May 6, 2020

Not too Late to Count

During this time when it can be difficult to find a way to help our city, there is a very important thing you can do to support it – and the best part is that it can be done from your own home.

If you haven't responded to the Census yet, take 10 minutes to shape our future for the next 10 years.

Online, phone, and mailed self-responses continue through October 31st.

Complete the Census online here or call (844) 330-2020.

Have questions? Give us a call at (914) 448-4859.

Staff Hoopla Picks: Grown Up Comics

Did you just binge watch The Boys, Locke and Key, The Witcher, or Watchmen? These comic recommendations from Youth Services Manager Josh Carlson are where those, and other great shows, came from.
Healthy Co-existence with Technology

Tonight, May 6
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Working from home? Chained to multiple devices? Learn to stay mindful and healthy despite ever-present digital distractions. Using experiential exercises, Dan Cayer teaches how to stay balanced and thoughtful, even while staring at a screen. Get tips for mindfulness and body awareness that will help you become more focused and less frazzled. A certified Alexander Technique teacher and meditation practitioner, Cayer has led workshops throughout the country and in the United Kingdom. For more details, see dancayer.co. Attend the program by accessing Zoom with this link on 5/6.
This program and others held on Zoom are supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

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.

Staff Hoopla Picks:
Great American Songbook & Broadway

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 album recommendations from Adult Services & Local History Librarian Austin Duffy and Adult Services Librarian Sharon Rothman.

Big Data/Online Privacy
Monday, May 11
6:00–6:45 p.m.
During the current pandemic, it is vital to maintain privacy online from “big brother,” “big tech,” and “big data.” Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and get his best advice. Register in advance for this webinar here.

Creative Writing for All Ages

Writing can be a cathartic and stress-reducing activity, making it well suited to our current reality. Just as reading a good book can be a comfort right now, getting lost in a writing prompt can also be a portal into another world. Luckily, Hoopla offers a wealth of resources for writers of all ages, from children to adults. Teen Librarian Kathlyn Carroll recommends creative writing titles for all ages here.
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.

The top 10 books New Yorkers are devouring in quarantine.

In an effort to help serve their community during these times, 28 local High School students, under the leadership of Global Ambassadors, have offered their time and an easy system for students to get extra help in all subject areas.

Photo of The Week

Left: White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival under quarantine. Photo by David R.

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