THIS WEEK ON MARTINE
News from the White Plains Public Library

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Raquel Vieira-Cavalcanti grew up in Yonkers, graduated from New York University and Rutgers University, began her career as a Children’s Librarian at New York Public Library, and has been at the White Plains Public Library for 23 years. She strongly believes in the power of early literacy. Raquel feels very lucky to work in the wonderfully diverse community that is White Plains, and to work with children who are truly the “light of the future” and their families.

One of Raquel’s greatest strengths is her commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. She works hard to make sure the Library, and our youth collections, represent everyone and are for everyone. If you take a look at the Trove’s Recommended Reading by Grade Level collection, an undertaking that Raquel has meticulously curated, you will discover a diverse collection representing all of White Plains’ youth. It promotes compassion, empathy, and inclusiveness alongside the enjoyment of reading as well as books that, she says, “reflect the uniqueness and beauty of each child.”

She finds the words of John Lewis both comforting and inspirational: “You are a light. You are the light. ...if you follow your truth down the road to peace and the affirmation of love, if you shine like a beacon for all to see, then the poetry of all the great dreamers and philosophers is yours to manifest in a nation, a world community, and a Beloved Community that is finally at peace with itself.”

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

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

Local History: The Westchester County Jail Riots of 1981
Thursday, July 8th
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 ago, they were also the focus of complaints by Westchester County

New Streaming Movies

Maybe you’re already familiar with our streaming services hoopla and Kanopy, but did you know that they add new content each month? Check out a list of some exciting new titles available on each platform this month.

Fire Shadow Theater Presents

Me & My Shadow; and Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale
Accessible July 11th–30th

Both pre-recorded shows will be accessible here beginning July 11th. Me and My Shadow is for PreK and family audiences, while Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale is for Grades K-5 audiences.
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, which promises to add valuable context to contemporary debates over prisons and policing. Click here to register.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, July 14th
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. Click here to register.

Consent Workshops
Wednesday, July 14th
Teens: 4:00 p.m.
Parents: 6:30 p.m.
Participants work with the facilitator to define consent and why it is important. Teens will analyze social norms and the language used to talk about sex. Parents/guardians will gain the tools they need to have ongoing, meaningful, and open-ended conversations about consent with their child. Parents/guardians will also 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. Click here to register for the teen workshop and click here to register for parents/guardians.
Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

No, you can't "steal" from a Little Free Library.

Ashley C. Ford talks about craft, mother-daughter relationships, and her writing influences.

Chaney Kwak explains how a cruise ship nightmare became a memoir.

Writers to watch fall 2021.

Photo of the Week

Left: Catalpa Tree in Bloom. By Marjory S.

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