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What's YOUR Story?

I’ve mentioned it a bit before, but the Library has officially announced its new project, Documenting COVID-19: White Plains Experiences. This is an opportunity for anyone who lives in, works in, or goes to school in White Plains to share their stories, thoughts and feelings about living during this historic moment.

We will accept any format – audio, video, photography, artwork, journal entries, assignments, poetry… just send it in using our online submission form. For more information and to access the submission form, visit the Documenting COVID-19: White Plains Experiences section of our website. The page explains the project and how it will move forward.

“This important project by the Library will help us reflect on this time and help others understand what we are living through. It will become an important part of White Plains history.”—White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach

We plan on sharing submissions both digitally, on our website, but also physical works within our Local History collection. Our hope is that this new special collection will be a record of the White Plains community during the pandemic that future researchers and generations can use.
Please share this project widely and use the hashtag #WPdocumentingCOVID19 on social media!

Take care,
Josh Carlson
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P.S. For all of you fans of the kinetic sculpture in the Trove by artist Jeffrey Zachmann, check out my STEAM at Home activity about creating your own marble runs!

P.P.S. Remember, you can always reply to this email or reach me on Twitter. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Mother's Day

Ms. Raquel has put together a great craft to do at home and a reading list to celebrate Mother’s Day.

For more at home learning and fun, ebooks, and activities for May celebrations and observances, visit our website.

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STEAM at Home

We’ve been putting together some great STEAM activities you can do at home with common, everyday materials. Try one out! After you’re done, send me a picture of the completed project by replying to this email!
Steffi Nossen School of Dance Videos

Steffi Nossen School of Dance will be sharing a free “Story Book Dance” video each month with the Library and our patrons. Thank you, Steffi Nossen!

Sensory Needs at Home

Miss Lauren shares helpful parenting tips for providing sensory input and stimulation for children who have sensory issues (most common in children with autism spectrum disorder and ADHD), but also for typically developing children.

Hoopla Creative Writing Resources

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.
Daddy-Daughter Storytime

This week's books:

*Fox and Chick: The Quiet Board Ride & Other Stories*

*The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf*
Our next May Virtual Book Bunch, a book discussion group for fourth and fifth graders, is on May 27th. You still have time to read *Dragon Pearl*, with unlimited copies available in Hoopla.
Offline Technology Projects: Ideas for Parents

Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney put together this comprehensive list of offline technology projects.

Articles Around the Web

John Krasinski continues to share Some Good News, including a star-studded, emotional 2020 Graduation celebration.


What Parents Need to Know About Coronavirus. Collected NYT articles covering every aspect of parenting, working from home, and child raising during the pandemic.

WPHS Peer Tutoring – WPHS students are offering free virtual tutoring in a variety of subjects. To sign up for tutoring, or to become a tutor, visit: https://wppeertutors.com.

Photo of The Week
Above: Josh Carlson, Manager of Youth Services. Week 7, I think, of my working from home mohawk. #WFH #WFHMohawk