October 2020 Virtual Calendar of Events

We recently announced the launch of our second One Book, One White Plains city-wide reading initiative with two selections by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi. For adults, we'll be reading How to Be an Antiracist and for teens (and all ages) we'll be reading Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Kendi and Jason Reynolds. Below you'll find our October book discussions as well as a special event with Dr. Kendi and a Race Consciousness Workshop with Sachi Feris of Raising Race Conscious Children. Those are just a few highlights for this month. Join us on Zoom (made possible through support from the White Plains Library Foundation) with a variety of virtual events presented by Library staff and local experts. Find a full listing of events below with details on attending.

And don't forget, you can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 914-422-1400, by texting WPPL to 66746, or by emailing us anytime.

Ideas for programs or activities? Send them my way.

Take care,
Brian Kenney
Library Director
bkenney@whiteplainslibrary.org

To attend a virtual event, either register through the provided link or, if attendance is open, visit the link for information on joining on the date the event occurs. Adult events are in orange, kids and family events are in yellow, teen events are in green, and events for assorted age groups are in blue. NOTE: To increase security in youth-focused programs, we are now requiring attendees to have a Zoom account to login to the event. Creating an account is easy and free.
Race Consciousness Workshop
Wednesday, October 21
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Sachi Feris, of Raising Race Conscious Children, will lead this virtual workshop to help parents and caregivers become more comfortable discussing race with young children. In this workshop, you will develop confidence to talk about race with young children, practice various strategies to proactively talk about race with young children, and strengthen children’s ability to become a change-maker. This workshop is intended for parents of children from birth through 5th grade; learn more about Sachi’s work here. This program is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Register in advance here.

A Conversation with Ibram X. Kendi
Wednesday, October 28
7:00–8:00 p.m.
The White Plains Library Foundation, in partnership with the Thomas H. Slater Center and with the support of other sponsors, is presenting a special virtual event with the award-winning author, historian, and thought-leader, Ibram X. Kendi. This program will be the highlight of the Library’s city-wide reading initiative, One Book, One White Plains. Print copies of How to Be an Antiracist are available through the Library while eBooks and digital audiobooks are available through OverDrive and Libby. Print copies of Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi are available through the Library while eBooks and digital audiobooks are available through OverDrive and Libby.

Click here to register.

English Conversation Group
Friday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
For ESL speakers. Come practice your English conversation skills in this fun, supportive virtual setting!
Feel free to bring your own conversation topic.

For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/2 10/9 10/16 10/23 & 10/30.

**Future is Female Book Discussion**

Monday, October 5 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Ellen O’Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of *The Yellow House*, by Sara M. Broom. In this memoir, the author tells the story of the East New Orleans shotgun house in which her widowed mother, Ivory Mae, raised twelve children, and the pull the house exerted on her family, even after it was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina. The book is available at our Library and also in a digital version from OverDrive and Libby.

For information on joining, click here.

**Virtual Youth Meet-up**

Thursday, October 1 & 15 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Have a computer or smartphone? Join Austin Olney (Schmiegle) in a new, virtual world for teens using the Roblox platform. Participate in a variety of fun activities with friends!

Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend 10/1 and 10/15.

**How Did I Get Here? Career Panel with Assemblyman David Buchwald**

Thursday, October 1 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Teens are invited to meet NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald and learn about the path he followed to a career in politics and public service. Discussion and Q&A. More information about Assemblyman Buchwald can be found here.
Storytime for Ages 2-6  
Tuesday, October 6 & 20  
11:00 – 11:35 a.m.  
Virtual storytime with Trove Librarians for ages 2-6.  
For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/6 & 10/20.

Virtual Table Top Games  
Monday, October 5 & 19  
4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Play table top games virtually with Erik and Ashley. The event will be hosted on Zoom and the games will be played on boardgamearena.com. Please make a free account on boardgamearena prior to the event.  
For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/5 & 10/19.

