July 15, 2020

Save the Date: July 28th

We’re very excited to announce that the Library will reopen to the public on Tuesday, July 28. This is a significant event as we work towards reestablishing full library services.

At this point, we are reopening the Library for one purpose: to allow our public to browse and borrow material. Expect a “stripped down” library: no chairs, no computers, no programs, not even any coffee! But there are plenty of new books, movies, and music CDs just waiting to be borrowed and enjoyed.

Beginning July 28, the Library will be open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Only a limited number of patrons will be allowed into the building at any given time, and you will need to reserve a spot online or by giving us a call.

This will allow us to implement social distancing, guarantee that every visitor is using a face mask, and support the Library’s COVID-19 Best Practices Policy. In addition, gloves will be available as well as plenty of hand sanitizer.

Over the next few months we plan to gradually expand our services as well as the building’s occupancy. We appreciate your understanding as we take a measured approach to reopening.

Next Wednesday’s issue of This Week on Martine will be devoted entirely to reopening, including information on how to reserve your spot.

See you at the Library!

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P.S. Not ready to be out and about? We’re still investing heavily in eBooks and digital audiobooks. Contact us if you need help getting going.
Summer Read, Watch, & Listen List

We asked our staff to pick two books or films that they recently enjoyed or are looking forward to enjoying this summer. Here is a list of wide ranging recommendations for adults.

Qello Concerts by Stingray

Music lovers, rejoice! With Qello Concerts by Stingray, White Plains cardholders now have access to the world's largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries streamed on-demand to just about any digital device. It's like a never-ending concert ticket.

Qello Concerts spans over 30 genres, from classical to rock, reggae to country. Enjoy music from the 1920s to today's hottest artists, including Queen, Pink Floyd, Lady Gaga, Metallica, Nirvana, Tiësto, Tupac, Slipknot, Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones, The Doors, The Who, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Stevie Wonder, Pavarotti, Celine Dion, Eagles, David Bowie, Eric Clapton, and so many more. Find out more on our website.

Documenting COVID-19: PBA Volunteers
In March, at the beginning of the pandemic crisis, we had a knock at the door of our office at Meals on Wheels of White Plains. We were surprised to find two members of the White Plains police force. “Don't worry,” they said. “We're here as the PBA and we want to know if you need help.” Weeks later, as more and more of our volunteers declined to go out, we took them up on their offer. At the height of the crisis, for several weeks in May, members of the PBA made all of our deliveries. They came on their own time, in their own vehicles and in civilian clothes, and covered all of our six routes. (The uniformed members in the photo were there as backup that day. None went on a route in uniform.) These officers were our saviors, taking over and taking our meals on their wheels. (Now enough of our volunteers are back, but the PBA is still on call as standby.)—Paul Schwarz, MOWWP Board President.

Submit your own experience.

Film Screening:
Scars of Our Mothers' Dreams
Friday, July 17
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Filmmaker Meschida Philip will show her short film exploring the impact on children separated from their parents due to migration. A discussion will follow. For information on attending, click here.

Meschida Philip is a Grenadian-American filmmaker, film festival director, and entrepreneur. She founded mprojekts creative group, a production entity to tell stories that inspire and preserve legacies while encouraging diversity and equality on-screen. In 2018, Meschida founded the 12ºN 61ºW Grenadian Film Festival (1261 Film Festival).

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**New Streaming Service: medici. tv**

We just added a new streaming service that fans of classical music will love: medici.tv!

**What is medici. tv online platform?** Described as “the closest thing to a classical Netflix” by The New York Times, medici.tv offers since 2008 the best of classical music to institutions across the globe. The largest online catalogue of classical music, opera, and dance videos: 3,000 musical works filmed from the 1940’s to the present. 1,700 films including concerts, documentaries and master classes. Over 100 live events broadcast every year from the most prestigious concert halls and classical music festivals. Find out more on our website. Available to White Plains Library Cardholders only.

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Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

Colson Whitehead is the youngest writer to win the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction.

Dawn Wacek: How can libraries be a path toward inclusivity and forgiveness?

Libraries face reopening dilemma as pandemic escalates.

Rethinking police presence: libraries consider divesting from law enforcement.

Photo of The Week

Left: A giant mushroom under the oak at WP Presbyterian churchyard.
Photo by Theda W.

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.

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