March 25, 2021

Thank You

As of last week, it’s been a year since the Library first had to close its doors to the public due to the pandemic. I distinctly remember that there was this general sense that it would be a very temporary thing - a couple of weeks, maybe a month or so, and everything would be back to normal. Well, obviously, that was wishful thinking.

During the past year, we’ve seen our world in upheaval - protests, elections, the pandemic itself. Throughout, I hope we’ve been able to be there for you, providing you resources, books and reading, and other services. We’ve tried a lot of things at the Library - new programs, new services, new ways of reaching the community - in order to reimagine our connection with you. A year later, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding, as well as for your continued support of the Library throughout this difficult time.

I am hopeful that we are getting closer to the other side of the pandemic – that the temporary disruption can finally be temporary. And, I look forward to when we are together again.

Thank you and take care,

Josh Carlson
Manager of Youth Services

Always feel free to reach out to me at jcarlson@whiteplainslibrary.org or on Twitter.
Spring Break Week Events
3/29-4/1
We have some great youth events planned during Spring Break Week. Check out the full listing here.
– Author Visit: Nancy Bo Flood
– 3D Design & Printing with Woody Poluard
– History of Ancient Rome
– Move & Groove with Miss Jolie
– Meet an Eastern Screech Owl
  – Storybook Dancing
  – April Fools’ Day Storytime
  – Sit Down & Write

Project LIT Community Book Discussion Groups
April Project LIT Community
book groups feature The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez on April 14th for Grades 4-6 and Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo on April 9th for teens.

Book Bunch: HOUSE OF FEAR with creator James Powell
Kids in grades 4-8 are invited to
take part in a discussion on Wednesday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. of the graphic novel *House of Fear: Attack of the Killer Snowmen and Other Stories*, as well as to virtually meet creator James Powell! The first twelve registrants will receive a free copy of the book. [Click here](#) to register.

April is Autism Awareness Month
– [Recommended reads](#) for kids and teens
– [Turtle Dance Music](#) - a special inclusive, neurodiverse event for children and teens of all abilities with music, comedy, games, bubbles and dancing!

TaleWise Earth Day STEAM Program
Starting in April, we’re excited to announce monthly virtual programs for Grades K-8 from Talewise which feature fantastic (and hilarious) stories alongside STEAM explorations and experiments. The first program takes place on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, at 3:30 p.m. - *Earth Day: Revenge of the Toxic Robot*

March 31: International Transgender Day of Visibility
– [Transgender Day of Visibility](#) event with The Loft LGBTQ+ Community Center and recommended reads for adults
– [Recommended reads for kids and teens](#)

April Programs for Younger Kids

April is National Poetry Month
– [Great Poetry Books for Kids](#)
– Dive Into Diversity: [YA Novels in Verse](#)
– [Adult Poetry Open Mic and Bobby Sanchez Slam Performance](#)
– [Blackout Poetry Craft Video](#)
– Poem of the Day & Feature Friday: [Facebook](#) / [YouTube](#)
Tiny Tales
Tiny Tales are short, “bite-sized,” song and story videos. Watch one for a short early literacy break, or a few for a whole storytime! If you haven’t seen them yet, look for them on the Library’s YouTube channel and on our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Digital Design and Craft Programs for Teens
Students in Grades 6-12 can join Erik to learn about digital design and cutting with the Library’s Cricut machine. Registration required. Find out more, including the open source software needed, here. Register for each program here:
April 12, 4:00 p.m.: Design Bookmarks
April 26, 4:00 p.m.: Design Vinyl Labels

Dive Into Diversity
Environmental Activism in Picture Books
The Power of Music (Grades 4-6)
YA Novels in Verse

Peculiar Picks
So Meta - metafictional reads
Gingerbread Men (and a Girl)
STEAM Children's Books: M for Math

Reads Revisited
Lauren revisits Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, an important book from her childhood.

We appreciate support from the White Plains Library Foundation for many of these programs.