July Virtual Calendar of Events for Adults

The Library is open for browsing and Trove visits (more info here), limited seating is back on the first floor, and our services will continue to expand in the coming months. For now, our programs will continue online through at least 2021 with a few exceptions this summer. This month you can learn about the 1981 Westchester County Jail Riot with new context (7/8), explore and share your memories of 9/11 with a writing workshop (7/13–9/14), or get tips on how to have on-going and meaningful conversations about consent with your child (7/14). 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, starting on July 1 you can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.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
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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.

Curt’s ESL Pharmacy
Tuesday, July 6
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.

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

🌟 Lunchtime Meditation @ the Library
Wednesday, July 7, 14, 21, & 28
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: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28.

🌟 Poetry Open Mic
Wednesday, July 7
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
English Conversation Group  
Wednesday, July 7 & 21  
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: 7/7, 7/21.

Local History: The Westchester County Jail Riot of 1981  
Thursday, July 8  
7:00–8:00 p.m.  
Jails and prisons that offer little in the way of rehabilitation. Drug laws that unfairly target people of color. These conditions plague today’s criminal justice system. Forty years

Quick n Easy Necklace from Paper Beads  
Thursday, July 8  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Paper beads can be made by cutting paper into geometric shapes and then rolling them to form beautiful beads of various shapes, sizes, and colors. Join Roseann Demers to create a necklace using this simple technique with minimal materials. Ms. Demers teaches a variety of crafting classes at Westchester Community College and through the Association of Retired Teachers. Registration is limited and required. Those signed up will be notified when they can pick up their bag of program.

Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Open Mic! Pre-registration is required to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. Register here to attend or perform. If you plan on performing, please send your name (how you’d like to be introduced), email address, and a short 60-word bio to kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org.  
Adults & teens welcome!
ago, they were also the focus of complaints by Westchester County Jail inmates, leading them to stage an unprecedented uprising. Seth Kershner, a researcher at the University of Massachusetts, discusses the July 1981 uprising at Westchester County Jail—three riots in three days that caused one million dollars in damage. You won’t want to miss this presentation that promises to add valuable context to contemporary debates over prisons and policing. Click here to register.

Future is Female Book Discussion
Monday, July 12
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Ellen O’Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of the travel narrative At Home in the World: Reflections on Belonging While Wandering the Globe, by Tsh Oxenreider. Everything needed will be in the kit. Click here to register.

Beginner Calligraphy Series
Sunday, July 11, 18, & 25
2:00–3:00 p.m.
In this workshop, you will learn: calligraphy tools and how to use them; basic strokes of modern brush lettering - practice the 8 basic strokes, which you will use to form the letters of the alphabet; how to compose both uppercase and lowercase letters; how to connect letters to form words and phrases; tips and tricks for perfecting your lettering practice; practice connecting letters and review tricky combinations; introduction to bouncing and flourishes; create a simple card as a final project. Patrons will be notified about how to obtain supplies at a later date. Click here to register.
Oxenreider. If you’ve been home bound for too long in this Year of COVID and are seeking inspiration for your next trip, this is the book for you! Come along with Tsh and her husband, Kyle, as they pack up three kids under ten and journey to England, China, New Zealand, Ethiopia, and more. The book is available in print in the Library’s collection and through hoopla. For information on joining, click here.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, July 14
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.
For adults, parents.
Register in advance here.

Remembering 9/11
Tuesdays, July 13–September 14*
2:00-3:30 p.m.
In this workshop, we will explore memories of and around the events of September 11th, 2001. Around the country, twisted bits of metal from the Twin Towers are displayed in memorials with the words “Never Forget.” But what exactly do we want to remember about that day? What should we remember? Join us for a deep but gentle dive into our memories around the tragedy, and how we’ve grappled with it in the twenty years since. You will be given sample writing and structured prompts to help you craft your stories according your unique point of view. This workshop is designed for all levels of writing experience. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants’ writing will be preserved and celebrated in an attractive print anthology and live, virtual public reading. *We will not meet on August 24.
Click here to register.

Consent
Virtual Tech Help
**Wednesday, July 14**  
6:30–8:00 p.m.  
This program aims to provide parents/guardians with the tools they need to have ongoing, meaningful, and open-ended conversations about consent with their child. Parents/guardians will learn about the four mandatory components of consent and discuss how they can help their young person understand consent as a requirement for any and all sexual interactions. Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic offers a variety of age appropriate, medically accurate reproductive health and sex education in English and Spanish for youth, parents, and professionals. **Click here to register.**

**Tuesday, July 20**  
2:00–3:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, July 28**  
10:30-11:30 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: 7/20, 7/28. Please be sure to provide your email address.**

**Zoom Tips & Tricks**  
**Wednesday, July 21**  
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.**

**Creative Design Help for Youth and Parents**  
**Thursday, July 22**  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
There are so many ways for youth to be digitally creative, whether it is coding, animation, game development, 3D modeling, audio/video editing, music making or something else altogether! This session will provide individualized help in either learning one of these skills or solving a particular, related issue. Whether a beginner or expert,