As the pandemic has demonstrated, many of us have rediscovered the satisfaction and stress relief of making—whether it’s baking sourdough bread, knitting a scarf, or making a holiday ornament from materials around the house.

White Plains cardholders can now enjoy unlimited access to creativebug, a site that offers thousands of art and craft classes by well-respected designers and instructors who bring years of practice, tried-and-true teaching methods, and the ability to demonstrate every step clearly. Simply create an account using your email address and password of your choosing, and you are on your way. Please note that if you are accessing creativebug from home, you will first be prompted to enter your library card number and PIN to get to creativebug.

Among the many topics covered are sewing, knitting, drawing and painting, cake decorating and paper crafting. New content is added regularly, and a Daily Practice Series (one new class each day of the month) will inspire the beginner as well as the seasoned crafter.

And don’t forget to check the Library’s online calendar for upcoming arts and crafts programs by guest presenters or staff. Our recent Quick n Easy series included crocheting, glass painting, sewing, and origami—with more slated for this fall.

Access to this resource is made possible with support from the White Plains Library Foundation.
Access creativebug [here](#).

Take care,

**Christiane Deschamps**  
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**Future is Female Book Discussion**  
**Monday, August 2nd**  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Ellen O'Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of **The Joy Luck Club**, by Asian-American writer Amy Tan. Focusing on the immigrant experience in the United States, with the challenges of maintaining cultural identity, **The Joy Luck Club**

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**Book Bunch: Comics**  
**Wednesday, August 4th**  
4:30–6:00 p.m.

Join librarians Ashley and Kat for a book discussion and other fun activities for 4th through 8th graders. We will be reading **The Witch Boy** by Molly Knox Ostertag. Please register [here](#) and then place a hold on the print book using our catalog [here](#). If you prefer the eBook, you can find it on [OverDrive/Libby](#).
*Luck Club* also explores the complexities of a difficult mother-daughter relationship and what it means to find forgiveness and embrace imperfect love. The novel is available in the Library’s physical collection and through OverDrive/Libby. For information on attending, [click here](#).

**Shadow Puppetry Workshop**  
*Wednesday, August 11th  
2:00–4:00 p.m.*  
Discover the magical world of shadow puppetry with Daniel Barash of Firelight Shadow Theater. For grades 2-5. Registration is required. Registered participants will pick up a kit of materials and supplies from the Library to take part in the workshop. Daniel will first introduce families to the art of shadow puppetry and then help them create puppets to adapt versions of Aesop’s Fables to the shadow screen. Participants will receive a shadow puppet stage and puppet-making materials, as well as fable scripts and character templates. [Click here](#) to register.

**Poetry Slam**  
*Wednesday, August 4th  
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. [Click here](#) to register 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.

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

English as a Second Language: Courses for Beginners to Low Intermediates (to level 4): Westchester Community College English Language Institute offers both in-person and remote options for this course with four beginner levels (0-3) and one low intermediate level (4). Begin the process of learning and actively practicing basic vocabulary, grammar, speaking and listening skills necessary for daily living, employment and post-secondary education.

IN-PERSON CLASSES
held at the White Plains Education and Training Center
353 Quarrupos St, White Plains, NY 10601

Beginner Morning Accelerated Immersion ESL (Levels 0-2)
ELI-ESL 2029WL-UA, M/T/W/Th, September 2-October 20, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Online Placement Test: 9/2, 9:00 am  First class: 9/9
ELI-ESL 2029WL-VA, 25 M/T/W/Th, October 26-December 15, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Online Placement Test: 10/26, 9:00 am  First class: 11/3

Beginner Evening Accelerated Immersion ESL (Levels 0-2)
ELI-ESL 2029WL-UP, 25 M/T/W/Th, September 7-October 21, 6:30-9:30 pm
Online Placement Test: 9/7, 6:30 pm  First class: 9/13
ELI-ESL 2029WL-VP, 25 M/T/W/Th, October 27-December 15, 6:30-9:30 pm,
Online Placement Test: 10/27, 6:30 pm  First class: 11/3

