This Month on Martine

News from the White Plains Public Library

March 2015

Dear Friend:

Is winter almost over? It has to be. After all, we're planning our annual Trumble in the Trove, set for March 22nd, and we're even getting ready for our Summer Reading program. Meanwhile, for those of you whose New Year's resolution was to find a new job, we've got a great series "The Road to Employment," starting in March--details below.

Think You Know Your A-Bee-Cs?

Hive Some Fun at Our First-Ever Adult & Teen Spelling Bee

Buzz on over to Highlands Middle School on Friday, Feb. 27 to watch 23 teams of your friends, neighbors and high school students compete! Doors open at 7 p.m.; Bee starts at 7:30. Noted author Lawrence Otis Graham will be our emcee.

$5 admission. Raffle drawing & refreshments available. Event proceeds will support The Trove's technology fund. Sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Experience the Power of Slam Poetry

Our exciting "1st Wednesday" series continues March 4th, 6:30 p.m., with Open Mic, SLAM competition and guest poets Alex Dang and Clementine von Radics. Dang is a two time National Poetry Slam competitor, has performed at two TEDx events, and is the Eugene Grand Slam Champion. Von Radics toured across two continents performing her poems, and founded Where Are You Press, a publishing house that

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Hot Titles

We've combed the reviews for the books sure to be the most popular this spring. This month we're featuring non-fiction works. Click on the title to place a hold before they're published!

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Our Kids
by Robert Putnam
A Harvard professor's clear-eyed and well-researched view on the current status of the American Dream. Is upward mobility a reality for today's youth?

The Wright Brothers
by David McCullough
Pulitzer-prize winner McCullough includes the contributions of Wilbur and Orville's sister Katherine in this story of the birth of flight.

The Theft of Memory
by Jonathan Kozol
A son's moving memoir of his brilliant father's shattering descent into Alzheimer's.

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Trumble in The Trove, March 22

Join us Sunday, March 22, 1-5 p.m., for a free, family fun afternoon at the Library, with special performances, crafts, face-painting and balloon art.

Support your Library through our bake sale, used book sale, and raffles! Sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation.

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The Road to Employment: From Resumes to Networking

This four-part series, presented by the Westchester Center for Independent Living, covers the essential tools you need to succeed in a job search. Check the Library calendar for other career and business related programs.

Who Am I?
Learn the format and information to include in a cover letter and how to utilize your experiences to appeal to employers.
Date: Monday, March 16, 2 p.m.

Build an Appealing Resume
Explore resume formats and resumes that work.
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2 p.m.

Marketing and Networking
Market your skills to potential employers, develop networking strategies, practice interviewing.
Date: Monday, March 23, 2 p.m.
**The Brothers**
by Masha Gessen
A searing, intelligent look at the factors that may have caused two brothers to plan and carry out the deadly Boston Marathon bombings.

**So You've Been Publicly Shamed**
by Jon Ronson
Has today's social media become a modern day version of Hawthorne's Massachusetts, awarding "scarlet letters," in the form of troll attacks and worse, to those who have been deemed to have committed various "sins?"

**Work Rules: Insights from Inside Google...**
by Laszlo Bock
The game plan for attracting-and keeping--a talented workforce from the head of Google’s People Operations.

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**Community Supports**
Learn about agencies and programs that can provide ongoing help.
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2:00 p.m.

And don't forget about our weekly **Job Club** which meets every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

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** Teens Volunteer for Summer Reading**

Some White Plains teens get their first taste of volunteering as part of our Trove Squad--helping younger kids with summer reading as well as special events and activities throughout the school year.

The theme for the 2015 Summer Reading is "Every Hero Has a Story," and to get young kids in the spirit, this past January the teens created a pilot program to make superhero capes from old t-shirts. The superhero cape program was a big success, and will be offered on a wider scale this summer.

Teens interested in joining the 2015 Trove Squad next summer should pick up an application in early June. To be eligible they must live in White Plains, be entering 7th grade or higher in the fall, attend a training session, and commit to six volunteer time slots. It's a great opportunity to earn service hours, have fun, contribute to the community, and serve as a wonderful role model and superhero!

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**Transforming Lives, Every Day**

The **White Plains Library Foundation** transforms lives by raising community support for vital resources for reading, education, career development, citizenship, and personal development.

Can we count on you to make a donation to our Annual Campaign? It's easy--make a [secure online donation here](#), or send your check to the Foundation at 100 Martine Ave., White Plains, NY 10601.
Have a question or comment? Drop us a line.

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