May Events

If you haven't done so already, take a moment to check out our calendar for May. Our offerings include a Virtual Happy Hour on Fridays (a chance to catch up on the news of the week), lunchtime meditation, a workshop on big data and privacy, several book discussion groups, and so much more. Children and teens have even more offerings to choose from including storytimes, virtual tabletop gaming, and a workshop on free digital resources available during the pandemic.

In moving so many of our programs to an online platform, we've learned a lot, and not just about the technology. One thing we've discovered is that many of our patrons prefer online programs, either because of their schedules, or other impediments that make in-person events difficult to attend. When we reopen the Library, and begin to reintroduce programs, we will need to try and make it possible for people to attend whichever way they want: virtually or in-person.

Have a great week!

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COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Distributing food to our community during these challenging times. All neighbors are welcome.

Both walk-up and curbside pickup will be available.

**WALKERS**
Please abide by social distancing rules, line up at least 6 feet apart

**DRivers**
Please remain in your car and open the trunk when it's your turn

**SATURDAY MAY 2** | 9AM-12PM
LOCATION: 33 DAVIS AVE, WHITE PLAINS

*FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE - WE WILL DISTRIBUTE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST*

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**Friday Virtual Happy Hour**
Fridays
5:00–6:00 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of lively conversation over the news of the week with mocktail recipes. Attend the program by clicking the Zoom link for the specific date you wish to attend: 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, & 5/29. This program and others held on Zoom are supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Staff Hoopla Picks: Fantasy Novels

Possibly our most dynamic digital resource, Hoopla includes a variety of different formats from books to movies and music. In order to highlight some of these, we've gathered staff recommendations of just a few formats you can stream and download with your library card. Here on our website are some fantasy novel recommendations from Programming Librarian Kristy Bauman.
COVID-19 Writing Prompt: Poem

White Plains Library Slammaster Erik ZORK Alan has assembled a group and individual poetry prompt for community members to use to express themselves during this strange and challenging time. Submissions to be included in the community poem are due May 13th, but individual poems to be submitted to our Documenting COVID-19: White Plains Experiences collection will be accepted past that due date.

Deep Relaxation Sound Bath

Saturday, May 2
4:00–5:00 p.m.
Come experience a soothing, immersive sound meditation with bowl master Daniel Lauter who plays crystal bowls and gongs, Tibetan and Himalayan bells, rain sticks, ocarina, and other instruments. The sounds will melt away your stress and leave you calmer and recharged. Lauter is an educator and Integrative Sound Specialist who teaches and performs throughout New York state. For more information, see www.meditationdj.com. Attend the program by accessing Zoom with this link on 5/2.

Voting by Mail

Adult Services & Local History Librarian Austin Duffy put together this voting guide for those who need more info on the changes to the Absentee Ballot application deadlines.
Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

The White Plains BID put together this list of restaurants (and other businesses) that are still open for takeout/delivery.

Here is a (growing) list of resources for gig workers affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Everything we know about the new Tana French novel coming this fall.

TV Review: Normal People is a love story to cherish.

Photo of The Week

Left: Isolation Thoughts seen on a walk. Photo by Christiane D.

We want your photos! In each issue of This Week on Martine we feature one patron submitted photo that was taken in White Plains. To submit your photography for a chance to be featured, visit our submission page, upload a photo, and fill out our form with a short description of the photo and your name.