

Newsletter Pearl River Public Library



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“Your Door to the World”



Celebrating 50 Years on Franklin Avenue ...Still Your Door to the World!



A Special Invitation to the Pearl River Community

We are celebrating PRPL’s 50th Anniversary at our present Franklin Avenue location! Prior to the 1963 construction of the original public library building on our current site, the Library had been housed in a number of locations around the hamlet of Pearl River. The building that you see today is an expansion of the original 1963 structure that was completed in 1991.

Please join us on the afternoon of **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013 between 1:00 and 5:00 pm** to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the original Library building’s dedication day with an open house showcasing *Your Library: Then and Now*. Many things in both our world and in our library have certainly changed since 1963, a pivotal year in our history. Come reminisce about the past* and experience all that the Library has to offer today.

We will begin the day with a special re-dedication of our Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Memorial Garden. The afternoon will be filled with special music, tech demonstrations, exhibits, and fun and educational activities for all ages. Our art gallery will display renditions of the iconic “READ” poster featuring members of our local community posing with a favorite book selection to promote reading. (*All are invited to participate -- visit us on Pearl River Day, Saturday October 5 to have your photo taken.*)

If you haven’t visited us for a while, now is the time to come. Sign up for your free library card. Come see the legendary pearls.

**We are collecting personal memories of the Pearl River Public Library to incorporate into our archival exhibits. How did the library become “your door to the world?” We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who may have participated in the community effort to move the library materials the two blocks from Ridge Street to Franklin Avenue. Please contact Library Director Kathy Rose at prpldirector@rcls.org or 845-735-4084 ext 118 if you have a story to share or if you would like to contribute in any way towards this special occasion.*

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Library Vote Results & Trustee News

The PRPL annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election was held at the Library on June 11, 2013. The budget vote passed with 236 voting YES and 49 voting NO for an 83% plurality. We thank the community once again for showing its continued support for the library services, both at the budget vote and throughout the year.

New PRPL board member Marie Manning was elected as a write-in candidate for a five-year term. She is filling the position previously held by trustee Kelley Hadelor who did not seek election for a third term. We thank her for her many years of service.

At the Board’s July reorganizational meeting, the trustees elected Debra Garcia-McDermott president and Dr. Elizabeth Van Wynen vice-president.



Library Use Survey

A strategic planning sub-committee has been formed to identify the Library’s strengths and needs to assist in the creation of a plan to direct future growth and development. Library trustees and staff have been working on designing a survey tool to collect input from the community. The surveys will be available in both paper and electronic formats later this fall. The public’s participation is valuable and very much appreciated!

7th Annual Pearl River Day

Saturday, October 5, 10am-5pm

The Pearl River Chamber of Commerce’s annual “Pearl River Day” street festival promotes the downtown by showcasing the local retail shops, restaurants, businesses and public services in Pearl River. PRPL staff and volunteers will be there again with fun activities to share information about library services. Come have your photo taken, posing with your favorite book for a “READ” poster to be displayed in our gallery during the month of November.

*The reading of all good books is like a conversation
with the finest men and women of past centuries.*

Rene Descartes

Children's Activities

Preschool/Toddler Weekly Events

Stories, Songs and Silliness with Miss Sarah

Ages: not yet 2 with an adult
Mondays, 11:00-11:30am, September 23-November 18
No registration.

Preschool Story Time

Ages: 3-5 year olds, adults are welcome to stay
Fridays, 10:30-11:00am, September 20-November 22
No registration.

Big Kid Story Time with Miss Annadora

Ages: 4-6 year olds, kindergarteners welcome
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:10am or 1:30-2:10pm
September 24 – November 19
Register starting Monday, September 16 at 9:30am.

Toddler Yoga with Miss Sue

Ages: walkers under 3 with an adult
Thursdays, 9:45-10:15am
October 3-10-17-24
Register starting Monday, September 16 at 9:30am.



