April 15, 2021

Library Reopening April 29th

We are very pleased that the Library will be reopening on **Thursday, April 29th**. A huge thanks goes to all of our patrons for their patience as we navigated this past year.

Some facts about our reopening:

- We will reopen with the exact same level of service we offered over the summer: Patrons will be welcome to browse the first floor collections and check out material.
- The Trove will be open for 45-minute appointments, one family (no more than four people) at a time. Call (914) 422-1476 or visit our online reservation system here and schedule an appointment. You must have a White Plains library card to book a Trove visit. One appointment a week.
- For now, the Library hours will remain unchanged (**Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed Sunday**).
- Our Grab & Go service will end close of business, Wednesday, April 28th. Effective Thursday, April 29th we will revert to having a Holds collection. Patrons will need to come into the building and check out holds material.
- We remain committed to everyone wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing.
- All our programs will continue online for the foreseeable future.
- Museum Passes & HotSpots will be available for patrons to checkout or reserve for future use.

Over the coming weeks and months, we look forward to expanding our services and programs.
Questions? Drop me a line.

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We appreciate support from the **White Plains Library Foundation** for many of our programs. Events funded by the Foundation are noted with an ✉️.

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**The Pollinator Victory Garden**

*Win the War on Pollinator Decline with Ecological Gardening*

Tuesday, April 20th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Many pollinator species have suffered serious declines in recent years. It's a serious problem for all of us since pollinators are responsible for the pollination of 80% of all flowering plants and at least 30% of the food that we eat. Learn how to create a Pollinator Victory Garden to help win the war on pollinator decline. Kim Eierman is an environmental horticulturist specializing in ecological landscapes and native plants. **Click here** to register.

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**Census Records: A Snapshot through Time of the Family**

Tonight, April 15th
7:00–8:00 p.m.

With the help of professional genealogist Sarah Gutmann, discover how to thoroughly investigate the columns of the censuses and analyze the information to further your research. For information on attending, **click here**.

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Birding for Beginners
Wednesday, April 21st
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Do you like birds but don't know how to make the leap from noticing to really seeing them? We'll walk you through the basics to get you started, share some tips with you to boost your confidence, and let you in on some secrets for a great time watching birds at your window or out in the field. Lisa Curtis and Chris Mignone, board members from the local chapter of Audubon, Central Westchester Audubon Society, are both birders who are just like you, learning all the time. They will get you started on what is a highly engaging pursuit. Birding information provided by Central Westchester Audubon Society is available for pickup while supply lasts.

Click here to register.

Bobby Sanchez SLAM Poetry Performance
Tuesday, April 20th
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 New York schools and curate local shows in the NY area.

Click here to register.

A Music, Bubble and Comedy Dance Party!
For Autism Awareness Month in April
Thursday, April 22nd @ 11:00 A.M.
Presented by the White Plains Public Library

* Turtle Dance Music Show:
Autism Awareness Month
Thursday, April 22nd
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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 information on attending, click here.

Reading to End Racism
Thursday, April 22nd
6:00–7:00 p.m.
Continuing on the theme of courageous conversations, YWCA has partnered with the Library for the Reading to End Racism book club. For this book club conversation, we will be reading and discussing Isabel Allende’s book In the Midst of Winter. Click here for information on attending and here for more information on the book.

TaleWise Presents:
Earth Day
Thursday, April 22nd
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 information on attending, click here.

Authors Laurie Ruettimann and Lindsey Pollak in Conversation
Thursday, April 22nd
7:00-8:00 p.m.
White Plains Public Library, Bedford Hills Free Library, Harrison Public Library, and Book YaYa
present: CNN's top business coach Laurie Ruettimann, author of *Betting on You: How to Put Yourself First and Take Control of Your Career*, in conversation with New York Times bestselling writer and leading business expert Lindsey Pollak, author of *Recalculating: Navigate Your Career Through the Changing World of Work*. [Click here](#) to register.
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WHITE PLAINS FARMERS MARKET

COURT STREET
BETWEEN MARTINE AVE. & MAIN ST.

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APRIL 21 - NOVEMBER 24

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Around the Web
**Facts on Coronavirus.**

A scammer just **stole £30k of literary prize money**– and is trying to steal more.

Paola Capó-García on **the challenges of teaching high school poetry** in the age of Zoom.

During the 1918 flu pandemic, libraries became **vital providers of public health information**.

**2021 Whiting Awards** honor 10 soon-to-be-big writers.

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**Photo of the Week**

*Above:* **Double Rainbow Over White Plains** by **Sara E.**

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.