April 2021 Virtual Calendar of Events for Children, Teens, & Families

Spring has nearly sprung and we couldn't be more excited for our April lineup of programs! In addition to our variety of programs and presentations for youth of all ages this month, I'd like to particularly call attention to our slate of programming for our youngest patrons—including storytimes with Trove librarians; Bilingual Music Time with Nancy Hershatter; Rock Out! with Spencer Corona; Storybook Dancing with Steffi Nossen School of Dance; Move & Groove with Miss Jolie; Music, Dance and Comedy Bubble Show from Turtle Dance Music for Autism Awareness Month Music; and STEAM-azing Earth Day program from TaleWise Join us on Zoom (made possible through support from the White Plains Library Foundation) for these events and more! Find a full listing of events below with details on attending. And if you'd like to hear more from me about our programs and services for youth, be sure to sign up for What's the Story? here.

And don't forget, you can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 914-422-1400, by texting WPPL to 66746, or by emailing us anytime.

Take care,
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To attend a virtual event, either
register through the provided link or, if attendance is open, visit the link for information on joining on the date the event occurs. Events for parents are in orange, kids and family events are in yellow, teen events are in green, and events for assorted age groups are in blue. NOTE: To increase security in youth-focused programs, we are now requiring attendees to have a Zoom account to login to the event. Creating an account is easy and free.

3D Design & Printing
Monday, March 29 through Thursday, April 1
10 a.m.–12 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 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!
For grades 7-12. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Registration is required. Register in advance here. This program is supported by Con Edison.

Storybook Dancing
Thursday, April 1
11:00 – 11:40 a.m.
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing!
Stretch, dance, hear stories, and have fun! For information on joining, click here.
Sit Down and Write  
Thursday, April 1, 8, 15, & 29  
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
Set aside 30 minutes for some creative writing time. Each week, we'll spend quiet time working on a different writing prompt. This program is intended for grades 4-8; teens who would like to attend are welcome to do so. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/29.

April Fools' Day! Storytime  
Thursday, April 1  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Listen to foolish stories about this holiday and sing silly songs as we laugh together a bit. For information on joining, click here.

Storytime for Ages 2-6  
Tuesday, April 6, 13, & 20  
Thursday, April 8  
11:00 – 11:35 a.m.  
Virtual storytime with Trove Librarians for ages 2-6. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 4/6, 4/8, 4/13, 4/20.

Virtual Table Top Games  
Monday, April 5 & 19  
4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Join librarians Ashley and Erik from the Trove and the Edge to play fun virtual table top games! We use the platform boardgamearena.com to play the games while we have a conversation on Zoom. Kids and teens who haven’t come to the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 4/5, 4/19.
Financial Literacy for Middle Graders
Tuesday, April 6, 13, 20, & 27
5:00-6:00 p.m.
This is a 4-week workshop taught by a local high school student. Students will learn how to make thoughtful, well-informed financial decisions through fun, interactive Zoom lessons and games. Attendance at all sessions is highly beneficial. Registration is required; register for the date(s) you wish to attend: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27.

Bilingual Music Time
(PreK-Gr. 2)
Friday, April 9
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Join Nancy Hershatter for a fun bilingual music program! For information on joining, click here.

Poetry Open Mic
Wednesday, April 7
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.
Digital Crafts with the Cricut Maker: Bookmarks
Monday, April 12
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Learn to use digital design programs to make projects using the Cricut Maker, a digital cutting machine that turns digital art into real projects. Participants will need to download open source software to participate. The first project will be designing bookmarks. Click here to register.

Project LIT Book Club for Teens
Friday, April 9
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join librarians Kat and Lauren for a book discussion and a trivia game. This month's book is a Project LIT title, Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo. The book is available on OverDrive and in print at the Library. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend. Click here to register.

World Art Day
Storytime with
Amalia Hoffman
Thursday, April 15
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
It's World Art Day! Celebrate with a storytime program with award-winning author and illustrator Amalia Hoffman. Ms. Hoffman will read from her newest book, My Monsterpiece, a monsterrific celebration of art. For information on attending, click here.

