January 2021 Virtual Calendar of Events

While we recently had to suspend browsing within the building, our staff are still busy preparing your holds, creating new Grab & Go Kits, and offering an exciting array of programming. We’re kicking off January with a new coding program with the Girl Scouts’ Techno Chix, some informative digital learning opportunities with Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney (don't miss his Computer Purchasing Tips session on Tuesday, 1/19!), and an interactive virtual presentation on the life and career of Bill Graham for all the classic rock fans. 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
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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.

Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution
Monday, January 25
7:00-8:00 p.m.
**Book Bunch**  
**Wednesday, January 27**  
**4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**  
Join librarians Ashley and Raquel for a book discussion and trivia game for grades 4-8. We will discuss the first book in the 5 Worlds series called *The Sand Warrior* by Mark Siegel, Alexis Siegel, Xanthe Bouma, Matt Rockefeller, and Boya Sun. Author Mark Siegel will be joining us for a Q&A session after the discussion! We will provide a free copy of the book for the first 12 children to register. *Register in advance here.*

**Dive into the life and times of Bill Graham, the legendary music impresario behind the biggest names in rock & roll—including the Grateful Dead, Jimi Hendrix, Santana, and the Rolling Stones.**  
This interactive virtual presentation of our exhibition tells the thrilling story of how a child refugee from Nazi Germany became one of the most influential concert promoters of all time. Explore psychedelic posters, oral history audio clips, and rare backstage photographs with a New-York Historical docent. *This program was made possible through a collaboration with other Westchester Library System libraries. For information on attending, click here.*

**Coding with the Techno Chix**  
**Friday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 19, 26 and March 5**  
**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**  
Learn to code using Python with the Techno Chix, a group of young women in the Girls Scouts. These 8 workshops on Fridays in January, February, and March will cover Strings, User Input, Arithmetic Equations, Booleans, Loops, If/Else Statements, and Functions. Registration and attendance at all programs is required. *Register in advance here.* Registration is for all 8 Friday sessions.
Future is Female Book Discussion
Monday, January 4 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Ellen O’Connell will moderate a discussion of *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Enjoy the tale of an extraordinary young woman in the first century who discovers her voice and power. Available in the Library’s collection and digitally on OverDrive & Libby. For information on joining, [click here](#).

Curt's ESL Pharmacy
Tuesday, January 5 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Pharmacist-turned-ESL instructor 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. For information on joining, [click here](#).

Storytime for Ages 2-6
Tuesday, January 5, 12, 19, & 26
Thursday, January 14 & 28
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](#):
- 1/5
- 1/12
- 1/14
- 1/19
- 1/26
- 1/28

Lunchtime Meditation @ the Library
Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27
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](#):
- 1/6
- 1/13
- 1/20
- 1/27
**Book 'Em**
**Wednesday, January 6 & 27**
**2:30-3:30 p.m.**

1/6: Mariah Fredericks' *Death of a New American*. A ladies maid investigates murder in Edith Wharton's New York.

1/27: Dervla McTiernan's *The Scholar*. The second Cormac Reilly novel takes us into the cutthroat world of academia.

For print and digital copies of this month's selections, see our website [here]. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 1/6, 1/27.

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**College Admissions with Collegewise**
**Wednesday, January 6**
**6:00-7:00 p.m.**

The essay is the one application part that a student can completely control. It also often causes students the most anxiety. In this overview, you'll learn the role the essay plays in college applications and what you can do to write great essays that stand out. Register in advance [here]. Please be sure to include your email address.

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**Tarde de Ñ**
**Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27**
**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

In this class, Andrei Bezzubikoff offers topics of discussion in Spanish, giving participants the opportunity to practice pronunciation. Participants must speak Spanish at an intermediate level. Registration is required. Register for the date(s) you wish to attend: 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27.
Short Story Book Discussion
Thursday, January 7 2:00-4:15 p.m.
Join librarian Barbara Wenglin to explore "Babylon Revisited" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, the classic tale of a father’s quest for redemption following his reckless lifestyle during the Jazz Age in Paris. The story appears in the anthology, 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories (p.62), available in print through our catalog and as an eBook in Hoopla as well as Libby and Overdrive. To register in advance, click here.

Quick n Easy Handmade Cards
Thursday, January 7 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
Who doesn’t appreciate a handcrafted card? Learn how to make a card and envelope using basic materials and easy techniques. Registration is limited and required.

Sit Down and Write
Thursday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Set aside 30 minutes for some creative writing time. Each week, we’ll spend quiet time working on a different writing prompt. This program is intended for grades 4-8; teens who would like to attend are welcome to do so. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28.

