June 17, 2020

More on Curbside

One thing we've learned this week: White Plains residents are hungry for books! When we opened the phone lines this past Monday morning, we were inundated with callers. Thanks to everyone for their patience as we worked out some kinks and got our system up to speed.

Here's an important tip: Don't put an item on hold through the catalog. Instead, call us at 422-1400 (between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) and let us search for the item. This will be much faster and efficient. If the item is not on shelf or checked out, staff will then place the catalog hold for you, and you will eventually be notified of its availability. Also, interlibrary loan among the Westchester libraries isn't in operation yet. So if we don't own the item, there is zero chance of getting it from another Library.

Finally, the service is limited to three items a day. People who call back repeatedly throughout the day—reserving multiple sets of three—just make it harder for us to help other borrowers.

Enjoy the reading and viewing!

Take care,

Brian Kenney
Film Discussion: Becoming Astrid

Thursday, June 18
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin to discuss this poignant, coming-of-age biography of the charming, feisty Astrid Lindgren, Swedish author and creator of the beloved *Pippi Longstocking*. The film’s theme of single motherhood will be explored in this final session of our series, "Stories of Motherhood." Please view the movie before the meeting, available through Kanopy. Register here via Zoom. All are welcome!

Monitoring Software for Parents

Monday, June 22
6:00–6:45 p.m.
Kids nowadays are doing so much online, it can be tough to keep up and make sure they are safe. Learn about different monitoring tools available for parents by joining this session from Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney. Please register here through Zoom link to attend session.

Common Ground

Common Ground is a series of courageous community conversations hosted by the Library, YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester, and the League of Women Voters of White Plains. In the past, Common Ground has served as a space where the general public can gather and discuss our national and local communities' most pressing issues. In a time where we are battling the COVID-19 pandemic and seeing
our nation's reckoning with its racist past and present, we are even more determined to create the space for these conversations, even virtually.

YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester and the League of Women Voter of White Plains will host a Zoom meeting from **4:00-5:00 p.m. on June 24th**. To attend, RSVP by emailing aquinones@ywca-wpcw.org or 8saltman8@gmail.com and they will send the Zoom ID and password on the morning of June 24th.

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### Around the Web

**Facts on Coronavirus.**

Libraries strive to stay "community living rooms" as they reopen.

Black Writers’ Guild calls for sweeping change in UK publishing.

Amistad launches #BlackoutBestsellerList on social media.

Black and white: why capitalization matters.

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### Photo of The Week

**Left:** Birds have once again built a nest underneath our retractable awning, and this little guy sits on our patio and chirps daily for hours. Working from home during the pandemic has given me the opportunity and pleasure to enjoy his serenade while...
sipping my morning coffee. Photo by Debbie S.

We want your photos! In each issue of This Week on Martine we feature one patron submitted photo that was taken in White Plains during the current COVID-19 pandemic. 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.