Announcing Tiny Tales, Amanda Gorman, Changes to Kits

Hello! I’m excited to announce a new short video series by Trove librarians: Tiny Tales! Tiny Tales are “bite-sized” videos - stories, songs, rhymes. Tiny Tales, like so much of what we do in the Trove and Edge, are supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Watch one for a quick early literacy break, or watch a few for a longer storytime! New videos will be released on YouTube and the Library’s social media on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The first two videos are currently available. Ms. Ashley presents “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?” and I tell the story of “The Three Little Pigs.” Check out both videos here.

Finally, perhaps you were like me, completely awestruck by the words of the young inaugural poet Amanda Gorman last week. If so, I invite you to learn more about this incredible talent and listen to her read some of her works in a blog post I put together. I look forward to her books being published later this year and when they are, they will be available to borrow from the Library.

Take care,
Josh Carlson
Manager of Youth Services

Always feel free to reach out to me at jcarlson@whiteplainslibrary.org or on Twitter.

Notice of Change to Grab & Go: Kits

Due to wintry weather and winds, Grab & Go: Kits are now held inside the Library. Rather than having them sit outside to be picked up, when you arrive at the Library to pick up a Kit, just call 914-422-1490 and let them know which Kit you are there to pick up. Please, only ask for the number of Kits you need for your children. You can find the release schedule for Kits on our online calendar.

PS - Don’t Forget! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is Open for Registration!
Celebrate Black History Month with us. See our full list of programs for kids, teens, and adults here, find out about our next StoryWalk featuring Mamie on the Mound: A Woman in Baseball’s Negro Leagues by Leah Henderson, check out some recommended reading, learn about the historical magic show, Satchel Paige and Negro League Baseball that will be available for viewing 2/13-2/20 here, and celebrate #BlackJoy with a curated reading list.

February Programs for Younger Kids
Some great regular events for younger children take place all month long. See below for times and access. More details here. Many of these programs are supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Project LIT Community Book Discussion Groups
Gr. 4-6 - February 10, 4:30 p.m.
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks
Gr. 6-12 - February 5, 6:30 p.m.
Solo by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess
Find all of the newly announced 2021 Project LIT Community titles here.

Peculiar Picks
Mary Wears What She Wants
Author, illustrator, graphic novelist -
Dive Into Diversity

Let's Get Cooking - Grades 4-6
YA Science Fiction

In this Reads Revisited, Edge librarian Erik revisits Charmed Life by Diana Wynne Jones.

Sit Down and Write

In November, librarians Caroline and Kat hosted a series of creative writing sessions for kids and teens. We enjoyed talking about National Novel Writing Month, fan fiction, and fairy tales. But the quiet time to write was everyone's favorite part of each session. So, we've decided to set aside some more time for creative writing with a new weekly program in January. More details here.

STEAM Picture Books

E for Engineering

Celebrations and Observances in January
1/29: Multicultural Children's Book Day
1/20: Inauguration Day
Meet Amanda Gorman, inaugural poet
1/18: MLK Day

Witnessing History

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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.