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Ages: 3-5 year olds
Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am
October 3-10-17-24
Register starting Monday, September 16 at 9:30am.

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

Ages: 2-3 year olds with an adult
Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am or 1:30-2:00pm
November 7-14-21
Register starting Monday, November 4 at 9:30am.

Concerts

Jeffrey Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band

Ages: 2-6 year olds with an adult
Thursday, September 19, 10:30-11:15am
No registration – bring a friend.

Mr. Kurt Sings Silly Songs

Ages: 2-6 year olds with an adult
Wednesday, October 16, 1:30-2:15pm
No registration – bring a friend.

Song Time with Delores Jiji

Ages: 1-5 year olds with an adult
Tuesday, November 26, 10:30-11:15am
No registration – bring a friend.

Additional details available in the Children's Room.

For School Age Children

Lego Club

Ages: 4-10 years old
Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23,
November 13 & 27 (11/27 ends at 4:45pm)
No registration – bring a friend.



Chess Friday

Ages: grades 2-6
Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm
September 13, October 4, November 1
No registration – bring a friend.



After School

Halloween

Ages: grades kindergarten – 3rd grade
Thursday, October 24, 4:00-5:00pm
Register starting **Tuesday, October 8** at 9:30am.

The Mitten Tree Kick Off and Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

Ages: grades kindergarten – 3rd grade
Thursday, November 14
Register starting Monday, November 4 at 9:30am.



Book Clubs

Boys, Books & Beyond with Mr. Aiello

Ages: boys in grades 3-5
Fridays, 4:00-4:45pm, October 18 and November 15
Books: TBD
Register starting Monday, September 30 at 9:30am.

Girls Book Club Kickoff Meeting

Ages: 4th & 5th Grade Girls
Friday, September 27, 3:30-4:30pm
Register starting Monday, September 16 at 9:30am

4th Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: 4th grade girls
Friday, October 11, 3:30-4:30pm
Book: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
Register starting September 27 at Kickoff Meeting.

Friday, November 8, 3:30-4:30pm

Book: TBD at Kickoff meeting
Register starting October 11 at Book Club meeting.

5th Grade Girls Book Club with Mrs. Amabile

Ages: 5th grade girls
Friday, October 25, 3:30-4:30pm
Book: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
Register starting September 27 at Kickoff Meeting.

Friday, November 22, 3:30-4:30pm

Book: TBD at Kickoff meeting
Register starting October 25 at Book Club meeting.

Teen Activities

Battle of the Books Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 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

Sunday, September 8

12:30pm @ Middletown Thrall Library

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 in Middletown by 12:00 noon. See Ms. Linder for directions to the Thrall library or any questions regarding this program. Even if you are not a battle participant, all are welcome!

Teen Library Council Meeting

Ages: 12-18

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

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

Otaku Club

Ages: 13-20

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm

September 20, October 18,

November 22, December 20

This is the club for you if you are into anime, manga, video games and all things Japanese! Join us on the third Friday of the month and learn more about Japanese culture. Walk-ins welcome!

Tuesday Teen Book Club

Ages: 11-18

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

October 8, November 12, December 10

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.**

Cooking with Norma Chang

Ages: 12-18

Monday, September 30, 4:00-5:30pm

The Library has had Mrs. Chang come and share her knowledge of cooking in the past. This year she is retiring and her last program will be here at the Pearl River Public Library. Join us for an evening of fantastic Asian cuisine. Prepare, cook and enjoy! **Registration is required.**



Duct Tape Workshop

Tuesday, October 22, 4:00-5:00pm



This is an open workshop for all teens who want to create with duct tape. Supplies will be provided - just bring your imagination! **Walk-ins welcome.**

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Grades 7-12

There are always volunteer opportunities at the library for teens. If you are interested in the volunteer program, stop by the library and pick up a volunteer application form or print one off our teen webpage at <http://pearlriverlibrary.org/pearlriver/teenstart.asp>. If you volunteered over the summer you will not need to fill out a new application but you do need to let Ms. Linder know if you are interested in participating in fall volunteer opportunities. Also by attending the TLC meetings, teens will be apprised of upcoming volunteer scheduling and further opportunities. Contact Ms. Linder with any further questions @ 735-4084 x138 or clinder@rcls.org.