Stories & Stuff
Thursday, April 15
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Join us to listen to some stories and create a craft! Please provide an email address when you register so that we can arrange for you to pickup the craft materials and send you the Zoom link. Click here to register.

Project LIT Kids Book Discussion
Wednesday, April 14
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Raquel for a book discussion and trivia game for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. We will be reading The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez. Please register and then place a hold on the print book using our catalog here. If you prefer the eBook, you can find it on OverDrive and Libby. It is also available as an audiobook on Hoopla or OverDrive & Libby. Click here to register.

Zoom Tips
3D Design for All
Wednesday, April 21
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Interested in 3D design? Following a brief introduction, a discussion will take place and there will be time to look at projects and take 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. This program is supported by Con Edison. Register in advance here. This event is supported by Con Edison.

Bobby Sanchez
SLAM Poetry Performance
Tuesday, April 20
8:00-9:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month with this performance by White Plains Poetry SLAM's own Bobby Sanchez. Bobby is an indigenous artist born and raised in New York. Their Indigenous blood comes from Peru, specifically Ayacucho. Their work covers topics regarding Indigenous/Latinx identities, gentrification, capitalism, environmental issues, and gender identity. They are a full time performing artist, performing mostly poetry and hip hop music. They also teach music & poetry workshops at

Turtle Dance Music Show: Autism Awareness Month
Thursday, April 22
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
A Music, Bubble and Comedy Dance Party!
FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN APRIL
THURSDAY APRIL 22ND @ 11:00 A.M.
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Tuesday, April 20
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. For teens and adults. Click here to register.
Join Turtle Dance Music for an AWESOME Music, Bubble and Comedy Show! Each song is accompanied by hands-on, visual, and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. For ages 2-6 and their families. For information on attending click here.

New York Schools, and curate local shows in the NY area. Click here to register.

Virtual Chess Club for Youth
Thursday, April 22
4:30-5:15 p.m.
Youth are welcome to play chess online with each other in this fun, regular series. Discuss chess strategy and challenge friends to a match using Lichess, a popular free online chess platform. Register in advance here.

TaleWise presents:
EARTH DAY: Revenge of the Toxic Robot
Thursday, April 22
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
TaleWise presents a fun, interactive Earth Day program with humor, animation, STEAM activities and learning. REVENGE OF THE TOXIC ROBOT! When the town's park is suddenly gated and locked, a group of friends decides to investigate. Their adventure leads them deep into the woods, where they are chased away by an eccentric robot powered by toxic sludge! For Grades K-8. For information on joining, click here.
Digital Crafts with the Cricut Maker: Vinyl Labels
Monday, April 26
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Learn to use digital design programs to make projects using the Cricut Maker, a digital cutting machine that turns digital art into real projects. Participants will need to download open source software to participate. This week's project will be designing a vinyl (sticker) label for your everyday objects. Click here to register.

Book Bunch
Wednesday, April 28
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Join librarian Lauren for a book discussion for 4th through 8th graders. We will be reading House of Fear: Attack of the Killer Snowmen and Other Stories by James Powell and Jethro Morales. Author James Powell will be joining.

Rock out with Spencer!
Friday, April 23
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Rock out with Spencer from wherever you are! Music, fun, dancing and more for ages 2-6. This program is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation. For information on joining, click here.

Move & Groove with
us for a Q&A session after the discussion! We will provide a free copy of the book for the first 12 children to register for the discussion. When the books are available, we will email to arrange pickup; please list an email address when registering. Click here to register.

Miss Jolie
(Ages 1-6+)
Tuesday, April 27
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Miss Jolie's Music & Movement Class infuses learning and movement with music, stories, and lots of silliness! Jolie brings a twist to classic children's music in addition to engaging children with original interactive songs. Singing, dancing, clapping, snapping, and stomping are highly encouraged! Jolie performs with her ukulele along with other musical instruments and props for the children. For ages 1-6, but open to all. For information on joining, click here.

Virtual Youth Meet-up
Thursday, April 29
5:00-5:45 p.m.
Have a computer or smartphone? Join Austin and Kat in a new, virtual online space for teens using the Roblox platform. Participate in a variety of fun activities with friends! Register in advance here.

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