By now, your child is probably in school in some form. I would love to hear from you about what your family's experience is like; what is and isn’t working; what services you need; or maybe you just need to vent. Whatever it may be, I’m happy to listen. Whatever is going on, it might be something we can help with. For example, need help navigating remote learning? Let me know what about it is causing difficulties and perhaps we can come up with some trainings or solutions.

This fall, the Library is still going to be offering programs virtually. We have a wide variety of things coming up, and while I know screen burnout is a thing, I’m hoping some of them will prove to be interesting and engaging for you and your family.

We are underway with this fall’s One Book, One White Plains, our community read initiative featuring books by National Book Award winner Dr. Ibram X. Kendi who will be virtually visiting the Library on October 28. We are looking for community members to join, or start, book discussions on the two titles. Find out more about our Teen Stamped book groups and register here.

Registration is now open for the Race Consciousness Workshop on October 21. This workshop, supported by the White Plains Library Foundation, is for adults to learn how to discuss race and racism with children is not to be missed. In addition, it is recommended that adults interested in taking part in the caregiver-child reading of Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You in November attend this workshop in preparation. Look for resources and readings to be posted weekly on our site leading up to the workshop. The first set went live yesterday.

These are just some of the bigger things happening! See below, as well as our website and online calendar, for many other events taking place for youth and families.

Take care,

Josh Carlson
Manager of Youth Services
Writing Workshops for Kids and Teens

Youth Poetry Workshop with Westchester County Youth Poet Laureate – Oct. 6: Grades 2-6; Oct. 13: Grades 6-12

Creative Writing for Middle Grades Workshops

Thinking About the Future Programs for Teens:

Career Panels and Discussion

College Admissions and Planning Workshops

Jester Jim LIVE

Come join us for all the fun and interact with Jim and his amazing show on Saturday, October 10th at 2:00 p.m. Supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.
Day of the Dead Altars

Traditionally, the Trove has exhibited Day of the Dead altars created by Library patrons during the month of November, but this year the Trove’s exhibit will be virtual. The Library will be creating a digital exhibition of the altar submissions, and it will be posted on November 1st and 2nd to celebrate the families of White Plains for Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos. Find an altar tutorial video, submission form, and a themed reading list here on our website.

Summer of Making Recap

Earlier this year, the Library was very happy to learn that Verisk Analytics would continue supporting our Summer of Making programs during the pandemic. We also received funds from Con Edison to support two weeks of afternoon programming this summer as well. Thanks to support from our funders, we were able to adapt to a new challenge: how to offer these programs virtually. Watch our two recap videos here on our website.
Peculiar Picks

Better Sequels

Mr. Tiffin’s Class

Trove StoryWalk: Steamboat School

Our new StoryWalk featuring *The Steamboat School* by Deborah Hopkinson will be available for viewing starting Friday, October 2. The current StoryWalk, *The World is Waiting for You*, can be viewed through September 25.

Table Top Games

Join librarians Ashley and Erik from the Trove and the Edge to play fun virtual table top games!

Observances & Celebrations

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15 – October 15
Trove and Edge librarians recommend great reads to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, including picture books, chapter books, nonfiction and YA titles.
Mental Illness Awareness Week
October 4-10
Find staff recommendations for kids and teens related to themes of mental health awareness.

2020 ParentChild+ Programs

Early Learning Program (virtual)
FREE Program for families and their children from 16 months to 3 years old

- Parents and children participate together in twice weekly virtual sessions of up to 30 minutes each (October to May)
- The virtual sessions via phone or device are fun and generate the joy of learning through books, toys and play!
- The sessions support the parent, a child’s first and most important teacher.
- Each week the early learning specialist and family engage in joyful play, music, books and toys. These materials are given to the family to keep.
- The privacy and ethnic/cultural heritage of families is valued.

The program serves eligible families in White Plains, Port Chester, New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Mount Vernon, Greenburgh, Sleepy Hollow, and Tarrytown.

Sign up is easy! Choose your option:
- Call Tally Palefski: (914) 949-7699 ext. 2423
- Email tpalefski@wjcs.com
- Fax: 914 949 3224
- Mail: WJCS /PC+ 141 N Central Ave. Hartsdale, NY 10530
Around the Web

- SLJ: [Examining the Impact and Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#).
- Kids Attending School Remotely? [How to Keep Them Safe on the Internet](#).
- How to [Reduce Remote Learning Burnout in Kids](#).
- [Express Yourself from CMOM at Home](#) – Children are invited to learn how our words can make others feel with a reading of “Words are Not for Hurting” by Elizabeth Verdick and create a story book about how others have made them feel with their words.
- Eight Podcasts for [Kids Craving Scary Stories](#).

Photo of the Week

“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”—Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Find out more about the life of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg by checking out one of the books on display in the Trove, or from our eBook display on [OverDrive](#).

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."—Ruth Bader Ginsburg