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# Adult Events Calendar

## January 2020

Unless otherwise noted, registration is not required, all programs are free, and are funded by the City of White Plains. To stay up to date on new Library events, subscribe to our eNewsletter at <http://whiteplainslibrary.org/v6yr>

**Key to How Our Events are Funded (Fr) - Friends of the White Plains Public Library (Fo) - White Plains Library Foundation**

### Books

#### The Future is Female

Monday, **1/6** 2:00 p.m.

Join us to discuss *American Primitive* by Mary Oliver (1983)—“Mary Oliver’s poetry is fine and deep; it reads like a blessing. Her special gift is to connect us with our sources in the natural world, its beauties and terrors and mysteries and consolations...” —Stanley Kunitz, US Poet Laureate, 2000

#### Slow Reading

Monday, **1/6 & 27** 2:00 p.m.

Readings, led by teacher and author Ellen Lambert, will be works of great short fiction. We will study each work in detail. “Security,” “River,” and “Different Road” by Elizabeth Strout will be discussed on 1/6. “Blue Country” and “Lying Doggo” by Nancy Culpepper will be discussed on 1/27.

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[librarian@whiteplainslibrary.org](mailto:librarian@whiteplainslibrary.org)

Text a Librarian: Text “WPPL”  
followed by your question to 66746

### Noticias

Copias de este boletín informativo están

disponibles en la Biblioteca y español.  
[whiteplainslibrary.org](http://whiteplainslibrary.org).

#### Book 'Em!

#### A Mystery Book Group

Wednesday, **1/8** 2:30 p.m.

Library Director Brian Kenney will lead a discussion of *The Confession of Frannie Langton* by Sara Collins. A former slave is accused of murdering her employer in this historical thriller.

#### Short Story Discussion

Thursday, **1/9** 2:00 p.m.

Join librarian Barbara Wenglin for our fall series featuring selections from the anthology *Stories of Motherhood* (Everyman’s Pocket Classics, 2012), available to borrow with a reserve copy kept at the Hub Desk. For this session read “The Sky is Gray” by Ernest Gaines (p.137). Please register once for full series. **(Fr)**

### Film

#### Short Story Film Screening: Mildred Pierce

Thursday, **1/16** 2:00 p.m.

Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin for the culmination of the fall series with a film screening and discussion of *Mildred Pierce*. Classic film noir murder mystery nominated for six Academy Awards. A hard-working divorcée will do anything for her spoiled daughter. Starring Joan Crawford and Ann Blyth, with Jack Carson, Zachary Scott, and Eve Arden. **(Fr)**

### Community

#### Common Ground:

#### Community Conversations

Thursday, **1/16** 6:00 p.m.

Are you interested in sharing your thoughts about the toughest issues facing our country—as well as listening to the opinions of your neighbors and friends? Then join us for a series of community conversations co-hosted with the League of Women Voters of White Plains. The topic this week is “What is a community” Who does a community serve? Is it possible to have one community instead of separate communities?

### Holiday closings

#### New Year’s Day

January 1

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20

#### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Phone Numbers

Renewals by Phone.....674-4169

Checkout / Library Cards .....422-1490

Adult Reference.....422-1480

The Edge (Teen Services).....422-1481

The Trove (Children’s Services).....422-1476

#### Library Board of Trustees Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, January 8  
at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public.  
Call 422-1407  
for more information.

## Wellness

### Lunchtime Meditation

Wednesdays 12:15 p.m.

Brief beginning instruction followed by silent meditation, with a guest instructor the first Wednesday of the month. (Fo)

### Nutrition Workshop: Nutrition Labels

Friday, 1/3 2:00 p.m.

We all want to make healthy choices for our families and ourselves. Yet, being healthy is easier said than done. Join Feeding Westchester's nutritionist Alyssa Advincula for this workshop with cooking demonstration.

## Languages

### English for Beginners

Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m.

In the BASIC level, you will learn how to read, write, and speak in English. Register on **January 6**. Offered in partnership with Southern Westchester BOCES.

### English Conversation Group

Every Monday and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Practice your English skills in a friendly, casual atmosphere!

### Tarde de Ñ (Spanish Conversation)

Select Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

Practice your Spanish skills with Andrei Bezzubikoff. Participants should speak Spanish at an intermediate to advanced level.

## Citizenship

### Citizenship Classes

Wednesdays 5:00-9:00 p.m.

This class will cover basic test-taking skills and prep for the English language section of the citizenship test. The class is free but space is limited. Registration is required. Register on **January 8, 5:00-9:00 p.m.** Students must be at least 18 years old.

## Business

### SCORE Business Counseling

Thursdays 6:00 p.m.

Free and confidential mentoring for those looking to start or grow a small business is available by appointment only. Contact (914) 948-3907 to make an appointment.

## Poetry Slam

### Poetry Slam and Open Mic

Wednesday, 1/8 6:30 p.m.

Our exciting series continues (this month on the *second* Wednesday) with Open Mic, SLAM competition, and a feature performance from guest poet Bobby Sanchez! To take part in the open mic or slam, please register between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

## Crafts

### Second Saturday Knitters

Saturday, 1/11 1:00 p.m.

Learn and perfect your knitting techniques at this group for adults. Participants must bring their own supplies. Beginners welcome but space is limited to 15 participants, 18 years or older.

## Technology

### Tech Topics for Adults

Mondays 6:00 p.m.

This series for adults focuses on different advanced digital technologies each week. Registration required.

1/6: Modern Technology

1/13: Streaming & Digital TV

1/27: Big Data & Digital Privacy

### 3D Design with Blender

Thursday, 1/23 12:15 p.m.

In this quick workshop, participants will learn how to use Blender, a free 3D design application. Gain skills for creating digital models. Registration required.

## Computer classes

We offer hands-on computer classes every month. For complete descriptions, pick up a copy of our "Computer Classes" flyer, call 422-1480, or visit our website.

For one-on-one computer classes *en español*, please call Mariel Perez at 422-6982 for an appointment.

### Beginner Instruction

Call 422-1480 or visit the Hub Desk to schedule one-on-one trainings on: [Mouse and Windows Skills](#) & [Web Browser Basics](#).

### Intermediate Classes

(for those with a little experience; online registration required)

### Drop-In Computer Help for Seniors

Fri 1/10 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Intro to Microsoft Excel, Pt. 1 & 2

Tu 1/14 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Intro to Microsoft Powerpoint, Pt. 1

Th 1/16 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Intro to Microsoft Powerpoint, Pt. 2

Fri 1/17 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Intro to Microsoft Excel, Pt. 3

Tu 1/21 4:00-5:30 p.m.

3D Design with Blender

Th 1/23 12:15-12:45 p.m.