August 4, 2021

Book Donations are Back

Effective this Saturday, August 7th, we will once again accept book donations. However, there are some changes so read below.

1. **We are only receiving donations on two days:** Wednesdays (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and Saturdays (1 to 5 p.m.).

2. We are only accepting books. No magazines, DVDs, CDs, etc. **Just books.**

3. Only donate books in good condition that **people would want to purchase.** No encyclopedias, dictionaries, test prep books, textbooks, manuals, condensed or abridged books.

3. As previously, we accept **only 20 items** per household per day.

5. Please **leave donations on a truck in the lobby.**

**Go here** for more information about donations and a list of other organizations that accept donations.

Thanks for thinking of the White Plains Public Library!

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

🌟 Poetry Slam
Tonight
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Slam! To register to perform or attend, email kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org.

🌟 Author Visit with Nathaniel Rich
Tuesday, August 10th
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Nathaniel Rich will discuss his recent book Second Nature: Scenes from a World Remade (Library Catalog / OverDrive). In Second Nature, we meet ordinary people who make desperate efforts to preserve their humanity in a world that seems increasingly alien. Their stories—obsessive, intimate, and deeply reported—help us understand our place in a reality that resembles nothing human beings have known before. Nathaniel Rich is a writer-at-large.

🌟 Explore Japanese Food Culture: Sushi
Wednesday, August 11th
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Did you know there are many kinds of sushi in Japan? Do you know why wasabi and ginger are served
on the side? From its origins to how it has become a celebratory dish of choice, to its evolution in Japan, we will show you sushi in all its forms. We will also show how you can prepare some forms of sushi easily at home. For information on attending, click here.

Click HERE to register and you’ll receive a Zoom link unique to your email.

August LibraryReads
Here are the books published this month that librarians across the country love.

Consumer Reports
Did you know that you can access Consumer Reports online with your White Plains library card? Visit this link, enter your library card number and pin, click on the Consumer Reports icon, and then read product reviews, articles, and more!

Emergency Rental Assistance Program
The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) is an economic relief program developed to help eligible households residing at their primary residence in New York State request assistance for rental and utility arrears accumulated during the COVID-19 crisis. The program provides significant economic relief to low-and moderate-income tenants and helps landlords obtain rents due. Approved applicants may receive:

- Up to 12 months of rental arrears payments for rents accrued on or after March 13, 2020.

• Up to 3 months of additional rental assistance for future rent if the household spends 30 percent or more of its gross monthly income to pay for rent and if the household also applies for rental arrears payments.
• Up to 12 months of electric or gas utility arrears payments for arrears that have accrued on or after March 13, 2020 if the household also applies for rental arrears payments.

To find out if you're eligible for ERAP, [click here](#).

**Ready to apply?**
You can apply for the ERAP online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please note that once the application is started, all questions must be answered and the application signed and saved to submit the application. There is currently no way to save a partially completed application.

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).
**ARE YOU BEHIND ON RENT? HELP IS NOW AVAILABLE.**

The New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will cover back rent and utilities for those impacted by COVID-19.

*If you are a Yonkers resident, please visit YonkersNY.gov to learn about their application process.*

**THIS PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU TO PAY:**

- **Up to 12 months** of rental arrears payments for rents accrued on or after 3/13/2020.
- **Up to 12 months** of electric or gas utility arrears payments for arrears that have accrued on or after 3/13/2020.
- **Up to 3 months** of additional rental assistance if the household is expected to spend 30% or more of their gross monthly income to pay for rent.

**LET US HELP YOU APPLY!**

There are 11 nonprofits throughout Westchester County ready to help you apply for the rent relief you need.

**APPLY TODAY**

nytrenthelp.odtsa.ny.gov

**FOR QUESTIONS, CALL 211**

OR VISIT: www.westchestergov.com/housinghelp

---

**Around the Web**

**Facts on Coronavirus.**

**The Green Knight** unmakes a classic—to unsettling and glorious effect.

Soccer star Abby Wambach recommends 3 reads on sports and leadership.
The 50-year-old classics you should listen to and read today.

What murder mysteries get wrong about forensic sciences.

---

**Photo of the Week**

Left: *Diggin' White Plains*. By Bobby B.

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.

---

**Sign up for this Newsletter**

Copyright © 2021 White Plains Public Library, All rights reserved.

This newsletter is sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Kristen Thornton-De Stafeno, Editor - kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org

Our mailing address is:
White Plains Public Library