Dear Friend:

Got the winter doldrums? Head on over to the Library! Learn something different, meet new people, find a great read, volunteer to help at one of our programs, or just pick up an armful of DVDs for some cold weather binge-watching. Below are just a few of our offerings this month--and a sneak peak at our fall Gala.

Phil Klay to Be Honored at Foundation Gala

Mark your calendar now for White Plains Library Foundation's Twentieth Anniversary Gala, "Sharing Stories, Changing Lives," to be held on Nov. 14th. Our honoree will be Phil Klay, White Plains native and author of the short story collection, Redeployment, which won this year's National Book Award for Fiction. Read an interview with Phil here.

Celebrate Black History with a StoryWalk®

The curator of a mysterious Vatican exhibit murdered and a...
priest rushes to solve the murder, untangling a much greater mystery involving a lost gospel and a holy relic.

**Buried Giant**  
by Kazuo Ishiguro

In his first novel in ten years, Ishiguro mines the themes of lost memories, love, revenge, and war in this tale set after the reign of King Arthur.

**Hausfrau**  
by Jill Alexander Essbaum

Intimate and intense, this debut novel set in Zürich is a story of marriage, fidelity, sex, morality, and self. Good for book groups!

Celebrate black history by taking the latest StoryWalk® in The Trove! The featured book is Little Melba and Her Big Trombone, written by Katheryn Russell-Brown and illustrated by Frank Morrison. It's the story of African American jazz musician Melba Doretta Liston, the first woman trombonist to play in the big bands during the '40s and '50s. The StoryWalk® opens Sunday, February 15, 2015 and continues through Sunday, March 15, 2015. Children in grades 1 through 6 complete a form, receive a prize and are entered into the drawing for a bigger prize. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Fergusson of Monpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

**Think You Know Your A-Bee-Cs? Hive Some Fun at Our First-Ever Adult & Teen Spelling Bee Fundraiser!**

The Foundation announces its first-ever Spelling Bee, to be held Friday, Feb. 27, at Highlands Middle School auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m.; Bee starts at 7:30. Noted author **Lawrence Otis Graham** will be our emcee. Snow date Friday, March 6.

Enter a team of up to 3 people, high-school age or above. Entry fee is $75 per team; download form **here**. Entry deadline Feb. 5, 2015.

Can't spell? Buzz on over to watch the fun! $5 admission. Raffle drawing & refreshments available. Event proceeds will support The Trove's technology fund.

**Enjoy Family Storytimes with Science Themes**
God Help the Child  
by Toni Morrison

This lean and powerful novel from Nobel laureate Morrison explores the ways in which childhood wounds shape and scar us well into adulthood.

Emma: A Modern Retelling  
by Alexander McCall Smith

McCall Smith, best known for the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series, has reimagined Emma, delivering a treat for Austen fans and new readers alike.

Come to a family storytime and see a demonstration of one of the new Target Bag-A-Tales. **The next one is Sunday, Feb. 15, 2-3 p.m., and the theme will be "Simple Machines."** Join the fun and learning as we share stories, songs, activities, and craft. The Target Bag-A-Tales, 12 new storytimes in a bag, are funded by the White Plains Library Foundation through a Target Early Childhood Reading Grant. The bags target STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning and include fiction and non-fiction books with activities and suggestions for using the books with children in preschool through second grade.

More Technology Programs for Adults

The one downside to creating a Digital Media Lab for teens is that many of our adult users want in on the fun. So this February and March we'll be opening up the Media Lab for adults, offering several new programs. Here's what we've got lined up:

**Create an App**

Come and learn how to create a basic computer application using MATLAB®, a high-level language and interactive environment for numerical computation, visualization, and programming.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 5, 12-1 p.m.

**Introduction to 3D Printing**

Learn the basics of 3D design and 3D printing. Print your own object.

Dates: Wednesday, Feb. 11 7:30-8:30 p.m. or Thursday, Feb. 19, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

**Introduction to Linux**

Learn about the free and open-source Linux operating system (OS) and try it out. Find out why this powerful OS rivals both Windows and Mac.

Date: Monday, March 23, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

And don't forget our popular Drop-In Computer Help every Wednesday morning from 11am-12 p.m.
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Have a question or comment? Drop us a line.

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