May Virtual Calendar of Events for Adults

While the Library is reopening on Thursday, April 29th (more info here), all of our programs will continue online for the foreseeable future. In May we’re celebrating Jewish American Heritage month with Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy with Barbara Brilliant (5/23) and A Rosenberg is a Rosen is a Rose: How and Why Our Ancestors Changed their Names (5/24). Other highlights include a variety of gardening programs (5/16, 5/16, 5/23), a workshop on metaliteracy (5/24), and a Conversation with James McBride (5/4). Join us on Zoom with a variety of virtual events presented by Library staff and local experts. Find a full listing of programs below with details on attending.

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.

Ideas for programs or activities? Send them my way.

Take care,
Brian Kenney
Library Director
bkenney@whiteplainslibrary.org

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. Adult events are in orange, events for parents are in
yellow, 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.

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**5 Simple Spring Cleaning Shortcuts**

**Sunday, May 2**

2:00-3:00 p.m.

If spring cleaning is on your mind, you won’t want to miss this virtual program. Organizing humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak will share her five shortcuts. Plus, she’ll guide you through crafting your own spring cleaning cheat sheet. **Click here to register.**

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**A Conversation with James McBride**

**Tuesday, May 4**

7:30-8:30 p.m.

The White Plains Library Foundation is thrilled to welcome 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. Please join us on May 4th, 7:30-8:30 p.m. **Click HERE to Register.**

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Curt's ESL Pharmacy  
Tuesday, May 4  
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. No registration required. For information on joining, click here.

Future is Female Book Discussion  
Monday, May 3  
2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Ellen O'Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel. The book is available in print and as a CD audiobook in the Library's collection and through OverDrive/Libby. For information on joining, click here.
Thursday, May 6
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Join librarians Kat and Christiane for a simple hand-sewing project. We’ll make small tabletop trays to hold jewelry or loose change. Registration is limited and required. Those signed up will be notified when they can pick up their bag of program supplies from the Library. Everything needed will be in the kit. Click here to register.

Library
Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, & 26
12:00-12:45 p.m.
Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26.

Slow Reading Book Discussion
Monday, May 10
2:00-4:00 p.m.
This spring, the Slow Reading group will continue to explore the richness and variety of the African-American literary tradition. The April and May selection is the novel Sing, Unburied, Sing (2017) by Jesmyn Ward. The book is available in print, Large Print and CD audiobook.

English Conversation Group
Friday, May 7, 14, 21, & 28
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
ESL speakers, come practice your English conversation skills in this fun, supportive virtual setting! Feel free to bring your own conversation topics. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28.

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formats. OverDrive and Libby have both the **eBook** and **digital audiobook**. Leading the group is Ellen Lambert, who has a Ph.D. from Yale in English and taught high-school English at The Dalton School for over 25 years. Feel free to contact Ellen at ellenzlambert@gmail.com or 914-582-4050 with questions. For information on attending, [click here.](#)

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**Zoom Tips**  
**Wednesday, May 12**  
**10:30 – 11:15 a.m.**  
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. For teens and adults. [Click here to register.](#)

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**Vegetables Love Flowers**  
**Wednesday, May 12**  
**11:00-11:45 a.m.**  
Jacqui Bergonzi, Master Gardener, will discuss how vegetables and pollinators thrive when vegetable

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**Virtual Tech Help**  
**Tuesday, May 11**  
**2:00–3:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, May 26**  
**10:30-11:15 a.m.**  
Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Ask Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in this virtual assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome. Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend and please be sure to provide your email address:  
5/11  
5/26

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**Alzheimer y la Demencia**  
**El martes, 11 de mayo**  
**11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
Estás invitatado a un programa sobre el Alzheimer. El Alzheimer no es una parte normal del envejecimiento es una enfermedad del cerebro que causa problemas con la memoria reconocimiento y comportamiento. Para unirse, [haga clic aquí.](#)
gardens are abundant with beautiful flowers. This presentation will cover tips on creating organic, companion planted gardens that hum with biodiversity and yield nutritious food for all. Jacqui Bergonzi is a Master Gardener with Westchester Cornell Cooperative Extension. [Click here to register.](#) This program is presented in partnership with the Greenburgh Public Library.

Book 'Em

Wednesday, May 12

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Library Director Brian Kenney will lead a discussion of Fred Vargas' *This Poison Will Remain* ([Print/CD Audiobook/eBook/Digital Audiobook](#)). The deaths of three men are linked by their childhood at an orphanage in Nimes, France. [For information on joining, click here](#).

