:15 pm**

#### **A Matter of Balance**

This popular Rockland County Department of Health program returns this fall for eight sessions. This program is designed to help participants improve balance skills to avoid falls. The program is free, but registration is required. Please call Rockland County Department of Health at 845-364- 2501 to register.

**Sunday, September 30 3:00 pm**

#### **The Joel Zelnik Jazz Trio**

Well known jazz recording artist Joel Zelnik and his trio will play jazz numbers which he has performed for audiences from New York City to Japan.

**Sunday, October 7 3:00 pm**

#### **An Informative Talk: China in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

What does the awakening of this sleeping giant mean for the USA? Arthur Aldrich, editor, teacher, and radio commentator, will give a talk on China’s economic growth and geo-economic policies and how these policies affect us.

**Sunday, October 14 3:00 pm**

#### **The Frost Kings**

Join the Frost Kings for rollicking road house blues and jazz.

**Monday, November 5 7:00 pm**

#### **Women’s Self Defense**

Master Ray Portante of the East Coast martial arts dojo will show women how to defend themselves in any situation.

**Sunday, November 18 3:00 pm**

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

Burr’s high energy improvisational jazz show will mesmerize you.

For additional information, please call us at 845-735-4084, x115.

### Library Vote Results

The PRPL annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election was held on June 5, 2012. The budget vote passed with 443 voting YES and 125 voting NO. We thank the community for showing its continued support for the library, both at the budget vote and throughout the year.

New Library Board member Elizabeth A. Van Wynen was elected for a five-year term. She is assuming the position previously held by trustee Anne Brebbia who opted not to run after serving 5 terms. We thank Anne for her 25 years of dedicated service to the community.

### September is Library Card Sign Up Month

Library cards are available free of charge to all district residents. Adults need to show one photo ID and an additional official proof of current address. Children, in kindergarten and older, may get their own card when accompanied by a parent or guardian showing proof of residency.

Patrons must present their own valid cards to check out materials and to use the library’s internet computer workstations. Use your card to:

- Check out books - printed and audio
- Check out DVDs and music CDs
- Borrow e-books and download music through our website
- Search data bases, including Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest
- Read magazines and newspapers online, including Consumer Reports and the New York Times
- Learn and practice 28 different languages
- Use library computers to access the internet
- Register for children’s and teen programs

### Pearl River Day

**Saturday, October 6, 10am-5pm**

The Pearl River Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual “Pearl River Day” as a festive event to promote our downtown area by showcasing the local retail shops, restaurants, businesses and public services. PRPL Staff and volunteers will be there with fun activities to share information about library services. Visit [www.pearlriverny.org](http://www.pearlriverny.org) for more details.



**Fall is Here!**

# Children's Activities

## Concerts

### I Am Sleepy!

#### A Sleepy Time Concert with Sukey Molloy

Tuesday, October 9, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 2-6 years old with a grown-up

Children are invited to wear their pajamas.

**No registration.**

### Songtime with Delores Jiji

Monday, November 19, 10:30-11:15am

Ages: 2-6 years old with a grown up

**No registration.**



## Activities

### Stories, Songs & Silliness with Sarah Northshield

Mondays, October 1-29, 11:00-11:30am

Ages: under 2 years old with a grown-up

Stories, songs and creative movement for our youngest patrons

**No registration.**



### Toddler Rhyme Time with Julie Baxter

Wednesdays, October 3-24, 10:30-11:00am

Ages: 2 and 3 years old with a grown-up

Books, rhymes, songs and finger plays = FUN! This program teaches early literacy skills.

**Register:** Starting Monday, September 10, 10am.

### Puppets 'N' Stuff with Cheryl Brady

Wednesdays, October 3-24, 1:30-2:10pm

Ages: 2 and 3 years old with a grown-up

**Register:** Starting Monday, September 10, 10am.



### Toddler Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, October 25 – November 15

9:45-10:15am

Ages: Walkers under 3 years old with a grown-up

If your child attended this class in either January or April, you must go on the waiting list.

