The Battle of White Plains

March 10, 2021

In anticipation of our country’s 250th birthday in 2026, we have uploaded “The Battle of White Plains,” the movie, to our YouTube Channel. You can view it [here on our website](https://example.com).

The 25-minute black and white film, which re-enacts the battle, was made over two weekends in the fall of 1977 near Silver Lake. It debuted at the White Plains Public Library on June 1, 1978.

According to Joe Ryan, founder and president of the Living History Education Foundation, who played a Continental soldier in the movie, “The film was created on a limited budget with a lot of local volunteer help. It provided valuable experience for those of us who were fortunate to continue in other period films. I utilized the film in my teaching seventh grade local history before ‘The Other Side of Victory’ and ‘Private Yankee Doodle’ were available.

Ryan continues: “‘The Battle of White Plains’ film style is modeled on a Cannes Film Festival award winner, ‘The Battle of Culloden.’ The end of the film with the death of the black wounded militiaman certainly makes the case for diversity and the grittiness portrayed is telling.”

Thank you to Elaine Massena in the city archives for making us a copy of the DVD; to Jim Kenny of White Plains Cable Access TV for converting it to a digital version; and to Rosalind Schneider of Film & Video Workshop Inc., the copyright holder, for permitting upload to our YouTube channel. Thanks also to Connie Kehoe of Revolutionary Westchester 250, whose initial request for a copy of the film got the ball rolling.

Take care,

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The New Yorker Discussion Group  
Friday, March 12th  
2:00-3:30 p.m.  
Join Librarian Kristy Bauman for a weekly discussion of select readings from *The New Yorker* magazine. Don’t have a subscription to *The New Yorker*? No problem! Use your White Plains Library card to access a digital version of the magazine and so much more, all on Libby/OverDrive! Registration isn’t required but providing an email address will allow us to send future meeting information if necessary.  
[Click here](#) to register.  
**Readings: March 08 Issue**  

“Remember the Ladies”: Genealogy for Women  
Monday, March 15th  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
So often genealogy research focuses on the males, but 50% of our family tree is made up of women. Learn how to uncover your maternal ancestors’ stories and where she might be hiding in the record collections. For information on attending, [click here](#).

Trove Librarian Lauren Lichtenthal shares her recommendations of great books for emerging readers.

Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney for two digital learning sessions next week: [Library Social Media](#) on Tuesday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m. and [3D Design for All*](#) on Wednesday, March 17th at 10:30 a.m. *This program is supported by Con Edison.*
Get Started with eBooks and Libby
Monday, March 22nd
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Libby Experts are hosting training sessions to help you access our library's digital collection of ebooks and audiobooks through the free Libby app! Choose from four identical 30-minute "Getting Started" Sessions and one "Deep Dive" session. We'll get you up to speed on everything you need to know to use Libby including: Finding your library and signing in, navigating the app, browsing and searching for titles, borrowing titles and placing holds, managing notifications, and much more. Click here to register.

The Persian New Year:
Nowruz Mobarak
Friday, March 19th
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Please join Trove Librarian Caroline Reddy to celebrate the Persian New Year by reading a folk tale: The Phoenix of Persia. Afterwards, we will decorate eggs to place on the Haftseen! Grab & Go kits will be available for this program on March 15th. If you are unable to pick up a kit, you can follow along with supplies from home (boiled eggs, white vinegar and food coloring, or washable markers). The Persian New Year (or Nowruz) is the celebration of the Spring Equinox on Sunday, March 22nd at 4:15 and ends on Monday, March 23rd. Nowruz Mobarak! Happy New Year! Click here for information on attending.

16 Films to Watch During Women's History Month

Celebrate Women's History Month with these curated lists of films on Kanopy and comics on Comics Plus - both accessible with your library card!

Instructions on setting up a Kanopy account can be found here, and info on Comics Plus can be found here.
Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

The Dr. Seuss controversy: what educators need to know.

Who gets First Amendment protections these days, anyway?

Check out this video game inspired by Haruki Murakami’s short stories.

How Octavia E. Butler reimagines sex and survival.

Photo of The Week
Above: Frozen footsteps. by Bobby B.

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.