-Mindful Origami

Wednesday, May 12

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join origami artist and teacher Talo Kawasaki to create simple yet satisfying folded pieces that you can keep or share as gifts. Kawasaki has decades of experience as a teacher and origami artist. He has been the co-designer of the Museum of Natural History's Origami Holiday Tree and is featured in the "Elephant Origami Challenge" on YouTube, promoting wildlife conservation. Those signed up will be notified when they can pick up their bag of program supplies from the Library. Teens welcome! [Click here to register.](#)
10 Tips for Container Gardening
Sunday, May 16
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Surrounding yourself with abundance in containers is so rewarding, though far from foolproof. Here are the keys to success from a lifelong container gardener, upstate native, and co-founder of Fruition Seeds, Petra Page-Mann. For adults and teens. Register in advance here.

Getting the Most Out of Your Ancestry.com DNA Results
Monday, May 17
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
DNA test results offer so much more than just finding out your ethnicity percentage. Gain a greater understanding of how you inherit your DNA and the difference between your genetic family tree vs your genealogical family tree. Find out how to analyze DNA matches

Short Story Book Discussion
Thursday, May 13 & 27
2:00-4:15 p.m.
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin for our Spring Discussion Series with selections from the exciting anthology, 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories, edited by Lorrie Moore (c2015). For 5/13, please read "Communist" by Richard Ford (p.394). For 5/27, please read "Everything That Rises Must Converge" by Flannery O'Connor (p.227). Anthology is available in print from the Library and as an eBook from Hoopla as well as OverDrive and Libby. To register in advance, click here.
and explore the benefits of Ancestry.com Thrulines. For information on joining, click here.

3D Design Help
Wednesday, May 19
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 25
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Do you need help with a 3D model you are working on or simply want to learn the basics of 3D design? Sign up and get help from Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in a one-on-one virtual session. For all ages.
This event is supported by Con Edison. Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend: 5/19, 5/25.

Digital Library Resources
Tuesday, May 18
2:00-2:45 p.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.
For adults and teens. Register in advance here.

Finanzas Personales en Tiempos de Covid-19
El martes, 18 de mayo
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
* Manejo de finanzas en época de crisis
* Importancia del ahorro y establecimiento de metas
* Elaborar un presupuesto y cumplirlo
* Financiamiento y reducción de
Thursday, May 20
6:00-8:00 p.m.
This month's topic is: "The American Dream: What does it mean today?"
Common Ground is a community conversation series where participants can express their viewpoints and listen to different perspectives in a civic environment. These conversations are offered through a partnership with the League of Women Voters of White Plains, the Library, and the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester. For information on attending, click here.

7 Keys to Resilient Gardening in a Changing Climate
Sunday, May 23
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
With the right attention, techniques, timing, and seeds, our gardens will surround us with beauty and abundance even as our seasons grow more unpredictable. Come laugh and learn the keys to surround yourself and your community with abundance for generations to come with Petra Page-Mann, a life-long gardener of the Finger Lakes. Click here to register.

Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy with Barbara Brilliant
Sunday, May 23
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
In Celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month - Meet Barbara Brilliant, Creator and Executive Producer of the Peabody Award-winning documentary, Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy in conversation with Librarian Barbara Wenglin. Ms. Brilliant will share film clips and behind-the-scenes anecdotes about the making of this extraordinary film which explores the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American Musical. Barbara will discuss some of the performances and shows represented, from the Yiddish theater to Porgy and Bess.
Truth vs. Disinformation: Turning the Tide Against Social Media Manipulation
Monday, May 24
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Professor Tom Palmer will provide metaliteracy tools that attendees can use to help friends and family examine information shared online. Professor Palmer will introduce metaliteracy principles for observing and detecting the origin of disinformation and how it expands through social media channels via unsuspecting citizens. Click here to register.

A Rosenberg is a Rosen is a Rose: How and Why Our Ancestors Changed their Names
Monday, May 24
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Our immigrant ancestors came with baggage. Clothing, photographs, candlesticks, recipes...and their names. All were cherished reminders of the "Old Country" except the names which were sometimes readily jettisoned when arriving in The Golden Land. Through a series of stories, the how, when, and why of name changes will be explored. There will be time for participants to share stories of their own family name changes and to find out how to learn what the name originally was. Click here to register.

8 Ways to Elevate Your Job Search and

Oklahoma, West Side Story, Hello Dolly, Fiddler on the Roof, The Producers, The King and I, – and more! The documentary will be shown by PBS during the summer, with some DVDs available to borrow through the Library catalog. Click here to register.
Networking on LinkedIn
Wednesday, May 26
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn how to get the most out of your LinkedIn account. Cheryl Lynch Simpson will cover the importance of visibility, eight ways to stand out more, and will give live demonstrations of resources.
Click here to register.

Book Discussion:
Deacon King Kong
by James McBride
Tuesday, May 25
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Moderated by Beth Kava, President, White Plains Library Foundation and Heather Miller, Executive Director, Thomas H. Slater Center. Click here to register.