**Register:** Starting Monday, October 15, 10am.



### Preschool Yoga with Miss Sue

Thursdays, October 25 – November 15

10:30-11:15am

Ages: 3, 4 or 5 years old (not yet in kindergarten)

If your child attended this class in either January or April, you must go on the waiting list.

**Register:** Starting Monday, October 15, 10am.



### Big Kid Story Time with Miss Annadora

Tuesdays, September 25 – November 13

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

Ages: 4-6 years old (kindergarteners too)

**Register:** Starting Monday, September 10, 10am.

### Preschool Party with Miss Noël

Ages: 2-5 years old with a grown-up

Thursdays, 1:30-2:15pm

Celebrate some of our favorite characters.

**Thursday, September 20: Max and Ruby**

**Register:** Starting Monday, September 10, 10am.

**Thursday, October 11: Teddy Bear Sleepover**

**Register:** Starting Monday, October 1, 10am.

**Thursday, November 8: Charlie & Lola**

**Register:** Starting Monday, October 29, 10am.

### Prevent a Thirsty Planet

Wednesday, September 26, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** Starting Monday, September 10

Monday, November 12, 4:00-5:00pm

**Register:** Starting Monday, November 5



Ages: kindergarten – grade 3

Learn about our planet, its water supply and how to conserve it. Each session is different.

### Celebrate Back to School with Milk + Bookies

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

Ages: kindergarten – grade 3

Join us for cookie decorating and crafts.

Share your love of reading by donating a children's book.

**Register:** Starting Monday, September 10, 10am



### Be a Friend

Tuesday, October 9, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: kindergarten – grade 3

What is a friend? Learn how to be a good friend and keep bullying from starting.

**Register:** Starting Monday, October 1, 10am.

### Boo to You!

Thursday, October 25, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: kindergarten – grade 3

Scary stories, Halloween crafts and treats.

**Register:** Starting Monday, October 15, 10am.



### A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving/Mitten Tree Kick Off

Thursday, November 15, 4:00-5:00pm

Ages: kindergarten – grade 3

Please bring a new pair of mittens to be donated to People to People.

**Register:** Starting Monday, November 5, 10am.



### Lego Club

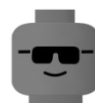
Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21,

December 5 & 19

Ages: 4-12 years old

**No registration.**



# Children's Activities

## Chess Fridays



Fridays, 3:45-4:45pm  
October 5, November 2, December 7  
Ages: grades 2-6  
**No registration.**

## Fun Fridays with Mrs. Amabile

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages: grades 4-6

### September 21: Books & Bites

Hear what others like to read and enjoy an afternoon snack.

**Register:** Starting Monday, September 10

### October 19: Scary Stories

Let's get ready for Halloween by sharing some terribly terrifying tales and a few terrific treats!

**Register:** Starting Monday, October 1

### November 16: Nifty Nutrition

Learn about healthy eating, play some foodie games and make a nutritious snack.

**Register:** Starting Monday November 5

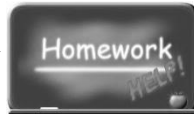
## Homework Help

Tuesdays, October 16-December 11, 5:00-7:00pm (not 11/6)

Ages: kindergarten – grade 5

Teen volunteers will be here to help your child finish those tough homework problems.

**No registration.** Just bring the homework!



## Fire Prevention Poster Contest Awards

Thursday, November 1, 7:00-8:45pm

All ages

The Pearl River Fire Commissioners will present awards to the winners of the annual fire prevention poster contest. Listen to a demonstration of the library's fire alarm system. Take a ride on a fire truck!

**No registration.**

## Summer Reading Was Dreamy!

Our young readers did *Dream Big: Read* this summer.

