Book 'Em Back in September

Join us as we meet each month to discuss a wide range of recent, well-reviewed crime fiction. Did the critics get it right? Led by Library Director Brian Kenney, Book ‘Em meets from 2:30-3:30 p.m. over Zoom. Click here for a full list of dates and readings, as well as a printable PDF of the schedule.

Some titles include When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole, Lies With Man by Michael Nava, and Blacktop Wasteland by S.A. Cosby.

We appreciate support from the White Plains Library Foundation for many of our programs. Events funded by the Foundation are noted with an ✨.
Outdoor Concert with the Polancos
Friday, August 20th
5:00–7:00 p.m.
Dennis Polanco and his children, Ivan and Zaida, will be performing original music and cover songs for everyone to enjoy on the Library Plaza. Attendees are expected to socially distance themselves from others during the performance.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic
Wednesday, September 1st
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Slam! Pre-registration is required to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. Register here to attend or perform. Please be sure to provide an active email address as we will contact you to confirm whether you will be performing or just attending.

Spanish for Beginners
Register here on September 1st, starting at 5:00 a.m.
Participants will be introduced to simple, everyday usage of vocabulary, grammar, and conversation. Classes meet every Wednesday, September 8th until December 15th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Instructor Naicy Pretrill is a native of Peru and currently teaches Spanish at Westchester Community College. She holds a New York State teaching certificate in Spanish.

Quick n Easy Sashiko
Thursday, September 2nd
7:00–8:00 p.m.
An Afternoon with Wilfredo Ortiz
Sunday, September 19th
2:00–5:00 p.m.
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the music of Wilfredo Ortiz, a musician and composer from the Dominican Republic. Ortiz will perform live on the Library Plaza.

Great Podcasts for Parents & Caregivers
In this entry, find recommendations in the topics of “Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Antiracism & Social Justice,” “Health & Wellness,” and “Parenting & Caregiving,” as well as featuring the local podcast, Ground Truthing, produced by the Westchester Children’s Association.

Originating in Japan, Sashiko is a needlework process that is both functional and decorative. It was first used to mend and strengthen pieces of clothing. Simple running stitches, often white cotton thread on navy fabric, create pleasing designs. Join Christiane to stitch a small square using the Seigaiha (wave) pattern. Some hand-sewing experience is helpful. 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.

Learn English as a Second Language
In-Person Classes in White Plains or Online

In-Person Classes
held at the White Plains Education and Training Center
2841 Main St, White Plains, NY 10606

Beginner Morning Accelerated Immersion ESL (Level 1-2)
ELI ESL 280999, M-F, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, September 30, 2020 - June 21, 2021
Placement Test: 8/25/2020
Placement Test: 11/30/2020

Beginner Evening Accelerated Immersion ESL (Level 1-2)
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Saturday ESL (High beginner and low intermediate levels 1-3)
ELI ESL 281000, M, September 12, December 11, 2020 - 1:00 PM
Placement Test: 11/30/2020

Online Classes

English as a Second Language, Course in Basic English, through the Westchester Community College Language Institute offers both on-campus and online options for many levels. The college offers courses in conversation, grammar, reading, listening, and writing skills for the community. In-person classes are held at the main campus in White Plains.

Click here to find out about the fall schedule of English classes available in-person or online through Westchester Community College.
Facts on Coronavirus.

Apple’s decision to scan your photo library for exploitative content isn’t a privacy problem. It’s much worse.

An investigation of the mysterious figure who’s been stealing books before they’re
Take a look at the 35-pound comic scrapbook that paints a picture of Great Depression-era life.

NPR reader's poll: 50 favorite sci-fi and fantasy books of the past decade.

Photo of the Week

Above: Outdoor Library StoryWalk up through August 20th. By Raquel C.

We want your photos! In each issue of This Week on Martine we feature one patron submitted photo that was taken in White Plains. To submit your photography for a chance to be featured, visit our submission page, upload a photo, and fill out our form with a short description of the photo and your name.