September 23, 2020

Join the Conversation!

This October and November, the Library is facilitating conversations about Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Antiracist*, which is quickly becoming an essential book for anyone who wants to go beyond an awareness of racism to the next step of contributing to the formation of a truly just and equitable society. As part of One Book, One White Plains, we would like to join your book group to help lead the discussion, or perhaps, you can pull together a group at your job or among your friends just to discuss *How to Be an Antiracist*. We are also hosting several book discussions that anyone can join and we have just opened up registration for our October discussions. Find a select list of dates below, and find the full list of dates and information about having us join your groups on our website here.

**Adults: How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi**

- Thursday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. Register here.
- Thursday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. Register here.
- Common Ground/Reading to End Racism: Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. Info on attending here.
- Saturday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m. Register here.
- Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. Register here.
- Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. Register here.
- We will announce November dates soon.

Take care,

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Increased Security for Our
**Wireless Network**

Please be aware that when you next connect to the Library’s wireless network, you will now be prompted to connect on our guest portal page (see left).

While no public wifi network is entirely secure, this helps prevent someone from setting up what is known as a man-in-the-middle attack whereby they masquerade as a bona fide network (which in our case is WPPL-PUBLIC).

So now when you connect to WPPL-PUBLIC for the first time on any given day, make sure that you see this guest portal page. It reasonably ensures that you are then connecting to the Library’s network.

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**Subscribe to What's the Story?**

Don’t miss the latest news from our Youth Services Department! [Sign up for What’s the Story?] today. The next issue of our monthly youth services newsletter will be out tomorrow.

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**Short Story Discussion**

Barbara Wenglin’s short-story discussion series has been a mainstay at the Library for years, but the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 caused the format to change from in-person to virtual, via the Zoom platform. It will continue on Zoom when it returns next month.

Opening the fall series on **Thursday, October 8, at 2:00 p.m.** is “The Enormous Radio,” John Cheever's 1948 story of a New York couple’s lifestyle affected and influenced by an unusual radio, which ironically was about to be challenged in media dominance by the then-nascent television. Also to be explored is editor Moore’s introduction to the anthology. The Vanderbilt
University English professor’s discussion of the history of the short-story genre “is inspiring and informative” says Wenglin.

Register for the series here and find out more here. This program is supported by the Friends of the White Plains Public Library.

Workshop: Voting 3 Ways

Unsure of how to vote or register to vote this year? We’ve compiled a quick guide here on our website. For more in-depth information on voting locally, please register for the program below, which we will hold in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Westchester.

Prepare to Vote 2020: 3 Ways to Vote
Monday, September 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Are you prepared to vote in the 2020 General Election? Have you decided HOW you plan to vote? With the challenging environment that we face due to the COVID-19 pandemic and election law changes, learn everything you need to know about the three ways to vote: Absentee Ballot, Early Voting, and Election Day. You will learn the steps to take and the important deadline dates to determine which way to vote is best for you. Click here to find out how to attend.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from September 15th to October 15th. The month-long celebration recognizes the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. The day of September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th.

To help you celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, our Youth Services staff have three Dive Into Diversity posts highlighting books by Hispanic authors and about Hispanic culture for kids and teens. We also have book displays up in the Trove, and in our Adult Fiction section. If you’re looking for more titles, check out our digital display on OverDrive.
Career Panel for Teens with NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald

This October, the Library will be hosting three career panels for teens on Zoom. Our first panel on **October 1st at 6:00 p.m.**, will feature New York State Assembly person David Buchwald. He will talk about his career in politics and public service. Find out more [here](#).

Working from Home Ergonomically

**Tonight, from 7:00–8:00 p.m.**
Join Dan Cayer to explore how to make your DIY workspace more ergonomic and less of a musculoskeletal disaster. Learn principles of body mechanics and about optimal work set-ups. Making simple changes to your posture and work area will help you avoid tension, aches, and injuries. Cayer is a certified Alexander Technique teacher; see [dancayer.co](http://dancayer.co) for more information. A few participants will have an “on-air” evaluation of their work space. If interested, email him (dan@dancayer.co) photos of you at your workstation. For information on attending, [click here](#).

This program is supported by the [White Plains Library Foundation](#).

Virtual Tech Help
Wednesday, September 30th
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Ask Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in this virtual assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome. This program is provided via the Zoom platform and requires registration. [Sign up here](#) and receive further information about your time slot with the Digital Media Specialist (Be sure to provide your email address).

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**Around the Web**

- [Facts on Coronavirus](#).
- WiFi sign of the times as [New Yorkers gather outside libraries](#) for free Internet.
- Introducing the 2020 [National Book Award Longlists](#).
- David Ebershoff on [editing Justice Ginsburg](#).
- Ibram X. Kendi named to [Time 100 list of Most Influential People](#).

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**Photo of The Week**

Left: No fear of heights. Building works on Mamaroneck Avenue. by Lorella B.

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.