Grab & Go Suspended

On February 23rd, we learned that a library staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. We are being as cautious as possible, and because of this, we are suspending our Grab & Go service until March 8th.

The Library is still available for telephone reference services, and all of our online programs will continue as scheduled. Our book drop will not be available until March 8th. There are no fines for late materials at this time.

Any questions about holds and hold pickups? Call the Library at (914) 422-1400.

Take care,

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AARP Tax-Aide Program

We’ve always been happy to host the AARP Tax-Aide at the Library. But tax aide this year—like so many things—will be different.

The White Plains AARP Tax-Aide program will not be able to offer the kind of in-person service taxpayers have become used to for so many years. The primary concerns remain the health and safety of taxpayers and preparers, and the protection of confidential taxpayer information.

Instead, AARP will operate a no-contact, electronic service, which involves the transmittal of instructions, forms, permissions, and scans of tax documents using email, and consultations between volunteers and tax payers via Google Meet, which is similar to Zoom.

Go here for all the information about how the program works, as well as contact information.
Spanish for Beginners
Participants will be introduced to simple everyday usage of vocabulary, grammar and conversation. Classes meet every Wednesday March 3rd until May 12th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Registration opens tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Please [click on that date](#) in our online calendar to register. The instructor, Naicy Petrill, is a native of Peru and currently teaches Spanish at Westchester Community College. She holds a New York State teaching certificate in Spanish.

The film *Black Ballerina* is now available to stream through the end of February. To view the film, [click here](#) and enter the password WPblackballerina2021.

Through interviews with current and former ballet dancers along with engaging archival photos and film, the one-hour documentary uses the ethereal world of ballet to engage viewers on a subject that reaches far outside the art world and compels viewers to think about larger issues of exclusion, equal opportunity and change.

ESL Pharmacy & English Conversation Group
Those looking to improve and practice their English language skills can attend [Curt’s ESL Pharmacy](#) on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. and our [English Conversation Group](#), which meets Fridays from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Short Story Discussion
Thursday, February 25th 2:00-4:15 p.m.
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin for our Winter/Spring Discussion Series with a selection from the exciting anthology used in the fall, *100 Years of the Best American Short Stories*, edited by Lorrie Moore (c2015). At this session during Black History Month, we will explore “Brownies” by ZZ Packer (p.562). Black and white Girl Scout troops are assigned to the same campsite for a weekend filled with racial tension and ironic, sometimes humorous, misunderstandings. Please register for Zoom series [here](#).
Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

How Viet Thanh Nguyen’s work elevates “an outsider’s voice with an insider’s megaphone.”

Storyboard: Robert Jones Jr. reads from his debut novel, The Prophets.

Review: In Nubia: Real One, trying to be a hero when society thinks you’re a threat.

Congressman and others vow to fight Amazon, monopolies.

Photo of The Week
Above: February 21st waiting for COVID vaccinations at the County Center. by Theda W.

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.