English Conversation on Zoom

A key element to learning a new language is to practice, and our English Conversation Group (ECG) provides exactly that opportunity. ECG, which met in person for years, has continued to meet during the pandemic via Zoom on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you speak English as a second (or third, or fourth!) language, you're welcome to come and converse with other people, both language learners and native speakers.

If you know non-native speakers who wish to improve their English or just meet other non-native speakers, please let them know about ECG. And you can also tell them about the Library's monthly English class, Curt's ESL Pharmacy, taught by Curt Constable, a retired pharmacist who, as a Library volunteer, enjoyed leading ECG so much he became an ESL teacher. Curt's class meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Take care,

Brian Kenney
Library Director
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Happy Pride Month! Check out our staff picks for youth and adult materials celebrating LGBTQIA+ Americans and the movement to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for those in the community.

Poetry Open Mic
Tonight, June 2nd
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Open Mic! In lieu of the First Wednesday Poetry Slam, we’re hosting an open mic with pre-registration this month to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. To attend, email Kristen for more information at kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org.

Regeneration Art Exhibit Opening
Tuesday, June 1st through September 3rd
“Regeneration” looks at a future focused on climate justice. The exhibition includes drawing, collage, mixed media, photography, painting and poetry. Participating artists are Stephanie J. Alvarado, Isabella Bannerman, Diane Brawarsky, Carlos Mateu, Gina Randazzo, and Ed Young. The exhibit will be on display in the Library’s second floor museum gallery during Library hours.

Sunrise Scimitar
Sunday, June 6th
2:00–3:00 p.m.
On Thursday morning, June 10th,
Introduction to Foundation Directory Online
Tuesday, June 8th
1:00–2:30 p.m.
Upon completion of this course you should be able to: explain what FDO is, identify your needs in preparation for searching for potential grantmakers in FDO, research potential grantmakers using a project-based search in FDO, evaluate prospects for strong or weak fit using FDO, identify the options for accessing FDO, and access resources for getting help with FDO. Presented by Candid. Click here to register.

John Lennon:
Watching the Wheels
Thursday, June 10th
7:00–8:00 p.m.
2020 marked what would have been John Lennon’s 80th birthday, and it was also the 40th anniversary of his untimely death. Accordingly, this program celebrates the life and times of the poetic Beatle who gave us such classics as “All You Need is Love,” “Eight Days A Week,” “Strawberry Fields Forever,” “Help” and many others. The upbeat, fast-moving program features video, music, and the clever insights Lennon was known for. Click here to register.

STEAMy Summer Days
Registration will open on Monday, June 7th for our STEAM summer camps for students starting Grades 6-10 in the fall. Check our online calendar and website on Monday for more details.
June LibraryReads
Here are the books published this month that librarians across the country love.

Facts on Coronavirus.
How public libraries are part of the solution to food insecurity.
What does our right to privacy mean in the digital age?
Slavery wasn't "long ago": a writer exposes the disconnect in how we tell history.

Alison Bechdel in conversation.

Photo of the Week

Left: Remembering Mother’s Day at the Holocaust Memorial. by Valerie V.

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