- 431 children registered
- 3411 books read
- 917 attended story time, crafts, concerts, movies and other fun activities

Over 60 teen volunteers questioned the readers, handed out stickers and assisted with crafts and story time. *We couldn't do it without our great volunteers! Thank you!*

## Our Teens Did "Own the Night"

The Teen Program for the 2012 summer was a great success! We had 41 teens sign up for the online summer reading program and 117 books were read over the course of the 7 week program. The book reviews are still posted online. Go to <https://ny.evanced.info/pearlriver/sr/homepage.asp> to check out what the teens read and reviewed. We also had 65 volunteers help out as reading buddies with the younger children, crafts, book discussions and events. In total those 65 teens helped to cover 238 volunteer time slots. *Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out this summer!*

# Teen Zone

## Battle of the Books Meeting

Wednesday, September 5, 4:00-5:00pm

This is the final meeting for the Battle of the Books team to prepare before participating in the Regional Battle on September 8.

## RCLS Regional Battle of the Books Championship

Saturday, September 8

1:00pm @ Pearl River Public Library

Pearl River Public library is very pleased to be hosting libraries from several

counties for this year's tournament. Team members have been gearing up all year to participate in this event and they will finally be able to test their knowledge against the other libraries in the area. Team members must arrive here at the library by 12:00pm. See Ms. Linder for any questions regarding this program. Even if you are not a battle participant, you are welcome!



## Teen Library Council Meeting

Ages: 12-18

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

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!

**No registration.**

## Otaku Club

Ages: 15-25

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26,

November 16 & 30, December 14

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.

**No registration.**



*To register for any Teen Zone activity, please contact the Adult Reference Desk at 845-735-4084, x115.*

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# Teen Zone

## Tuesday Teen Book Club



Ages: 11-18  
Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm  
October 2, November 6, December 4  
Book mini-battles and trivia games are some of the activities at Tuesday Teen Book Club. At each meeting the group chooses books to battle for the next month. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome but **registration is required.**

## Last Chance Chess Mondays

Ages: 11-18  
Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm  
September 24, October 29, November 26  
Teen chess players unite on the last Monday of the month! This club is for beginners and avid chess players. Come battle it out with others who love chess as much as you do. Walk-ins welcome.



## “Starry Night” Jewelry Making Craft

Ages: 12-18  
Saturday, November 17, 11:00am-12:30pm  
Do you love beaded jewelry and want to learn how to make it yourself? You'll learn how to string your project and properly use basic tools to create your own Starry Night jewelry pieces. This class will teach you how to make a glow-in-the-dark necklace and a pair of earrings to light up your nights! All materials will be provided.  
**Registration is required.**



## Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Grades 7-12  
Homework Help Volunteers Needed!  
Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00pm, October 16 - December 11 (not 11/6)  
This fall, once again, there will be opportunities for teens to fulfill volunteer requirements. This program includes working with children grades K-5 and helping with their afterschool homework. Teen volunteers do not need to be available every Tuesday. Schedules will be made to accommodate all who are interested.



If you are a returning volunteer you do not need to fill out a new application but you do need to let Ms. Linder know if you are interested. By attending the TLC meetings, teens will learn of upcoming volunteer scheduling and further opportunities. Volunteer applications are available at the information desk. Contact Ms. Linder with any questions at 735-4084 x138 or [clinder@rcls.org](mailto:clinder@rcls.org)

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*Beware of monotony;  
It is the mother of all the deadly sins.  
Edith Wharton*

