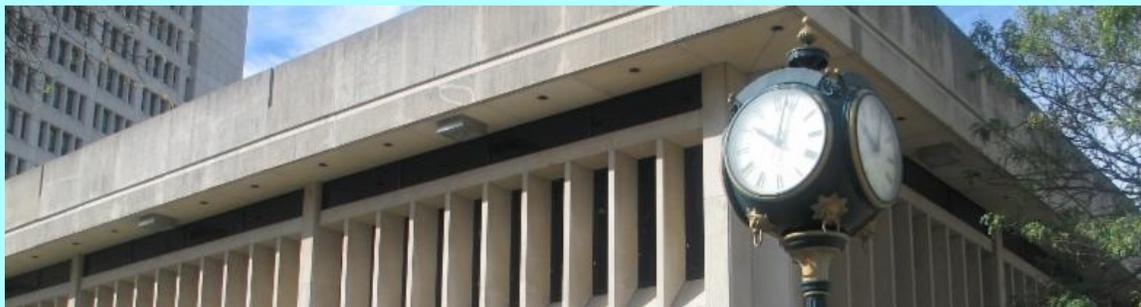


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### *News from the White Plains Public Library*

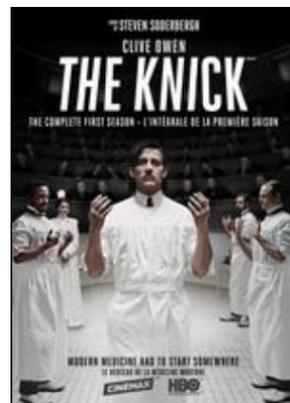


### Welcome to February!

It's a great month for baking [something delicious](#) (we've been doing a little too much of that!) or hunkering down with a great book, or how about one of the many fantastic TV series being produced these days?

We've just received season one of [Togetherness](#), which HBO describes as "a comedic look at four middle-aged people reconciling their dreams with their current personal and professional lives in Los Angeles; the first season of the darkly mysterious, award-winning [Mr. Robot](#), set in the world of hackers.

Or one of my favorites, [The Knick](#), about a 1900 New York hospital, is described by Cinemax as featuring "the groundbreaking surgeons, nurses and staff who work there, pushing the bounds of medicine in a time of astonishingly high mortality rates and zero antibiotics." It features lots of gore but some great story lines!



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### Frank Bruni to Be Honored at Gala

We're thrilled to announce that **Frank Bruni**, op-ed columnist for the New York Times and celebrated author, will be honored at our annual fall gala on the evening of **October 22, 2016**. Details to follow.

Bruni has had a long history with the Times, including stints as Rome bureau chief, White

House correspondent, and its chief restaurant critic.

He's also the author of three books: *Born Round*, a memoir (featuring highlights about growing up in White Plains), *Ambling into History*, a chronicle of George W. Bush's 2000 presidential campaign, and most recently, the bestseller, *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania*. We are delighted to welcome him back for what promises to be a lively evening.



## Be a Team Player!

Back by popular demand, our second annual Adult and Teen Spelling Bee will take place on **March 11**, and we need **YOU** to participate by forming a team.

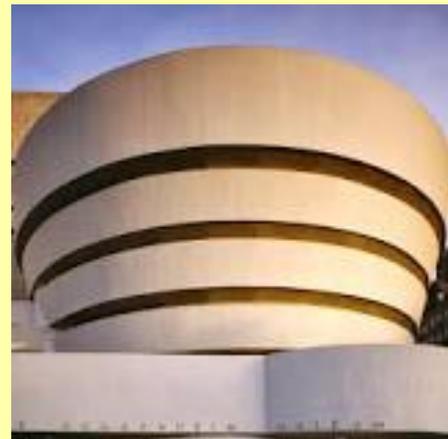
Don't be shy! And don't worry about your ability—or inability—to spell. That's why you're on a team with your best friends, family or colleagues—it's a group effort. Besides, it's really about having fun and supporting the Library. All

proceeds will go towards the Hub, our first floor renovation project that will provide a new venue for reading, collaborating, learning and research.

Team registration is \$75 (go [here](#) to download the form). **The event--at the Highlands Middle School Auditorium--will kick off at 7:30 p.m.** General admission is \$5 payable at the door; kids age 6 and under are free. White Plains Mayor **Tom Roach** has agreed to be our MC for the evening.

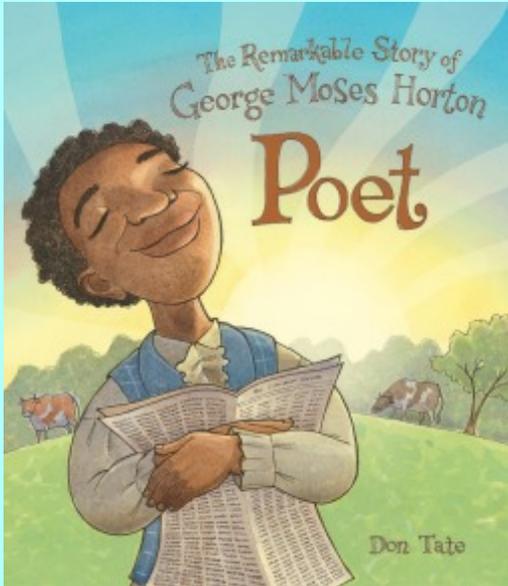
## Do You Know about Our Museum Passes?

One of the best deals in town—the Library offers passes to many of the major museums in the New York city area. Our pass program includes The Children's Museum of Manhattan, the Frick Collection, Guggenheim Museum, Hudson River Museum, Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, Katonah Museum of Art, Neuberger Museum of Art, and the Stepping Stones Museum for Children.



Most passes allow between two and four guests, [check the website](#) for all details. You can sign up for the pass you want online and stop by the Library to pick it up.

Passes are checked out at the Reference Desk with the same card you used to reserve it. Passes can be picked up the day before the reservation and must be returned the day after.



## Walk with George Moses Horton

Children at White Plains Public Library are learning about George Moses Horton as they walk The Trove's Black History StoryWalk®, which is on display in the Library's art gallery through Sunday, March 13, 2016. The StoryWalk® is based on the book:

*Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton*, written and illustrated by Don Tate.

George Moses Horton was born into slavery and grew up working long hours on a North Carolina farm; he went on to protest enslavement and became the first

African-American man to be published.

Before starting the StoryWalk®, children in grades 1 through 6 are asked to pick up a form at The Compass (information desk) in The Trove. The first stop is to the left side of the entrance to the art gallery. Children and families should follow the arrows and proceed at their own pace through the rest of the stops, completing the form as they go along. The completed form should be turned in at the Compass for a prize and to be entered in the final drawing box.

Note: The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.