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The Smartest Card
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Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

September is

National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

All Pearl River District residents can obtain a card free of charge. Stop by any time with one photo ID and second official item displaying your current street address (such as a lease or utility bill). Children may get their own card once they are in kindergarten and can write their first and last names. A parent or guardian with a PRPL card must accompany the child. Your PRPL card can be used to borrow materials at all of the 47 libraries in the Ramapo Catskill Library System.

Friday Film Festival

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

September 6 Citizen Kane (1941)

Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten. This is the story of high principles corrupted by wealth. A man from humble beginnings builds a news empire only to find that all that glitters is not gold, nor does it bring happiness.

September 13 Mary Reilly (1996)

Julia Roberts, John Malkovich. This film focuses on a maid who is terrorized while working for Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

September 20 Last of the Mohicans (1992)

Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe. Here is the epic adventure of the 18th Century American frontier life during the French and Indian war of 1754-1763.

September 27 Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid (1969)

This film is the tale of the two most famous outlaws of the Hole in the Wall Gang, who robbed banks and trains in the Old West and Bolivia.

October 4 D.O.A. (1950)

Edmond O'Brien, Pamela Britton. A hardboiled detective on vacation in San Francisco finds himself in a web of murder and deceit.

October 11 War Horse (2011)

Emily Watson, David Thewlis. An English boy's beloved horse is drafted to serve on the western front during the First World War.

October 18 Thelma and Louise (1991)

Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis. Two women in miserable life situations cut loose and live life to the fullest for the time they have left.

October 25 Sense and Sensibility (1995)

Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet. See Jane Austen's story of intrigue and love in Regency England among the emerging middle class.

November 1 Go Tell the Spartans (1978)

Burt Lancaster, Craig Wasson. Here is the story of a grubby outpost in Vietnam in the early part of the war.

November 8 The Inheritance (1997)

Meredith Baxter, Thomas Gibson. Enjoy a story of forbidden love and rivalry in 19th century New England.

November 15 Duel in the Sun (1946)

Gregory Peck, Joseph Cotten. Two brothers, the sons of a Texas cattle baron, become bitter rivals over the love of a wild half-breed girl.

November 22 The Green Mile (1999)

Tom Hanks, Michael Clarke Duncan. See the supernatural tale of a mystical inmate on death row in a southern prison during the Great Depression.

November 29 Love Me or Leave Me (1955)

Doris Day, James Cagney. The story of the rise of a song and dance girl who is going from nowhere to Broadway pushed on by a malevolent gangster played by Cagney.

Adult Activities

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

Sunday, September 15 3:00pm

Sculptural Wire Bookmarks with Jamie Ross

Make bookmarks using wire that can be bent into creative shapes. Class size is limited and *registration is required*.

Sunday, September 22 3:00pm

Anna Veleva in Concert

Opera soprano Anna Veleva, who has performed with the Bulgarian National Radio Symphony Orchestra, will sing.

Sunday, September 29 3:00pm

Make Sock Puppies with Yoko

Local Artist Yoko Olson will demonstrate how to make "Sock Puppies." Attendees must bring clean new full-length cotton socks. All other materials will be provided. Class size is limited and *registration is required*.

Mondays, September 30, October 7, 21 & 28, November 4, 11 & 18, December 2 & 9 6:00-7:00pm

Teen Tech Tutors Continue This Fall

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, October 6 3:00pm

Oboe and Piano Duo

Oboist Fred Katzenberg and pianist Gary Klein will perform classical chamber music for these two instruments.

