

This Month on Martine

News from the White Plains Public Library



Visiting the Library? Here's What to Expect

The Library renovation is in full swing, which means there are lots of changes!

On the first floor, you'll still find circulation services, the Edge for teens, audio books, the fiction collections (fiction, mysteries, science fiction, graphic novels), and paperbacks.

On the second floor are the new books, computers, DVDs, CDs, magazines, career, small business, and foundation collections. The Trove is unaffected by any of the work.

On both floors, you'll find service desks with staff who are happy to show you around and help you locate whatever you're looking for. Stop by and say hello!



Future home of Cafe and Friend's Bookstore

What's unavailable—at least until March—is the non-fiction collection for adults. But we can request materials from the other libraries in the Westchester Library System. Just plan ahead, as this will take several days.

Questions? Call 914-422-1480 before you visit.

Brian Kenney
Library Director

Meet Joshua Carlson

As the new manager of Youth Services, including both the Trove and the Edge, Josh Carlson wants a "Fandemic" to spread through White Plains.

In his former position as Youth Services director at the Utica Public Library, Carlson created Fandemicon, which he described on the [website](#) as "a family friendly celebration of all things fandom-from comics and superheroes, to games and gaming, to anime and manga and cosplay, and everything else fanboys and fangirls enjoy."



"I was inspired by Comic Con becoming a phenomenon in large cities...We held the first Fandemicon on a Saturday in August 2015, and 700 kids and their moms and dads came in costume...this past August, 1,000 showed up."

Beyond Fandemicon, Carlson planned and implemented the Utica Library's "Super Summer Reading," with traditional programs for pre-K through teens as well as the "Super Summer Challenge" for 10-18 year-olds.

"It was an experiential program designed to get participants actively engaged both in the community and with the Library's materials and programs, as well as thinking and creating all year long," he says. "Super Summer Challenge featured over 120 programs, including in-house programming and guest performers/presenters."

Carlson's creativity and enthusiasm led to his White Plains Public Library hire. "I saw the Youth Services manager posting on the Internet, and I applied for it because after eight years in Utica I was ready for a new challenge," he says. "When I went to New York State library conferences and learned about the excellent reputation of White Plains-both the Library and the City-I was further motivated."

He started November 21 in the new position. "I'm in awe of the Library's remodeling, which has already given us The Trove for kids and The Edge for teens," he says. "When the adult Library's remodeling is completed in 2017, this building will be amazing."

Wondering about Virtual Reality? Check it out

Thanks to a grant from the Best Buy Foundation, hundreds of teens will have more access to free classes in The Edge. The White Plains Library Foundation received a grant to expand the Library's popular programs in 3D Printing and Design, Robotics, Coding and an exciting new technology, Virtual Reality (VR).

The tools for media production are changing fast; this new grant is helping the Library provide even more opportunities for teens to explore the latest innovative technology. For details about classes,



Exploring new VR technology

check the list of upcoming teen events on the [Library's homepage](#).



A Conversation about the Hub



The weekly TV show *This Blooming City*, hosted by former White Plains Beautification Foundation Co-President Marie Silverman Marich and produced by White Plains Community Media, will feature a show about the Library and plans for the Hub, our new adult area, now under construction.



The upcoming episode will include an interview with Diane Tabakman, President of the White Plains Library Foundation and Librarian Tim Baird, Manager of Adult Services. You can watch it on Saturday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, January 15th at 10:30 a.m. on community access channels, Verizon 45 and Cablevision/Optimum 76 and, starting on January 13th, on-line at [White Plains Community Media](#)

New Pass Alert: NY Transit Museum

Just in time for winter, the New York Transit Museum in Brooklyn is joining the Library's Museum Pass Program. The pass provides free admission for two adult and two children.

The Transit Museum is the latest organization to join our popular program that includes passes to the Guggenheim Museum, The Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum, the Children's Museum of Manhattan, and more.



The New York Transit Museum is dedicated to telling and preserving the stories of mass transportation. Housed underground in an authentic 1936 subway station in Downtown Brooklyn, the Transit Museum's working platform level spans a full city block, and is home to a rotating selection of twenty vintage subway

and elevated cars dating back to 1907.

Visitors can board the vintage cars, sit at the wheel of a city bus, step through a time tunnel of turnstiles, and explore changing exhibits that highlight the cultural, social and technological history - and future - of mass transit.

To reserve a Museum Pass, please visit our website at whiteplainslibrary.org and under "Info & Help" click on "Museum Passes" OR call us at 914-422-1480.

The Museum Pass Program, which is restricted to White Plains Public Library cardholders, is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation and the City of White Plains.

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