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## Friday Films

All films start at 2:00 pm in the Pearl River Room

- September 7     **The Last Emperor** (1987)  
Yin Roucheng, Victor Wong.  
Watch the epic adventure story of China's last emperor Pu Yi, a toddler who came to the throne at the age of 3 years old.
- September 14    **Laura** (1944)  
Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews, Vincent Price  
A love triangle, a murder and haunting magnetism = ruin.
- September 21    **North by Northwest** (1959)  
Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint and James Mason  
An advertising executive is mistaken for a federal intelligence agent and is pursued by foreign agents.
- September 28    **Jungle Book** (1942)  
Sabu, Rosemary DeCamp, Joseph Calleia  
Kipling's novel is brought to life by Zoltan Korda.
- October 5        **M\*A\*S\*H** (1970)  
Elliot Gould, Donald Sutherland, Sally Kellerman  
Watch the classic story of zany goings on in a mobile army surgical unit during the Korean War.
- October 12       **They Were Expendable** (1945)  
Robert Montgomery, Donna Reed, John Wayne  
Two naval officers are out to prove that the PT boat is an effective weapon against the Japanese navy.
- October 19       **Little Shop of Horrors** (1960)  
Jonathan Haze, Jackie Joseph and Jack Nicholson  
In this classic black comedy, a Nerd raises a bloodthirsty plant from seed only to do its diabolical bidding.
- October 26       **Twelve Monkeys** (1995)  
Starring Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt  
A mental patient claims to be a time traveler from 2035 sent to stop a mad man from unleashing a virus on humanity.
- November 2       **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (1999)  
Starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett. The story of a nobody claiming to be a fake somebody who works his way into a young couple's life using lies, duplicity and murder.
- November 9       **The Sands of Iwo Jima** (1949)  
John Wayne and Forrest Tucker  
Marines island hop to defeat Japan and slug it out on the famous volcanic island.
- November 16     **Dead Poets Society** (1991)  
Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke  
A New England private school teacher reaches his students by using unorthodox methods and runs afoul of the establishment.
- November 23     **The Nun's Story** (1958)  
Audrey Hepburn, Peter Finch, Dame Edith Evans, Dame Peggy Ashcroft. This film follows the life of a nun from novitiate to surgical nurse in the Belgian Congo.
- November 30     **Step Lively** (1944)  
Frank Sinatra, George Murphy, Adolphe Menjou, Gloria De Haven, Walter Slezak. A playwright tries to write a moneymaking play and his fast talking producer creates pandemonium trying to get it to Broadway.

## The Paula Bohovsky Gallery Exhibits

- September:** Mitch Baron  
Joe Amabile
- October:** Theresa Anselmi
- November:** Open Art Show (details below)
- Window:** Designed and created by Martha Murdock  
and Dick Lewis
- Quilts:** Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades

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### November Open Art Show



To display a painting in this show, please bring it framed and ready to hang on November 1 or November 2.

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### Circulation Updates

**\*Many of our DVDs have been changed to a 7-day loan period and Pearl River card holders can now place holds to reserve them.** DVDs new to our collection are limited to 3-day loans and no holds are permitted. You will be notified by either phone or email (as indicated as your preference in your patron profile) when the requested DVD becomes available for you. The DVDs will be held aside for 4 days for pickup.

**\*Patrons can now elect to keep and access a history of all items they have borrowed.** (Note that to safeguard patron privacy, the system typically does not retain any borrowing history once items are returned.) To activate this feature to keep your checkout history you must go to the public catalog (which can be reached from our webpage by selecting "Catalog Search") and log in using your 14-digit borrower card barcode and your PIN. Then select "My Account" and go to "Personal Information" then "Preferences." Checking the "Keep my checkout history" box will allow you to begin to accumulate a historical list of titles you have checked out.

**\*For your convenience library fines and fees can be paid online with a credit card.** Follow the directions above to log into your account, select "Fines" and follow the prompts to connect with PayPal. There is a \$5 minimum to utilize this feature. The amount of the fine must be paid in full (no partial payments accepted) and fines on overdue items cannot be paid until the item is returned. Note that borrowing privileges are suspended once the amount due reaches or exceeds \$10. *Cardholders owing \$10 or more are also blocked from logging in to OverDrive and Freegal to reserve and download e-books, audio and music.*

Patrons are encouraged to keep their printed checkout receipts to track the due dates for all borrowed materials. In addition, up-to-date information about all items currently checked out is available whenever you log in to your online account.

