Stand Against Racism

This year, the Library is a sponsor of the YWCA’s annual campaign Stand Against Racism. The theme is “Racism is a Public Health Crisis,” something we all witnessed this past year and which has been driven to the forefront of our national consciousness partly by the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and racial injustice.

Understanding and addressing systemic racism from a public health perspective is crucial to eliminating racial and ethnic inequities, and to improving opportunity and well-being across communities.

You can show your commitment to eliminating racism by participating in this year’s Stand Against Racism campaign in several different ways. Here’s how:

- **Take the Pledge as an individual**: Stand up for racial justice by completing the pledge form.
- **Join us at the Stand Against Racism event** which will be held virtually on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. EST via zoom. Register here.
- If you belong to an organization, **become a Participating Site**. Arrange for your organization to sign the pledge and declare your Stand Against Racism by promoting it to your staff or members and on your website and social media outlets.
Find out more [here](#).

Take care,

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**Breath-Body-Mind for Stress Relief in Troubled Times**  
Tonight  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Stress affects our ability to manage anxiety, focus on work, and relate

**Poetry Open Mic**  
Tonight
calmly and compassionately to others. Dr. Richard Brown and Dr. Patricia Gerbarg developed Breath-Body-Mind (BBM), a program of natural, self-healing, breath-based mind-body practices that can be used to manage stress effectively. Dr. Gerbarg briefly will review the scientific basis for the efficacy of these techniques. Dr. Brown will lead a sequence of movement and breath practices that will enable attendees to experience some of the beneficial effects of BBM. Click here to find out how to attend.

A Conversation with James McBride
Tuesday, May 4th
7:30-8:30 p.m.
The White Plains Library Foundation is thrilled to welcome (virtually) award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter, James McBride to discuss his latest novel, Deacon King Kong, named one of the Top Ten Books of 2020 by the New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, and TIME magazine. Click HERE to register and here for more info on Deacon King Kong.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the return of Zork's Open Mic! In lieu of the First Wednesday Poetry Slam, we're hosting an open mic 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@whitepla... If you know the title of the poem you'll be performing, you can also include that in your email. To simply attend, register here and the zoom link will be sent to you.

Authors Laurie Ruettimann and Lindsey Pollak in Conversation
Thursday, April 22nd
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Here's a quick video tutorial on how to browse magazines in the Libby app.

Digital Crafts for Teens: Cricut Maker
Monday, April 12th & 26th
4:00–5:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the Cricut Maker. On April 12th, students will design digital bookmarks then learn how to send their design to be drawn and cut out by the Cricut Maker on cardstock paper. Click here to register. On April 26th, students will learn how to send their design to be drawn and cut out by the Cricut Maker on cardstock paper.

World of Work.
Click here to register.

RESCHEDULED:
Curt’s ESL Pharmacy
Tuesday, April 13th
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Pharmacist-turned-ESL instructor Curt Constable fills your English prescription with a fun class blending pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary and current events. He will cover a different topic in English each month. For information on attending, click here.

The Library is in the process of creating a new strategic plan and it's important that we hear from you. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. Thanks!
design their own digital labels or stickers then learn how to send their design to be drawn and cut out by the Cricut Maker on vinyl. Click here to register. For more info, click here.

Census Records: A Snapshot through Time of the Family
Thursday, 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.

Celebrate Earth Day, April 22nd
To celebrate Earth Day, we’re highlighting a variety of on-theme programs, a Grab & Go kit for families and adults, and a selection of books for adults and children.
Westchester Town Hall Series
Westchester County Executive
George Latimer
Invites you to Share Your Thoughts
AN OPEN CONVERSATION ON COVID-19
With a Special Focus on People With Disabilities
Thursday, April 15
6 - 7 P.M.
facebook.com/westchestergov
Submit your questions to Communications@westchestergov.com or comment on Facebook live that evening.
YOUTH COURT
REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR SUMMER 2021

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✓ Looks great on your college application!
✓ Network with Attorneys, Judges, and Community Leaders
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✓ Field Trips

VIRTUAL TRAINING DURING JULY – AUGUST, 2021
Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 6:00pm - 8:00pm

CONTACT:
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or Youth Bureau @ 914-422-1378

Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

James McBride has won the inaugural Gotham Book Prize for literature that celebrates NYC.

Author interview: camping is an adventure for all Americans in Fatima’s Great Outdoors.
Honoring Anthony Veasna So—with his own work and a new award.

"An open apology to the bookmarks I've lost."