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

Hi, you normally hear from Brian, but this month we're dividing our events into two separate emails — one for adults and another for children, teens, and families — so I wanted to pop in and share some highlights for March! This month we're celebrating Women's History Month with "My Mother is an Astronaut" (3/7–3/14) and the Mae Among the Stars StoryWalk (up through 3/29), Arch for Kids will be teaching their Vacant Lot Challenge for grades 5-8, and then Museums with Marisa returns with a series on Ancient Rome at the end of the month. 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.

**Note:** Grab & Go is suspended. Grab & Go service, including our popular Grab & Go: Kits of at-home activities, is expected to resume March 8th.

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.

**Sit Down and Write**  
**Thursday, March 4, 11, 18, & 25**  
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: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25**

**Activist Academy: Disability Rights, Advocacy, and Education**  
**Sunday, March 7**  
4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Join us for a lively presentation and Q&A with internationally acclaimed YouTuber Jessica Kellgren-Fozard on the topics of disability rights, advocacy, and education! Learn how to be an advocate, how to identify ableism, and historic and modern progress towards meaningful accommodations and equality. This event is open to teens and their parents, and attendees will earn 1.5 Virtual Table Top

**My Mother is an Astronaut (K-6)**  
**March 7–14**  
**All Day**  
View a recorded performance of Traveling Lantern Theatre Company's "My Mother is an Astronaut" show. Aquarius' mom is an astronaut and today is "Take your child to work day." Aquarius can't wait to go to NASA and find out what it's like to be in space! They visit Mission Control where she meets scientists and engineers who show her what they do and she learns all about space travel. This show is a great counterpart to the Library's StoryWalk featuring the book **Mae Among the Stars**, on view at the Library! [Click here](#) to register.

**Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16, & 23**  
**Thursday, March 11 & 25**  
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: 3/2, 3/9, 3/11, 3/16, 3/23, 3/25**
hours of community service. Registration is required; [click here to register.]

**Project LIT Kids Book Discussion**  
**Wednesday, March 10**  
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 *Class Act* by Jerry Craft. This is the sequel to *New Kid*, which we read for our January Project LIT Kids Book Discussion. We recommend reading both books prior to the discussion if you haven't read the first yet. 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](#). [Click here to register.]

**Games**  
**Monday, March 8 & 22**  
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: 3/8 & 3/22.

**Virtual Youth Meet-up**  
**Thursday, March 11**  
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](#).

**Bilingual Music Time**  
**(PreK-Gr. 2)**  
**Friday, March 12**  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.  
Join Nancy Hershatter for a fun bilingual music program! [For information on joining, click here.](#)
Project LIT Book Club for Teens
Friday, March 12
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, *The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang. The book is available on OverDrive and Libby and in print at the Library. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend. Click here to register.

3D Design for All
Wednesday, March 17
10:30 – 11:15 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

Vacant Lot Challenge with Arch for Kids
Monday, March 15
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Arch For Kids will be teaching one of their Architecture programs, the Vacant Lot Challenge. Materials will be provided by the Library, some will be found around your home. Once you have registered you will be contacted to pick up the materials. Click here to register.

A King, Leprechauns, & More Storytime
Wednesday, March 17
4:00 – 4:35 p.m.
A story about the traditional festival in Killorglin, where a goat is crowned King, together with songs about Leprechauns. For Grades K-3. For information on joining, click here.
Stories & Stuff  
Thursday, March 18  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Join us to celebrate the first day of spring by listening to some stories and creating a flower garden craft! Please provide an email address when you register so that we can arrange for you to pick up the craft materials and send you the Zoom link. [Click here](#) to register.

Virtual Chess Club for Youth  
Thursday, March 18  
5:00-5:45 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](#).

The Persian New Year-Nowruz Mobarak  
Friday, March 19  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Celebrate the Persian New Year with a reading of a folk tale, "The Phoenix of Persia." Afterwards we will decorate eggs to place on the Haft-sin! 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 22nd. For information on attending click here.

STEAM at Home: Owls & Owl Pellets Dissection
Tuesday, March 23
4:00 – 5:45 p.m.
Registered participants will pick up an Owl Pellet Dissection Kit from our Grab & Go service and meet on March 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Greenwich Audubon Center will provide information about owls and lead an owl pellet dissection to learn more about what owls eat. Space is very limited. Registration will start on March 1. AN EMAIL ADDRESS MUST BE PROVIDED DURING REGISTRATION in order to take part and receive your Pellet Dissection Kit. Click here to register.

Tech for Parents/Families: Game Design
Thursday, March 25
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
In this tech series for parents (and their children), Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney presents a particular tech topic each week. This session, we will be looking at game design and how to create virtual interactive experiences. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome. Register in advance here.

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

Rock out with Spencer!
Friday, March 26
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.
sessions is mandatory. Registration is required. Register in advance here. This program is supported by Con Edison.

**Discovering Ancient Rome**

**Monday, March 29**

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Museums with Marisa presents this first in a three-part fun and fact-filled archaeological exploration of Ancient Rome: "Discovering Ancient Rome." For information on joining, [click here](#).

**Move & Groove with Miss Jolie**

(Ages 1-6+)

**Tuesday, March 30**

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Today’s Move & Groove is an extra special storytime & dance party! Miss Jolie will read from her children’s book, *Searching for Good Luck*, while weaving in music, dancing, and mindful moments! For information on joining, [click here](#).

**Storytime/Author Visit: I Will Dance**

**Monday, March 29**

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Author Nancy Bo Flood virtually visits for a storytime featuring her book *I Will Dance!* This picture book celebrates the story of Eva who doesn’t know what dance looks like for someone who uses a wheelchair. But she is determined "not to imagine, not to pretend" but to truly dance. For ages 2-6. For information on joining, [click here](#).

**Meet an Eastern Screech Owl**

**Tuesday, March 30**

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Learn about the fascinating nocturnal birds known as owls and meet an Eastern Screech Owl. Kids will also learn about the relationship between predator and meet some of the owl's prey: rats and rabbits! For Grades K-3. For information on attending, [click here](#).
Ancient Rome: Let’s Chat about Myths!
Wednesday, March 31
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Museums with Marisa presents the third in a three-part fun and fact-filled archaeological exploration of Ancient Rome. For information on joining, click here.

Ancient Rome: Gladiators and Secrets of the Colosseum
Tuesday, March 30
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Museums with Marisa presents this second in a three-part fun and fact-filled archaeological exploration of Ancient Rome. For information on joining, click here.