Please contact a library staff member if you have questions regarding any PRPL policy or service.

## Websites To Try



**Special Coverage Guide: Election 2012**  
<http://www.thrall.org/special/election2012.html>

Created by librarians at the Middletown Thrall Library, this guide offers news and information about the U.S. presidential election, voting, voters, and other related topics such as campaign financing, political parties, conventions, debates, and polls, results, and statistics. Links to the websites of the active and former presidential candidates are also provided.

**GCF LearnFree.org**  
<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/>

"GCFLearnFree.org® creates and provides quality, innovative online learning opportunities to anyone who wants to improve the technology, literacy and math skills needed to be successful in both work and life." Topics covered include Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Office, and Windows; Google Chrome, Spreadsheets, and other products; Computers; Social Media and more. Learn at your own pace through these 750 free online lessons. (A program of Goodwill Industries of Eastern NC, Inc.®)

**ManualsOnline**  
<http://www.manualsonline.com/>

"ManualsOnline helps you locate user manuals, installation instructions and tutorials from thousands of manufacturers and hundreds of thousands of products. We offer the most expansive repository of free product support information on the Internet. We found it, so you don't have to!" Search over 600,000 products and 300,000 manuals.

### Wi-Fi



Having a problem with your wireless connection at home? Don't forget – we have free Wi-Fi inside! Bring your laptop or tablet and connect for free anywhere in the building.

### Library Website

The library's website was updated recently. In addition to up-to-the-minute information about activities, you can find our newsletter, search for a book with our online catalog even at 2am in your jammies, click on community links and much more. Looking for a specific book? Look it up before you even get in the car. Go to [www.pearlriverlibrary.org](http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org) and bookmark it.

### Homebound Delivery Service

A mail delivery service is available to bring library materials to homebound residents who are unable to get to the library. Please call us at 735-4084 to learn more about this service.

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<http://www.pearlriverlibrary.org>

#### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm  
Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm  
Sunday: (starting 9/9) 1pm-5pm

#### Holiday Closings

Labor Day Weekend: Sunday September 4  
& Monday September 5  
Thanksgiving Eve: Close at 5pm  
Thanksgiving Day: Closed

#### Board of Trustees

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## Community Resident



### Friends' Corner

Felice Evans Morris, President

The Friends' Steering Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 4 at 9:30am. This committee plans Friends events. All members are welcome.

The Friends' Book Discussion Club continues to meet every third Thursday at 1:00pm. This season's titles are:

September 20 *Home Front* by Kristin Hannah  
October 18 *Red Leather Diary* by Lily Koppel  
November 15 *The Marriage Plot*  
by Jeffrey Eugenides



### Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

On July 11, 1874, Pearl River was struck by a devastating storm produced hailstones so large that they destroyed everything in their path. The greenhouses along Middletown Road were smashed. All the slate roofs between Pearl River and Park Ridge were destroyed. Buggy hoods looked as if bullets had pierced their tops. The windows in Julius Braunsdorf's Aetna Sewing Machine Factory were smashed to bits. Every window and its blinds which faced west or north were destroyed by hail. Forest trees and orchards were denuded of leaves so that the landscape looked as if it were winter. The tree branches were completely scoured of bark as if peeled. Crops were destroyed from Pearl River to Westwood. The largest hailstones measured 10 to 12 inches in circumference. Twenty four hours later, tons of hail were still on the ground. This was the worst hail storm on record for Pearl River.

Van Zandt Street in Pearl River was named for 19<sup>th</sup> century dentist Dr. George D. Van Zandt who grew up in a house at Blauvelt Road and Middletown Road, where the Citgo station is today. His adult home and office, located on the northeast corner of Washington Avenue and South Main Street, still stands. He owned land off Townline Road which was later sold to developers who cut Van Zandt Street.