Bilingual Music Time
Friday, January 8 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Join Nancy Hershatter for a fun bilingual music program! This program is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation. For information on joining, click here.
Those signed up will be notified when they can pick up their bag of program supplies from the Library’s Holds shelf in the vestibule. Adults and teens welcome! Click here to register.

**English Conversation Group**
Friday, January 8, 15, 22, 29
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: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, & 1/29.

**Project LIT Book Club for Teens**
Friday, January 8
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join librarians Kat and Lauren for a book discussion and a trivia game. This month’s book is a Project LIT title, *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone. The book is available on OverDrive and in print at the Library. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend. Register in advance here.

**Slow Reading Book Discussion**
Monday, January 11 & 25

**How Did I Get Here? Career Panels**
Monday, January 11
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 28
6:00-7:00 p.m.
On 1/11, faculty from Touro College will talk about 3D printing and dentistry. This is a real world application of 3D printing. On January 28th, join Dave Mott, a manager at KPMG, one of the largest accounting firms in the
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Contact Ellen Lambert at ellenzlambert@gmail.com or 914-582-4050 for details. The book is available in our print collection and through our digital resource hoopla. This series is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 1/11, 1/25.

Virtual Tech Help
Tuesday, January 12
6:00–7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27
11:00-11:30 a.m.
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: 1/12, 1/27.

Virtual Table Top Games
Monday, January 11 & 25
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: 1/11, 1/25.

Library Resources for Smartphones
Wednesday, January 13
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular resources the library offers that are available on smartphones.
Project LIT Kids Book Discussion
Wednesday, January 13
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 New Kid by Jerry Craft. Please register and then place a hold on the print book using our catalog or OverDrive. This book is also available as an audiobook on hoopla or OverDrive. Click here to register.

Virtual Youth Meet-up
Thursday, January 14
5:00-5:45 p.m.
Have a computer or smartphone? Join Austin Olney (Schmiegie) in a new, virtual world for teens using the Roblox platform. Participate in a variety of fun activities with friends! Register in advance here.

Short Story Film Discussion
Thursday, January 14
2:00-4:15 p.m.
Join librarian Barbara Wenglin to explore this feature film from Hollywood's golden era (MGM, 1954), The Last Time I Saw Paris, with a stellar cast including Elizabeth Taylor, Van Johnson, Donna Reed, Walter Pidgeon, Eva Gabor, and Roger Moore. The film may be viewed before the meeting on Kanopy and Hoopla, the Library's free streaming services, and on YouTube. The plot is based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story, "Babylon Revisited," discussed at last week's session. All are welcome, including newcomers! To register in advance, click here.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body
Friday, January 15
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Computer Purchasing Tips
Tuesday, January 19
6:00-6:45 p.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney to get tips and tricks for purchasing a PC or Mac computer. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome. Register in advance here.

3D Design for All
Wednesday, January 20
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, January 26
6:00-6:45 p.m.
Interested in 3D design? Following a brief introduction, a discussion will take place and there will be time to look at projects and take questions. If you have a 3D project of your own that you would like to discuss, please upload it to TinkerCAD.com prior to the program in order to share it virtually. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome. This program is supported by Con Edison. Register in advance for the date you wish to attend 1/20, 1/26.

College Admissions and COVID
Tuesday, January 19
7:00-8:15 p.m.
Ron Feuchs from Stand Out For College will talk about the importance of community service for college applications during the pandemic, and how COVID has changed the admissions process. For information on attending, click here.

Storybook Dancing
Thursday, January 21
11:00 – 11:40 a.m.
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing! For information on joining, click here.

This workshop covers four areas of lifestyle habits that are associated with healthy aging. This program is designed for individuals of any age who are looking for information and hands on tools to help incorporate recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Click here to register.
Virtual Chess Club for Youth
Thursday, January 21
5:00-5:45 p.m.
Youth are welcome to play chess online with each other in this fun, regular series. Discuss chess strategy and challenge friends to a match using Lichess, a popular free online chess platform. Register in advance here.

Rock out with Spencer!
Friday, January 22
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Rock out with Spencer from wherever you are! This program is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation. For information on joining, click here.

Common Ground
Thursday, January 21
6:00-8:00 p.m.
This month’s topic is: “Civility & Kindness: What’s the difference?” Common Ground is a community conversation series where participants can express their viewpoints and listen to different perspectives in a civic environment. These conversations are offered through a partnership with the League of Women Voters of White Plains, the Library, and the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester. For information on attending, click here.

Tech for Parents: What is a Digital Blockchain?
Thursday, January 28
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
In this tech series for parents (and their children), Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney presents a particular tech topic each week. This session, we will be looking at "blockchain" technology behind currencies like Bitcoin and see what
It is all about. This is a tie-in program to the "Grab&Go" kits available in the Trove. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome. 
Register in advance here.