January 20, 2021

Meet Nancy Pearl

How many librarians have an action figure named after them? Just one: Nancy Pearl.

We are thrilled that Nancy will be joining us on February 21st at 3:00 p.m. for a conversation with Library Director Brian Kenney as they discuss Nancy's newest book *The Writer's Library*. [Register here](#) for the event.

Before Jennifer Egan, Louise Erdrich, Luis Alberto Urrea, and Jonathan Lethem became revered authors, they were readers. In this ebullient book, America’s favorite librarian Nancy Pearl and noted-playwright Jeff Schwager interview a diverse range of America’s most notable and influential writers about the books that shaped them and inspired them to leave their own literary mark. *The Writer’s Library* explores the studies, libraries, and bookstores of today’s favorite authors—the artists whose imagination and talent make America’s literary scene the wonderful, dynamic world it is.

Nancy is a best-selling author, librarian, and literary critic, but first and foremost, she is a reader and has spent her life promoting reading as one of the most beneficial and joyful experiences anyone can have. You may know her from NPR’s Morning Edition, her *Book Lust* series of recommended readings, or her novel *George & Lizzie*. Nancy is also the creator of the internationally recognized program If All of Seattle Read the Same Book, which has inspired thousands of libraries over the past several decades to host their own One City, One Book programs.

We’ll also be asking Nancy for her recommendations of books both old and new, as well as best books to use with reading groups.

*This event is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.*
Sorting Through Sentimental Stuff & What To Never Toss When De-Cluttering
Friday, February 26th, at 6 p.m.
Hear author and organizer Jamie Novak’s humorous take on how to part with those things. Overcome common obstacles to getting organized like keeping clothes you think you’ll wear, holding onto treasures, and saving items “just in case,” plus you’ll learn what to KEEP when de-cluttering. Log off the program with lots of helpful hints and resources. Click here to register in advance.

Common Ground:
Civility & Kindness
Tomorrow, January 21st
6:00–8:00 p.m.
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.
This month’s topic is: “Civility & Kindness: What’s the difference?” For information on attending, click here.

Youth Services Manager Josh Carlson compiled a list of Inauguration Day resources and activities for families and children to learn more and take part in today’s events.

3D Design for All
Tuesday, January 26th
6:00-6:45 p.m.
Following a brief introduction, a discussion will take place and there will be time to look at projects and answer 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. Click here to register. This program is supported by Con Edison.
Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19. The vaccine is now available in our community.

All vaccinations are by appointment only.

Eligible groups include: doctors, nurses and health care workers, people age 65 and over, first responders, teachers, public transit workers, grocery store workers, and public safety workers.

- To determine if you are eligible visit: [https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/](https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/)
- To make an appointment at another location call the COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-697-4829.
- Stay in touch with your physician and pharmacy to find out if they are vaccinating.
In 1958, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited Harlem, NY for a book signing event when he was stabbed by Izola Curr. While in recovery King received a letter that he thought came from a WPHS student encouraging him not to sneeze.

As a part of the White Plains Youth Bureau’s Day of Service, celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. we are asking youth to write a letter or send a 2-min video to williams@whiteplainsny.gov thanking Dr. King for his outstanding work and sharing what you’ve learned from his leadership.

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES & GIFT CARDS!

Content submission begins on Jan. 11 and ends on Jan. 22

For further questions or concerns, call the White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378
American Heart Association
Community Impact Initiatives

SNAP Benefits Community Forum
Thursday, January 28, 2021
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
Join us for an important discussion on food assistance programs in Westchester County

Register Now

Panelists:
Moderator: Diego Ortiz
Communications Director, AHA
Anne Daddona
Westchester County Dept. of Social Services
Esmeralda Hoscoy
Catholic Charities Community Services
Sharon D’Enrico
Sun River Health

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Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

Read every presidential inauguration poem ever performed.

Board of Regents elects Dr. Lester W. Young, Jr. as Chancellor.

Experts explain how disinformation online helped fuel the attack on the Capitol.

Ibram X. Kendi recommends ten of 2020's best political books by Black women.

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