May 26, 2021

Laptops to Lend, Enhanced Wi-Fi

One thing the pandemic has made abundantly clear: many people lack easy access to the Internet. We hope to help remedy that in two ways, both thanks to support from the White Plains Library Foundation.

We have launched a new pilot program in which we are lending laptops bundled with a mobile hotspot as well as a good suite of software. Laptop bundles are available exclusively to White Plains Public Library cardholders 18 and older in good standing, and bundles may be placed on hold. The loan period will be two weeks with no renewals. Go here for more information about our laptop lending program.

Wi-Fi has always been available in the perimeter around the Library building. But seeing how popular it has been, and with warm weather here, we’ve taken steps to greatly expand our coverage in the Library Plaza. We’ve deployed three new access points that provide much better range including seating closest to the Courthouse, the front of the building, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard side of the building.

As a reminder, our Wi-Fi network is available from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. every day.

Take care,

Brian Kenney
Please note that the Library will be closed Saturday, May 29th through Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day. We will reopen with regular hours from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1st.

Our outer bookdrop (to the left of the main entrance) will remain open for those who wish to return materials while we’re closed.

8 Ways to Elevate Your Job Search and Networking on LinkedIn
Wednesday, May 26th
7:00–8:30 p.m.
Learn how to get the most out of your LinkedIn account. Cheryl Lynch Simpson will cover three areas: the importance of visibility, eight ways to stand out more, and live demonstrations of key tasks and resources. [Click here](#) to register.

Curt’s ESL Pharmacy
Tuesday, June 1st
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

Poetry Open Mic
Wednesday, 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’ll be hosting an open mic with pre-registration this month to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. For more
Quick n Easy Crochet
Thursday, June 3rd
7:00–7:45 p.m.
Join Librarian Kristen for a granny stripe crochet tutorial. Learn how to crochet a granny stripe pattern, which can be used for blankets and other projects. With this technique you will learn three fundamental stitches: chains, single crochet, and double crochet. Teens welcome. 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 aside from a pair of scissors, which participants will need to provide themselves. Click here to register.

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,
Sunrise Scimitar  
Sunday, June 6th  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

On Thursday morning, June 10, early risers in the northeast U.S. will – weather conditions permitting – be treated to the most unusual sunrise of their lives, for they will not see a yellow-orange circle of light, but a fiery scimitar! Meteorologist Joe Rao will examine the mechanics of what causes eclipses as well as look at events coming our way in the future. This program was made possible by a partnership with the Dobbs Ferry Public Library and the Hendrick Hudson Free Library. 

Click here to register.
Facts on Coronavirus.

What's more punk than teens screaming in a public library?

Four states have placed legal limits on how teachers can discuss race.

Roxane Gay is starting a new imprint at Grove Atlantic.

A moment or a movement? Black bookstore owners on business one year later.
Photo of the Week

Left: *Springtime on Old Mamaroneck Avenue.* by Judy F.

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