Yes, We're Open!

Understandably, there's lots of confusion about what services the Library is offering these days. Here's a quick refresher.

Yes, the Library building is open—and has been since July. You are welcome to browse and check out books, DVDs, and audiobooks from the first floor (including the Edge) and ask questions of our adult services reference staff. We are open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To use the Trove, our children’s library, call (914) 422-1476 or visit our online reservation system here. The Trove permits one family at a time. You have the whole Trove to yourself!

The elevator from the garage is working, and can take you to the first or second floor. We still have 15-minute parking spaces in the cutaway in front of the building.

When materials are returned, we quarantine them before we check them in. Time is the best disinfectant for library materials. This means that items may stay on your account for as long as a week after you returned them. Don’t worry, because…

We are not collecting fines while there is a pandemic. Just return your items in a timely fashion.

Placing items on hold is a great way to use the Library. We are participating in interlibrary loan with the other Westchester libraries, so there are thousands of titles to choose from. And if you don’t want to come into the Library, you don’t have to. Our holds are located in the vestibule as soon as you enter. To make life even easier, holds are already checked out to you. Literally, just grab and go.

If you don’t have a Library card, go online and request one. You will receive a “digital library card" which has the same benefits as the plastic library card.

Finally, two of our most popular services are back: museum passes and hotspots. Not all the museums have returned, but most have.

For more about what to expect when you visit the Library, go here.

Take care,
Ibram X. Kendi Visits White Plains

Last week, more than 600 people attended a virtual visit with bestselling author, Ibram X. Kendi. Thank you to the community organizations that came together to make this program possible. The event was presented by the White Plains Library Foundation and the Thomas H. Slater Center in partnership with: Westchester County Human Rights Commission, Allstate Foundation, Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau, NewYork Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health Center, White Plains Hospital, White Plains Teachers Association, Rotary Club of White Plains, Rabbi Shira Milgrom, African American Men of Westchester, and White Plains Housing Authority.

The conversation continues through One Book, One White Plains and if you’d like to join a book discussion, click here to sign-up.

Please note that the Library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. We will reopen with regular hours from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th.

Our newsletter will skip a week next week, so look for our next issue on November 18th. Our outer bookdrop will also remain open for those who wish to return items while we’re closed.

October has been a very eventful month for antiracism at the Library, with the Race Consciousness workshop for parents and caregivers on October 21st, and the conversation with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi on October 28th. While these events were enlightening and motivational, the mission of antiracism work has not been accomplished.

If you attended either of these events, we hope you are now energized and ready to learn—and do—more. Don’t let your antiracism work end there. With that goal in
Calling all book lovers! Publishing insider Carol Fitzgerald will return on Sunday, November 8th, at 1:00 p.m. to provide a heads-up on new books to help you refresh your reading list. Carol will share news about the season’s buzz-worthy books and chat about what book groups have been doing since March when “the world went virtual.” Carol Fitzgerald is the President of The Book Report Network—a group of internet sites on books and authors that have become gathering places for a large and devoted community of booklovers since 1996, and the host of the “Bookreporter Talks To” video/podcast series. Click here to register.

This event is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Making a Will? Ten Things You Need to Know
Thursday, November 12th
12:00 p.m.
These are uncertain times and many of us are wondering if our affairs are in order and if our assets are protected should something happen to us. During this workshop you’ll hear from an expert who has been advising clients of all income levels about estate planning for more than 30 years. White Plains attorney Susan Edwards Colson will share the top ten questions she’s asked about creating or updating a will. Whether you’d like some basic suggestions or a refresher, this program will provide an overview of the latest guidance on estate planning and charitable giving. Click here to register.

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College Admissions With Collegewise
Tonight at 6:00 p.m.
Join us for the first of 3 college admissions counseling sessions with Patti Miller from Collegewise. Click here to register.

Curt's ESL Pharmacy
Tuesday, November 10th
4:00 p.m.
Pharmacist-turned-ESL instructor
Bilingual Music Time
Friday, November 6th
11:00 a.m.
Join Nancy Hershatter for a fun bilingual music program for kids in PreK-Grade 2! Click here for information on attending.

Curt Constable fills your English prescription with a fun class blending pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, and current events. Participants should be at a “high beginner” or “low intermediate” level of English. No registration required. Click here for information on attending.

White Plains Youth Bureau Babysitting Training

Tuesday, Nov. 17th 3-5pm
Wednesday, Nov. 18th 12:30-2:30pm
Thursday, Nov. 19th 3-5pm
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

For more information or to register
Please call or email Janet Spencer @ (914) 422-6721
jmspencer@whiteplainsny.gov
Offered by the City of White Plains Youth Bureau – Youth Employment Services

Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.
Ina Garten: “All my books really are about comfort food.”

Fire-threatened National Parks Archives find safe home at University of California–Merced.

Native Perspectives: Books by, for, and about Indigenous People.

When kids say ‘I’m not a reader’: how librarians can disrupt traumatic reading practices.

Photo of The Week

Left: Halloween Night Over White Plains by Reynaldo C.

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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