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News from the White Plains Public Library

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Dear Friend,

The next four weeks are busy ones here at the Library, and you’ll want to be sure and check out our calendar of events.

Tomorrow, Saturday, we’ll be welcoming 25 of the leading authors and illustrators to the Library for the Westchester Children’s Book Festival—see the article below.

Next weekend, we’re looking forward to a visit from international chess champion—and White Plains High School Senior—Joshua Colas.

Our three reading groups are in full gear, but you can still jump in at any time. Plus we’re offering unique programs in White Plains History, health and career, and an array of offerings for children and teens.

It all leads up to our 20th Gala on November 14th. See you there!

Register Now for Foundation’s 20th Anniversary Gala Fundraiser!

Congratulations to Paul C., the latest winner of an Uno’s White Plains gift card in our monthly drawing of e-mail signups!

Forward this to a friend so they can get in on the next drawing!

Publishers Weekly Bestsellers
Hope you'll join us for the Foundation's Annual Gala Fundraiser as we celebrate 20 years of supporting our great community library. Our honoree is Phil Klay, White Plains native and author of the 2014 National Book Award-winning short-story collection, *Redeployment*. Tickets are $150 and are available online now, pick up an invitation in the Library, or call us and we'll mail you one. Proceeds will support free library resources for all ages, as well as The Hub, our future adult library, part of ongoing first-floor renovations.

**Work on The Hub, Our New Adult Library, Begins this Winter**

First floor renovations will get underway soon, as we start to create The Hub, our new adult library. The first phase will be changes to the reception area. More extensive changes will take place as renovations continue over the next several years.

The Hub will address what our adult patrons want from their library: more formal and informal learning opportunities, excellent technology, comfortable places to read and study, easy access to the newest books and media, and a welcoming downtown destination with a Cafe. The Hub will include the Hope & John Furth Learning Commons, the Cafe & Friends' Bookstore, the George & Lucia Perkins Large Print Collection, and the Marvin & Renee Kent Tutoring Alcove.

This project is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation in partnership with the City of White Plains and additional funding from New York State.
Did you know we have an international chess champion right here in White Plains? Joshua Colas, a White Plains High School Senior, is the 2015 New York State High School Chess Champion and has competed all over the world. **Join us on Saturday, October 24, from 2-4 p.m., to test your skills against Joshua.** He will play two rounds of "simul" chess, where he plays up to 16 players at the same time! Adults are welcome, too.

Preregistration is not required. Tickets for both sessions will be give out starting at 1:30 p.m. outside The Edge.

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**Westchester Children's (and Teens!) Book Festival This Saturday, October 17th**

Children and teens will have a chance to meet 25 great authors and illustrators, attend readings, and purchase books (and have them autographed) through a pop-up bookstore provided by Barnes & Noble at the Westchester Children's (and Teens!) Book Festival. The Festival—which is free—is scheduled for 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. this Saturday, October 17 at the Library.

Participants include Matt Davies, the Pulitzer Prize-Winning cartoonist whose children's books include *Ben Rides On* (A Kirkus Best Children's Book of 2013) and the critically acclaimed *Ben Draws Trouble* renown author and illustrator (and Hartsdale resident) Eric Velasquez (photo, left), many of whose works celebrate African-American history and heroes; and White Plains's own Mary O'Keefe Young, who has illustrated several of the well-known Curious George books.

Also on hand will be Richard Simon, the author, and Mark Siegel, the illustrator, of one of the fall's most critically acclaimed books, *Oskar and the Eight Blessings*. *Oskar* tells the story of young Jewish immigrant Oskar who, after Kristallnacht, is sent by his parents to New York City to live with his aunt. The book recounts young Oskar's experiences as he searches the city for her home.

Teens will have an opportunity to hear from a line-up of authors, including Courtney Sheinmel, who will read from her compelling,
Girl on the Train

coming-of age tale Edgewater; Julie Chibbaro and Jean Marc Superville Sovak's gritty Into the Dangerous World, exploring the life of a young artists; and Torrey Maldonado, whose Secret Saturdays, about two young men, made states' reading lists and is assigned alongside classics and in anti-bullying initiatives.

For the full roster of author's and illustrators, as well as the schedule of readings, visit the Festival's website.

Partners for The Book Festival include the Library Foundation, the Harlem Book Fair, as well as White Plains Youth Bureau, White Plains Schools, the City of White Plains, and First Book. The event is sponsored by TD Bank, New York Presbyterian/Westchester Division, MVP Health Care/Hudson Health Plan, PepsiCo, and the Westchester Knicks.

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Thank you!

Have a question or comment? Drop us a line.

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