

# Newsletter

## Pearl River Public Library

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*"Your Door to the World"*

### Adult Activities

**Sunday, June 1 3:00pm**

#### Marble Paper Class

Marble paper, known as Sumi Nagashi in Japan, was made from carbon soot. Today it is made with ink. Local artist Yoko Komori Olson will show you how to make this simple decorative paper. *Registration is required.*

**Sunday, June 8 3:00pm**

#### The Music Makers

This senior musical group has been entertaining in Rockland for over 30 years. Come hear them at the Library.

**Thursday, July 10 7:00pm**

#### Recycling in Rockland

Jennifer Sheridan of the Rockland County Solid Waste Authority will discuss how recycling in the county is currently handled and how it will be handled in the future.

**Wednesday, July 16 & July 23 10:30am-12:30pm**

#### Midsummer Knitting

Instructor Arlene will return to conduct a 2-class review of these knitting basics: "Casting On" Wednesday, July 16 and "Casting Off" Wednesday, July 23. *Registration is required.*

**Thursday, July 17 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.*

**Thursday, August 14 7:30pm**

#### Annual Summer Concert

The Rockland County Concert Band will perform patriotic tunes and show tunes in a glorious celebration of music.

#### New Adult Evening Book Club

Librarian Adriane Fabio and Director Kathy Rose are teaming up to start a monthly evening book discussion group, meeting the following Tuesdays at 7:00pm. We are starting with three contemporary novels:

June 17 *We Are Water* by Wally Lamb  
July 22 *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell  
August 19 *The Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan

*Each month a supply of each book will be made available for check out at the Circulation Desk. Registration is not required but would be appreciated.*

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

### Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Dear Neighbor,

Our community's enthusiastic participation in this past year's "50 Years on Franklin" Open House and READ poster campaign activities, combined with the many positive responses collected in our recent survey, tell us that The Pearl River Public Library is viewed as a vital resource for residents of all ages.

We are proud to be a part of a community that values its library. As we prepare for the future, we have initiated a strategic planning process to review the building facility to identify any areas of need. We also recognize the importance of expanding our digital and online offerings to provide the services necessary to remain relevant in the coming years.

**On Tuesday, June 10, we are asking you to vote on the fiscal 2014-2015 Library budget.** Based on current assessment figures, we expect that the homeowner with the average property assessment of \$200,000 would see as low as a **\$1.65 annual tax increase over last year.**

As trustees, it is our responsibility to secure adequate funding to support the Library. This year's proposed budget-to-budget increase is 3.3% with a projected total tax levy increase of 3.74%. The Board has made the decision to present a budget increase that exceeds the 1.46% tax cap rather than impose cuts that would force us to reduce hours of operation, discontinue providing popular materials and programs, or limit the availability of much utilized public meeting room space.

**The Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on Tuesday, June 10, from 9:00am to 9:00pm in the Library's Pearl River Room. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Library.**

We invite you to join us at the Public Budget Hearing and Candidates Night on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:30pm. If you have any questions about the proposed budget or library services, please contact Kathy Rose, Library Director at 735-4085 or [prpldirector@rcls.org](mailto:prpldirector@rcls.org).

We thank you for your continued support and interest.

#### The Library Board of Trustees

*Please turn the page for a copy of the proposed budget and additional Vote and Trustee Election details.*

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