

This Month on Martine

News from the White Plains Public Library



Welcome to fall! Here at the Library, the good news is that the final renovation work on the first floor--creating The Hub, our library for adults--will begin this October. The bad news? Expect some disruptions in services and collections over the course of the next year, as the renovation goes forward.

While you will still be able to access circulation, the Edge, and the fiction collections on the first floor, reference services--along with new books, DVDs, and music CDs--will temporarily move to the gallery and auditorium on the second floor. So, too, will the computers.

And until March 1, our non-fiction collection--housed in the three-story, central stacks--will be inaccessible. But if you plan ahead, we should be able to get the material you need from another library in the Westchester Library System.

No one enjoys these sorts of changes. But we're confident the end result will make the next few months worthwhile.

The Hub is a public/private partnership of The City of White Plains, the State of New York, and the White Plains Library Foundation (including a gift of \$1 million from an anonymous donor).



Brian Kenney
Library Director

Is College in My Future? The Answer is "Yes."

Being the first in your family to ever attend college can be a real challenge. Often

you lack a role model who can familiarize you with the experience. Also, families without a college background can have difficulties understanding the range of colleges, the application process, and especially how to finance college.

Fortunately, children who will be the first in their families to go to college will get some much-needed help in making those dreams a reality thanks to a \$25,000 grant from **The Allstate Foundation** to the White Plains Library Foundation in partnership with Latino U College Access. The program, **First Steps to College**, does something very unique: it targets middle school students and their parents, reaching families well in advance of high school.



Programs will include bi-lingual (Spanish/English) information sessions for parents and a series of afterschool workshops for students in grades 6-8. Topics will include: Thinking about College, What a College Education Can Do for Me, Paying for College, and more. Programs will include opportunities for participants to talk with college advisors and college students who are also the first in their families to pursue higher education. The first session for parents and students is Tuesday, November 1st at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Library. To RSVP, call/text LatinoU College Access at 914-729-1023.



Our Sleeper Best Seller: Mobile Hot Spots

Earlier in the summer—with little marketing or fanfare—we began to offer mobile hotspots for loan. Within a week, our five devices were all checked out—and they were continued to be borrowed through the summer. Clearly we had a hit on our hands!

The Library hotspot lending program provides access to unlimited, high-speed Internet service anywhere Sprint provides data coverage.

The Hotspot connects up to ten devices at a time, including desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc. It's perfect for those who have no Internet access at home, are going on vacation (especially a road trip!), or taking their business on the road.

We've added more hotspots to our original five,



so that there is less of a wait.

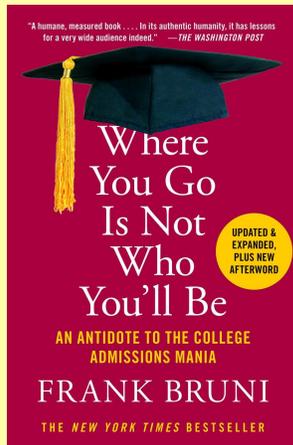
Hotspots are available to White Plains Public Library cardholders for a 7 day loan period. Hotspots must be picked up at and returned to the Hub desk. For more about the program, including FAQs, visit our [hotspot page](#).

Guess Who's Coming to White Plains: Frank Bruni

When: Saturday, October 22, 2016, 7- 10 p.m.

What: White Plains Library Foundation's Fall Gala

Where: New location: Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains (we had to relocate because of the Library's renovation)



We are delighted to welcome White Plains native Frank Bruni back to White Plains for what promises to be a lively evening.

An Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times* since June 2011, Frank joined the newspaper in 1995 and his writing has ranged broadly across its pages. He has been both a White House correspondent and the chief restaurant critic.

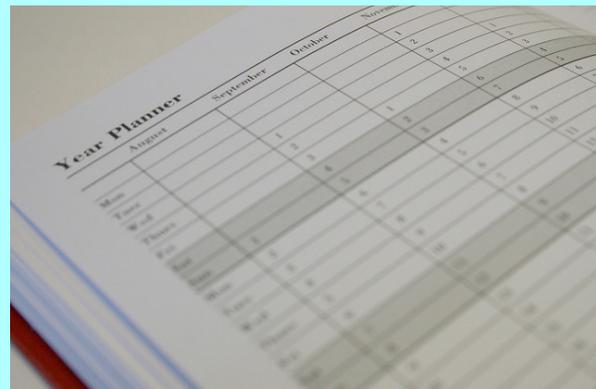
He'll be talking with us about his most recent book, *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania*. [Go here to purchase tickets](#) for the Gala.

Proceeds from the event will benefit *The Campaign for the Hub*.

Mark Your Calendar!

Relax. Our weekly lunchtime **Meditation** program continues. No registration required. Starts promptly every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m., with the first few minutes devoted to beginning instruction. *Supported by the White Plains Foundation.*

Decided to finally get your own business going? Come to **How to Write a Business Plan**, presented by the Small Business Administration. Tuesday, September 13, 1:30 p.m.



Now for something completely different: **The Art of History, A Local History Collage Night**. Join local history librarian Ben Himmelfarb to help put some old local history books to good use! We'll provide all the supplies you need to create a collage using historical pictures from books that tell the story of White Plains' past. Part arts & crafts, part history, for all ages. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

It's O.K. We all have computer issues. But you can solve yours at our **Drop-In Computer Help**. Bring your laptop, tablet, phone, etc. Wednesdays, September 7 and 28th, 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

For kids, you won't want to miss our **Day of the Dead Workshop**, to be held on October 11, 18, 25. For grades 2-6. **Register** September 27.

Learn the **Art of Decoupage** and create decoupage boxes. For grades 4-6. September 26, 4:30 p.m.

For more about these and the many more programs we offer, [visit the Library's calendar.](#)

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