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 6:00-8:00pm

Watercolor Painting with Dick Lewis

Local artist Dick Lewis will show you how to paint with watercolors over four sessions in a step-by-step instructional format. All materials will be provided. Class size is limited and *registration is required*.

Tuesday October 29 7:00pm

Women's Self Defense

Black Belt Karate Master Raymond Portante is back to instruct women on personal defense. Comfortable clothing and footwear should be worn. *Registration is required*.

Sunday, November 3 3:00pm

The Solid Rock Band

Our very own librarian Adriane Fabio is bringing her band to provide music of the 1960's to enhance our 50th Anniversary Celebration. See page one for more about our open house.

Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20, 27 3:30-5:00pm

Sashiko Classes

Mrs. Naoko Konno returns to instruct students in the art of "Sashiko," a form of Japanese embroidery. Please bring a pin cushion and ruler. All other materials will be provided. Class size is limited and *registration is required*.

Sunday, November 10 3:00pm

The Vestapolitans in Concert

Brad Vickers and his Vestapolitans bring their back porch blues style for a Sunday afternoon of good music.

Sunday, November 24 3:00pm

The Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn Heights

Marty Schneit of Marty's New York Tours will give a presentation about the building of the bridge and its impact on Brooklyn Heights.

Brain Fitness for Successful Aging

A series of talks by research scientists
from the Nathan Kline Institute

Thursday, September 19 1:00pm

Strategies for Improving your Memory

Anna MacKay-Brandt, PhD

Thursday, September 26 1:00pm

*Healthy Body, Healthy Mind: Cardiovascular fitness and
Your Brain as You get Older*

Stan Colcombe, PhD

Tuesday, October 22 7:00pm

Aging Well: Guideposts to Happiness in Later Life

Kristin Dietz Trautman, LCSW

As a PRPL Cardholder, Did You Know that You Can...?

Place holds on DVDs.

Our new movie releases are always in great demand. We have increased our practice of ordering multiple copies of popular new movies and now allow Pearl River card holders to place local holds on our second copy.

Keep and access a history of all items you have borrowed.

To activate this feature to keep your checkout history, login to your account using your 14-digit borrower card barcode and PIN. Go to "Personal Information" and then "Preferences," and check the "Keep my checkout history."

Pay library fines and fees online at PayPal.com.

Login to your account, select "Fines" and follow the prompts to connect with PayPal. There is a \$5 minimum to utilize this feature.

Download music directly to your smart phone device.

Go to the Freegal site from our webpage to download the mobile app.

Access our public computer workstations to make quality full color printouts.

In addition to our BW and color photocopiers, a dedicated color laser printer is available to make printouts.

Take your family to a museum with our free passes.

Visit The Guggenheim, New-York Historical Society, The Intrepid, The Children's Museum of Manhattan, The New York City Fire Museum, and Storm King Art Center.

Use our Eventkeeper calendar to send email reminders.

Use them to alert yourself (or a friend) about upcoming library programs you are planning to attend.

Use a notary service free of charge.

While an appointment is not required, we recommend you call ahead to confirm a notary's availability.

Connect to the Library's Wi-Fi.

Avoid data plan charges -- bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone and connect for free anywhere in the building.

Learn how to knit and crochet.

The Library's popular Knit & Crochet program continues to meet every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Participants of all experience are welcome.

Receive books by mail if you are homebound.

Contact us to learn more about our Books-by-Mail delivery service.

Websites to Try



Database Periodicals: A to Z Search

You're waiting in your dentist's office, reading a magazine and you've just started a really interesting article when they call you into the office. Rather than steal the magazine on your way out, you drop by the library to find a copy and...oh, no! It's checked out!

Don't give up just yet! The library's online databases have a back door entrance for searching by a particular magazine title and date. To use it, start at the computer catalog or the Pearl River Public Library home page, either here in the library or at home. Click on "Reference and Magazine Article Databases" or "Online Resources—Databases" respectively.

