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Meet Kristy Bauman

Kristy Bauman, our programming librarian, joined the Library in January, 2020. She is responsible for coordinating and managing our many programs, and developing new classes, workshops, and events as well.

Why did you decide to work full-time in programming?
Public librarianship entails all kinds of work from Collection Development to Tech Support to Outreach and beyond. I've enjoyed the many facets of being a librarian but I've always enjoyed bringing informative, social, and creative programs to my community in particular. They’re so life-enhancing and it makes me happy to provide that kind of experience. Programming is a core function of the library as a community center in today’s world.

Just months after you joined the Library, Covid-19 forced us to close the Library building. What was that experience like?
It was strange, many of my plans and ideas for the future hinged on being in the library so I had to find a way to adapt my work to the new reality. Initially, this meant providing other librarians with support as we transitioned to Zoom - giving advice, providing tech support, and more. Lately, it's meant creating my own programs that I may have originally envisioned as in-person events.

Despite working from home for most of my time with White Plains Public Library, I've still managed to form friendships and great working relationships with other staff members which was interesting to see the development of through remote technology. We've done our best to adapt and carry on together.
What's your impression of White Plains?
As I moved to the area right before the pandemic started, I haven't gotten to see as much of White Plains as I'd have liked. But through my interactions with others, I’ve come to view White Plains as a diverse community with members who really care about supporting one another. It’s inspired me to think outside the box more to meet the many needs of the community.

Despite COVID-19, we have been offering more programs than ever before--all via Zoom. What are the advantages and disadvantages of online programs?
I think a major disadvantage of online programming has been the impact of the digital divide. Not everyone has internet access or the devices required to "attend" online programming. And not everyone who does have the tools to access online programs has the know-how. It’s made reaching those patrons harder.

On the upside, patrons who found it difficult to visit the library in person are now finding our programs from the comfort of their homes. We’ve met new people, both new patrons and new presenters. Because everything is currently online, we’ve been working with presenters from all over the country, who now don’t have to commute to White Plains to give a presentation. It’s opened a lot of doors that were closed before in that way.

We are entering a new phase with the virus, where we can imagine in-person events again--at least on the Library Plaza. What event would you most like to create?
As things begin to open up again, I still envision some amount of online component to future programs, perhaps filming a lecture or activity for later use or live streaming. I’m excited by the prospect of creating programming that would somehow take place elsewhere in the community, ideally outdoors after all the time we’ve spent indoors over the past year.

*If you’d like to contact Kristy about Library programming, you can email her at [kbauman@whiteplainslibrary.org](mailto:kbauman@whiteplainslibrary.org).*

Take care,

Brian Kenney
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The White Plains Library Foundation is 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. Please join us on May 4th, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for what promises to be a lively conversation with James McBride and Library Director, Brian Kenney. Learn more and REGISTER HERE.

Transgender Day of Visibility
Join us and The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center next

3D Design & Printing
Monday, March 29th–Thursday, April 1st
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Learn to 3D model and print with Woody Poulard, custom fabricator and founder of FabriMakr. These 4 classes will cover a brief history, applications, and basics of 3D printing. In addition, students will get a chance to learn basic 3D
**Wednesday, March 31st, at 7:00 p.m.** for a program in honor of both Women’s History Month and March 31st being Transgender Day of Visibility. Kira Lingala (She/Her/Hers) will lead an informative and interactive event highlighting the contributions made to history by women of trans and GNC experience. [Click here](#) to register.

**English Conversation Group**
**Fridays**
**2:00-3:00 p.m.**
ESL speakers, come practice your English conversation skills in this fun, supportive virtual setting! Feel free to bring your own conversation topics. [For information on attending, click here](#).

**March-April Spring Break Week**
Join us for an exciting variety of programs next week, including an author visit with Nancy Bo Flood, STEAM learning, and another series of programs from Museums with modeling techniques using a web app called OnShape. With these basic skills, students will be able to design and create anything they can think of! Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Registration is Required. [Click here](#) to register. *This program is supported by Con Edison.*

**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.
Summer Job Positions: STEM Program Facilitators

The White Plains Public Library is looking for Program Facilitators to develop and lead interactive making programs for teenagers in the White Plains area. Programs will be hosted virtually on Zoom, Monday - Thursdays, for ~2.5 hours each day, throughout July and August. Salary will be based on experience.

Each facilitator will plan and develop a 1 or 2 week program focusing on STEM skills for students in grades 6-10. Some examples are Coding, 3D Printing & Design, Digital Art, Videography, Video Game Design, Hacking and Cybersecurity, Paper Engineering and Sculpture. We are open to all ideas. Facilitators will also decide the number of participants for their workshop(s). There is a small budget for supplies if needed, using free software applications is ideal. You can apply to teach more than one program.

Please email your resume and program idea(s) to Erik Carlson, ecarlson@whiteplainlibrary.org
WMCHealth’s Health Equity Task Force

Community Conversation Series

Combating COVID-19: Vaccinating Our Way to Victory

In partnership with the Westchester Library System, WMCHealth invites you to a Community Conversation about the COVID-19 vaccination. These conversations were designed by WMCHealth to build trust by educating about the vaccine, dispelling myths, addressing vaccine hesitancy, sharing valuable resources/information, answering questions, and keeping the community informed.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
6 - 7 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/6508947232
Meeting ID: 650 894 7232

Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

How libraries are leading the way to digital equity.

NYPL’s privacy leader on safeguarding patron trust, transparency.

A new original draft of Allen Ginsberg’s “Howl” has just been discovered.

Author interviews: Reuben Jonathan Miller on examining the "afterlife" of incarceration.

Photo of the Week
Above: *Spring at last!* by G. Young.

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.

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