March 17, 2021

A Conversation with James McBride

Save the Date
May 4, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

We are thrilled to welcome (virtually) award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter, James McBride to discuss his latest novel, *Deacon King Kong*, named one of the Top Ten Books of 2020 by the *New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *TIME* magazine.

"Shouldn’t we just get it over with and declare McBride this decade’s Great American Novelist?" asked the *Los Angeles Times*. "McBride has a way of inflating reality to comical sizes, the better for us to see every tiny mechanism that holds unjust systems in place." NPR described the novel as "Fast, deep, complex and hilarious...a living thing that has its own rhythm, pulls you in from the first page and never lets go."

A native New Yorker, McBride is the author of the award-winning *New York Times* bestseller, *The Color of Water*. A former reporter for the *Washington Post* and *People* magazine, McBride holds a Master’s in journalism from Columbia University and a B.A. from Oberlin College. In 2015, he was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Obama “for humanizing the complexities of discussing race in America.”
James McBride will be interviewed by Library Director Brian Kenney. Registration details to follow soon.

This program is sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Questions? Contact Nancy Rubini, WPLF Executive Director nrubini@whiteplainslibrary.org

Storytime for Ages 2-6
Tuesday, March 23rd
11:00–11:35 a.m.
Miss taking your little one to storytime in the Trove? We miss you too! Fortunately, our Trove Librarians offer a virtual storytime every Tuesday and select Thursdays, so log on to Zoom and join us next week. For information on attending, click here.

COVID & Immune Health
Wednesday, March 24th
7:00-8:00 p.m.

The New Yorker Discussion Group
Friday, March 19th
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Join Librarian Kristy Bauman for a weekly discussion of select readings from The New Yorker magazine. 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 15 Issue:
Manufacturing Diplomacy, pg 50-59
The Shape of a Teardrop, pg 60-67
March LibraryReads
Here are the top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

Blood pressure management is more important than ever during the pandemic. The Library will begin loaning blood pressure monitors on March 15th. The monitor comes with a cuff, instructions, and a log the patron may keep for recording daily readings. The monitors can be placed on hold by any Westchester County library card holder in good standing and may be kept for 14 days. Patrons may pick up and return the device to White Plains Public Library only. This program is made possible through the generous support of the Heart Association of Westchester.

Poetry Open Mic
Wednesday, April 7th
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month with the return of Zork’s Open Mic! In lieu of the First Wednesday Poetry Slam, we’ll be hosting an open mic with pre-registration this month to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. To register to perform, send your name (how you’d like to be introduced), email address, and a short 60-word bio to kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org. If you know the title of the poem you’ll be performing ahead of time, you can also include that in your email. To simply attend, register through the form here. For adults & teens.

It’s been over a year since COVID was first a threat in this country. Join pharmacist and Wellness speaker Dr. Cedrick Batchateu to review its history, impact on the health care system, prevention protocols, vaccines and, especially, the role of the immune system and how we might assist its optimum functioning. For more information, see https://www.drced.com. For information on attending, click here. This program is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.
Around the Web

**Facts on Coronavirus.**

Want to borrow that eBook from the library? **Sorry, Amazon won’t let you.**

Women who fly: [talking to Nona Hendryx about Afrofuturist histories](#).

**Book Review:** Manosphere, world of incels exposed In Laura Bates book *Men Who Hate Women.*


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Photo of The Week

*To everything there is a time and a season... A time to remember* ~ Ecclesiastes 3

City-Wide COVID-19 Day of Remembrance

Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 2-3pm

(Rain Date Thursday, March 25th 6pm)
Above: Full Moon over the "hologram" buildings. Taken in March 2018 by Ben 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.