Next—

- Find the box on the left side of the page titled "A-Z periodical search."
- In the box below "Title begins with" type the name of the magazine you want and click search (e.g. Consumer Reports). You may be prompted to enter your library card number here.
- Your results will indicate if the magazine is in any of the databases and what dates are covered in full text. If available, click on the blue database title that includes the date you want (e.g. MasterFILE Premier).
- You will reach a page for that magazine with links to issues, sometimes broken down by year, depending on the database. The + sign next to a year means you can click on it and expand the listing.
- When you locate the link to the issue date you want, click on it to bring up a list of articles from that issue. Browse through the list to find the article you want.

Not all popular magazines will be included and some magazines "blackout" recent copies—for example, only showing issues at least three months old.

Third Tuesday Theater

The Library is offering a new film series: **Third Tuesday Theater**. Starting in September, on the third Tuesday of each month, we will show a newer release which will start at 2:00pm.

September 17 Lincoln (2013)

Daniel Day-Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones. This film focuses on Abraham Lincoln's last four months in office where he encountered the most trying issues of his presidency.

October 15 Les Miserables (2012)

Anne Hathaway, Hugh Jackman. Victor Hugo's tale of social injustice is brought to the screen with a musical score and breath-taking cinematography.

November 19 The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (2013)

Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi, Jim Carrey. Enjoy the story of two Las Vegas stage magicians whose stale act needs help. They encounter an aspiring street magician who hopes to outperform them to stardom.

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Regular Library Hours starting Tuesday, September 3

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

Holiday Closings:

Labor Day, Monday, September 2
Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 27
-close at 5pm
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28

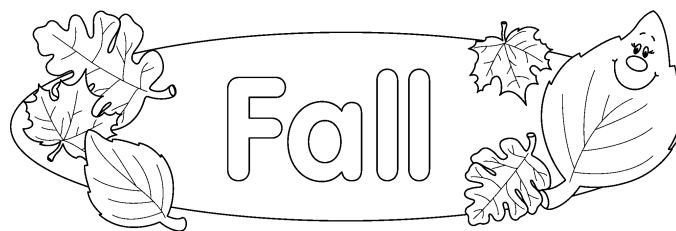
Library Board of Trustees

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The Board of Trustees typically meets at 7:30pm on the 4th Monday of the month. All meetings are open to the public. Please call ahead to confirm.

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Felice Evans Morris, President

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

- September 19 *A Mission to Paris*
By Alan Furst
October 17 *Gone Girl*
By Gillian Flynn
November 21 To Be Announced

Summer Reading Program

The children of Pearl River are amazing readers! Here are the final statistics for the summer:

- 500 registered for the reading club
- 281 returned for stickers and prizes
- 4122 books were read
- 63 teens volunteered
- 41 programs/activities
- 1328 final attendance total

We'll see you next summer for *Fizz! Boom! Read!*

Did You Know?

James V. Cassetta, MLS

The original 150-acre parcel that makes up Pearl River's downtown today was purchased by town founder Julius E. Braunsdorf in 1869. The area, covered in first growth virgin forest, was called "a veritable wilderness" by the local Haverstraw and Nyack newspapers. The area was thinly populated by 32 farming families of English, Dutch, and French Huguenot ancestry, mostly farmers and woodsmen living along the Hackensack River and the Pascack, Muddy and Cherry Brook valleys.



In 1871, a young local sawmill owner by the name of Philip Beckerle was hired to clear Braunsdorf's land to build his Aetna Sewing Machine factory. Braunsdorf had also invited the New York and New Jersey Railroad to bring its tracks up from Hackensack through his acreage to the location where he planned to build a town. An enterprising Philip Beckerle cut down and then sold the lumber to the Railroad for both railroad ties and fuel to feed the steam engines as they progressed toward "Muddy Brook," as the town was then known.

