

This Month on Martine

News from the White Plains Public Library



No Stuffing the Ballot Box!



Working on the creation of The Hub—our first-floor Library renovation—is hard work, from determining what the layout of the new space should look like to figuring out how to provide programs and services while the building is undergoing transformation. But the fun part? Picking out the furniture.

Still, choosing furnishings isn't without its own anxieties. Libraries need furniture that is durable, easy-to-clean, and can accommodate a range of body types and ages. At the same time, furniture can give a space some energy and interest, change the mood, and even have an impact on behavior.

So we're taking the easy way out: we're asking you to help us choose the furniture. Over the next month, look for a series of chairs displayed near our lobby—from solid, upright chairs for studying at a desk to comfortable chairs you could imagine reading in for hours. Take some time to try them out. Then vote on your favorite!

After all, you're the one who will be using them.

*Brian Kenney
Library Director*

Eastview School Invades the Library, Much Pizza Consumed

Throughout May, every sixth grader at Eastview Middle School is engaging in a full day of activities at the Library. Thanks to support through a grant from the Shinnyo-en Foundation, more than 500 students will be introduced to the technology, staff, and resources in the Library's innovative teen area, the Edge.

Many of the sixth graders grew up visiting the Library, but up until now, they were spending time in the Trove, the Library's children's area. As rising seventh graders, they now become eligible to use the Edge, and can take part in the Edge's summer programs.



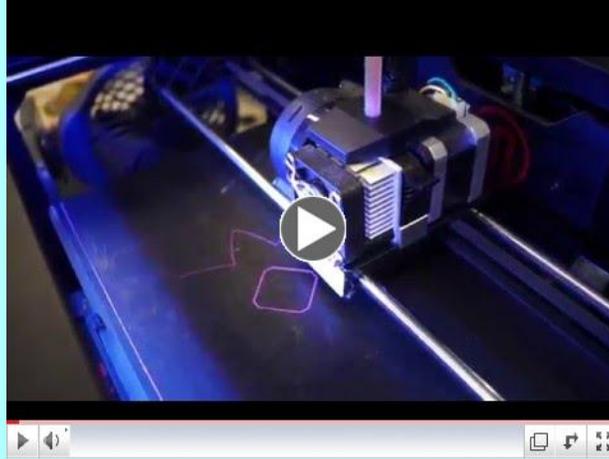
A 3-D printing workshop with Austin Olney, the Library's digital media specialist.

During the visits, students meet the Edge staff, participate in a scavenger hunt, learn about 3-D printing, work on a service project, engage in a graphic novel workshop, and enjoy a pizza lunch. The daylong visits culminate with every student receiving an Edge Library card (and a snack!).

This will be the third year that the Library has partnered with the Eastview faculty to develop and present this popular initiative. A highlight of the program takes place the day after each visit, when enthusiastic cardholders return to the Edge to do homework, use technology, and hang out with other teens.

What in the World Is 3-D Printing?

It seems like you can't pick up a magazine or turn on the news without hearing about 3-D printing. What's the big deal? And how does 3-D printing really work? Let the teens and staff in the Edge explain it to you in this brief, five minute video. You'll end up with a better understanding of how an image on a computer screen can be transformed into an object you can hold in your hand.



Summer StoryWalk® Opening: *Lady Liberty's Holiday*

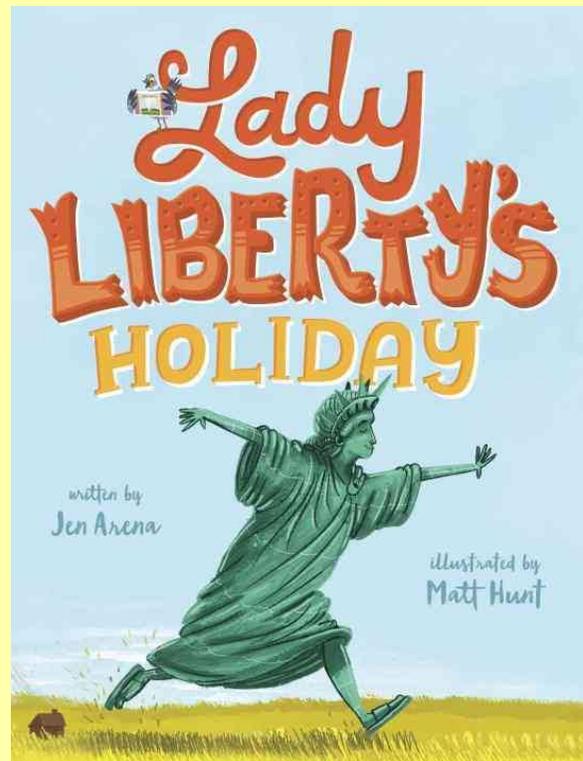
The Statue of Liberty takes a vacation! Where does she go and will she return to New York City in time for the 4th of July? Follow The Trove's Summer StoryWalk® to find out!

The StoryWalk® is based on the book entitled *Lady Liberty's Holiday* written by Jen Arena and illustrated by Matt Hunt. It is an interactive reading activity for families with children in grades 1-6. The StoryWalk®, which will take place in the Trove, launches on Friday, June 24, and continues through Friday, September 2.

StoryWalk® guidelines are available at the Children's Information Desk (The Compass) in The Trove. Participants are encouraged to pick up the StoryWalk® form before going on the walk. Children in grades 1-3 should be accompanied by an adult on the walk.

Children in grades 4-6 may follow the walk without an adult.

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT. Thanks to the folks at Penguin Random House for their support of this StoryWalk®.



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