Writing Workshop:  
Pause and Reflect Again  
Tuesdays, October 6 through December 1  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Join us for this 8-session online creative writing workshop. Through exercises and supportive evaluations, you'll learn techniques that will help you get at the heart of your stories from the pandemic. At the conclusion of the workshop, you are invited to have your story recorded and preserved on film to show us how we are still intimately connected. This workshop welcomes all writing levels.  
Register in advance (and be sure

Youth Poetry Workshop for Children  
Tuesday, October 6  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Join Westchester County's Youth Poet Laureate, Danielle Kohn, for a workshop filled with fun, interactive poetry activities for kids. Learn about
Short Story Book Discussion
Thursday, October 7 & 29
2:00-4:15 p.m.
Join librarian Barbara Wenglin to explore intriguing selections from the exciting new series anthology, 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories, edited by Lorrie Moore (2015). The book is available in print through our catalog, and as an eBook in Hoopla as well as Libby and Overdrive. For 10/7, read "The Enormous Radio" by John Cheever (p.160 - 1948), also the inspiring introduction by editor Moore (p.ix). For 10/29, read "Haircut" by Ring Lardner (p.48 - 1925).

To register in advance, click here.

Lunchtime Meditation @ the Library
Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, & 28
12:00-12:45 p.m.
Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program.

For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, & 10/28.

different forms of poetry, engage in fun writing games, follow stimulating prompts, and create our own masterpieces. Regardless of prior experience, this workshop will prove that anyone can be a poet! This program is for children in grades 2-6.

Register in advance (and be sure to include your email address) here.
One Book, One White Plains
Book Discussion
October 8, 21, & 25
See times below

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. *Print copies* of *How to Be an Antiracist* are available through the Library while *eBooks and digital audiobooks* are available through OverDrive and Libby.

Register for the date you wish to attend:

10/8 @ 2:00 p.m.
10/21 @ 7:00 p.m.
10/25 @ 2:00 p.m.

Book 'Em
Wednesday, October 7
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Library Director Brian Kenney will lead a discussion of Ann Cleeves' *The Long Call*. A new series from the author of the much-loved Vera and Shetland novels.

*The Long Call* is available in *print*, *large print*, and as a *CD audiobook* from our physical collection, and as an *eBook* and *audiobook* from OverDrive and Libby.

For information on joining click here.

Storybook Dancing
Thursday, October 8 & 22
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing!

For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/8 & 10/22.

Virtual Chess Club
Jester Jim LIVE!
Saturday, October 10
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Juggling fire and spinning iPads is just the start. This 40 min live broadcast packed with tricks, balancing, and laughs, will leave you wanting more. Come join us for all the fun and interact with Jim and his amazing show, LIVE. Rescheduled from July 24.

For information on joining, click here.

Youth Poetry Workshop for Teens
Tuesday, October 13
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Join Westchester County’s Youth Poet Laureate, Danielle Kohn, for a workshop filled with fun, interactive poetry activities for teens. Learn about different forms of poetry, engage in fun writing games, follow stimulating prompts, and create our own masterpieces. Regardless of prior experience, this workshop will prove that anyone can be a poet! This workshop is for teens in grades 6-12.

Android Basics
Tuesday, October 13
12:30-1:15 p.m.
Having trouble with your Android device and want to learn more? Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney will go over the basics of the Android operating system. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.

Register in advance here.

Thursday, October 8 & 22
5:00-5:45 p.m.
Youth are welcome to play chess online with each other in this fun, new event. Discuss chess strategy and challenge Austin Olney (Schmiegler) to a match.

Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/8 and 10/22.

How Did I Get Here?
Career Panel with Verisk Analytics
Tuesday, October 13 & Thursday, October 15
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for a virtual career panel with members of the Spend Informed Analytics & Data Science team at Verisk Financial | Argus.
Register in advance here. Please be sure to include your email.

Project LIT Kids Book Discussion
Wednesday, October 14
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Raquel for a book discussion and trivia game for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. We will be reading *El Deafo* by Cece Bell. Please register and then place a hold on the print book using our catalog here. If you prefer the eBook, you can find it on Hoopla or OverDrive.

Register in advance here and please be sure to include your email address.

For information on attending, click on the date(s) you wish to attend 10/13 & 10/15.

Virtual Tech Help
See Dates & Times Below
Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Pick Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney’s brain during this virtual assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome.

Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend and please be sure to provide your email address:
Wednesday, 10/14 @ 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 10/21 @ 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/27 @ 5:30 p.m.

Meditative Drawing
Wednesday, October 14
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Meditative drawing is an art form that emphasizes mindfulness and is a pathway to both relaxation and inner focus. In this workshop, you will be encouraged to create intricate works by inking structured, repetitive patterns on paper. No prior
Red Door Readers
Thursday, October 15
1:00-3:00 p.m.
In conjunction with Gilda’s Club Westchester, we are offering a book discussion group for cancer survivors, their families, and caretakers. We will discuss Go Tell It On the Mountain by James Baldwin this month. The book is available in print and as a CD audiobook as well as an eBook and digital audiobook. Registration is required.

Register in advance here.

Common Ground: Reading to End Racism
October 15
6:00–8:00 p.m.
Continuing on the theme of courageous conversations, YWCA has partnered with the White Plains Public Library for the Reading to End Racism book club. For this book club conversation, we will be reading and discussing Ibram X. Kendi’s book How To Be An Antiracist. Print copies of How To Be An Antiracist are available through the Library while eBooks and digital audiobooks are available through OverDrive and Libby.
Slow Reading Book Discussion
Monday, October 19 & 26
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Building on this past spring's close reading of Toni Morrison's novel *Beloved*, Slow Reading will dedicate the Fall 2020-Spring 2021 sessions to an in-depth study of some masterpieces of African-American literature. Featured on October 19 and 26 is "Notes of a Native Son" by James Baldwin. The essay can be found in Baldwin's *Notes of a Native Son* (1955) and in numerous anthologies. Lambert has a Ph.D. from Yale in English and taught high-school English at The Dalton School for over 25 years. Contact Ellen at ellenzlambert@gmail.com or 914-582-4050 for details. *Notes of a Native Son* is available in print from our physical collection, and as an eBook and Audiobook from OverDrive and Libby.

For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/19 & 10/26.

Library eBook Services
Tuesday, October 20
5:00-5:45 p.m.
Learn about eBook services the Library and larger Westchester Library System have to offer. Register in advance here.

How to Avoid the Paycheck to Paycheck Culture
Thursday, October 22
7:00-8:00 p.m.
 Few schools teach financial literacy which leaves young people vulnerable to common money mistakes. In this webinar, Kristen Jacks will discuss practical strategies for managing your finances effectively.
Fad Diet or Bad Diet? A Guide to Eating Well
Wednesday, October 21 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Paleo. Keto. Intermittent Fasting… With so many trendy diets, how do you know which one is actually good for you? Registered Dietitian Elizabeth DeRobertis discusses the pros and cons of the diets everyone seems to be talking about in 2020. Presented in partnership with the White Plains Hospital.

For information on attending click here.

How Did I Get Here? Careers in Audio & Lighting
Thursday, October 22 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Join us for a virtual career panel for teens on careers in audio and lighting.

For information on attending click here.

Book ‘Em
Wednesday, October 28 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Library Director Brian Kenney will lead a discussion of Abir Mukherjee’s Smoke and Ashes. A double homicide in 1920 Calcutta lures one of today’s greatest investigative teams.

Smoke and Ashes is available in print and large print from our physical collection, and as an eBook from OverDrive and Libby as well as Hoopla.

For information on joining click here.
College Search and Application Process  
Monday, October 26  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Pat Kronick, a private college admissions counselor, will discuss the college application process.  
Register in advance here.

Halloween STEAM  
Tuesday, October 27  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Patrons will be guided to create a Halloween STEAM project. We will have 20 kits that will contain material for our craft. Families can pick up kits from the vestibule on the first floor.  
Register in advance here and please be sure to include your email address.

College Tuition-Free at SUNY and CUNY Schools  
Wednesday, October 28  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Michael Turner, from NYS Higher Education Services Corp., will present an overview of the Excelsior Scholarship Program, which will include the eligibility requirements and application process. This program is held in conjunction with the Yonkers Public Library.  
For information on joining, click here.
Zoom Basics
Wednesday, October 28
4:30-5:15 p.m.
Learn the basics of Zoom and get tips from Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney.

Register in advance [here](#).