Saturday ESL (High beginner and low intermediate levels 3-4)
ELI-ESL 2019WL-A, September 11 – December 11, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
Placement test (in-person): 9/11, 9:00 am  First class: 9/18

ONLINE CLASSES

Morning ESL (Level 3 & 4 only)
ELI-ESL 2019WL-TWRA Tues/Wed/Thurs Mornings
25 classes, Sept 14-Nov 23, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Online Placement test: Tuesday, 9/14, 9:00 am
1st class on Wednesday, 9/29

Evening ESL (Level 3 & 4 only)
ELI-ESL 2019NRL-TWRF Tues/Wed/Thurs Evenings:
25 classes, Sept 22-Nov 23, 6:30-9:30 pm
Online Placement test: Wednesday, 9/22, 6:30 pm
1st class on Wednesday, 9/29

COST: $22 via credit card at time of registration + BOOKS purchased at first class for approx. $40

For information/registration
LibraryESL@sunywcc.edu
914-606-6607

Westchester Community College
State University of New York
English Language Institute
CLASES PRESENCIALES
en White Plains Education and Training Center
333 Quarrapas St. White Plains, NY 10601

Imersión Acelerada en Inglés por la Mañana (Niveles Principiantes 0-2)
ELI-ESL 2029WL-UA, lun/mar/mier/juev, 2 de septiembre—20 de octubre, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Examen por Internet: 9/2, 9:00 am Primaclas: 9/2
ELI-ESL 2029WL-V, 25 lun/mar/mier/juev, 26 de octubre—15 de diciembre, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Examen por Internet: 10/26, 9:00 am Primaclas: 11/3

Imersión Acelerada en Inglés por la Tarde (Niveles Principiantes 0-2)
ELI-ESL 2029WL-UP, lun/mar/mier/juev, 7 de septiembre—21 de octubre, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm,
Examen por Internet: 9/7, 6:30 pm Primaclas: 9/13
ELI-ESL 2029WL-VP, lun/mar/mier/juev, 27 de octubre—15 de diciembre, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm,
Examen por Internet: 10/27, 6:30 pm Primaclas: 11/3

Sábado — ESL (Nivel principiante avanzado-intermedio bajo 3-4)
ELI-ESL 2019WL-A, 11 de septiembre – 11 de diciembre, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
Examen (presencial): 9/11, 9:00 am Primaclas: 9/18

CLASES POR INTERNET

Clases de ESL Virtuales por la Mañana
(Niveles 3 & 4 Solamente)
ELI-ESL 2019WL-TWRA mar/mier/juev
14 de sept-23 de nov, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Examen por Internet: martes, 9/14, 9:00 am
Primaclas: miércoles, 9/29

Clases de ESL Virtuales por la Tarde
(Niveles 3 & 4 Solamente)
ELI-ESL 2019NRL-TWRF mar/mier/juev
22 de sept-3 de nov, 6:30-9:30 pm
Examen por Internet: miércoles, 9/22, 6:30 pm
Primaclas: miércoles, 9/29

Precio: $22 con tarjeta en el momento de la inscripción + Libros comprados en la primera clase (aprox. $40)

Para más información o para inscribirse
LibraryESL@sunywcc.edu
914-606-6607

Aprenda Inglés como Segundo Idioma
Clases Presenciales en White Plains o por Internet

Inglés como Segundo Idioma: Curso de nivel Principiante hasta Intermedio Bajo (hasta al nivel 4): El Instituto de Inglés de Westchester Community College ofrece tanto clases presenciales como virtuales con cuatro niveles de principiantes (0-3) y un nivel intermedio bajo (4). Empiece el proceso de aprendizaje y práctica activa de vocabulario básico, gramática, expresión verbal y comprensión auditiva, necesarias para la vida diaria, empleo, y educación superior.

Around the Web

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Photo of the Week

Left: Vault Door leading to Artwork @Westchester Art Center. “Vault Door to Treasures.” By Barbara M.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.