August 2021 Calendar of Events for Children, Teens, & Families

The Library is open with computers, seating, and study rooms available; The Trove no longer requires appointments; and The Edge is open with computers for teens. Our services will continue to expand in the coming months and for now, our programs will continue online through at least 2021 with a few exceptions this summer. Summer Reading at the Library runs through Friday, August 20! Due to the impact of COVID-19 on services, Summer Reading is completely online this year via the READsquared platform, website, or app (available for iOS and Android). Some highlights this month include a Shadow Puppetry Workshop with Firelight Shadow Theater (8/11), a live concert with Will Parker on the Library Plaza (8/18), and our Ready for Kindergarten Grab & Go Kits (available starting 8/30)! Find a full listing of events below with details on attending. And if you’d like to hear more from me about our programs and services for youth, be sure to sign up for What's the Story? here.

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.

Take care,

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inbox. Please make sure you click on [Message clipped] View entire message at the bottom of your email for the full newsletter.

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. Events for parents are in orange, kids and family events are in yellow, teen events are in green, 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.

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

Meet the Artists Series
Monday, August 2 & 9
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Learn about famous artists and art movements throughout history from Museums with Marisa. Explore art, then create some of your own. For Grades K-4. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend:

Outdoor Storytime for Ages 2-6
Tuesday, August 3, 10, 17, & 24
Thursday, August 26
11:00 & 11:30 a.m.
Join your Trove librarians outdoors on the Library Plaza (weather permitting) for stories, songs, and fun! Registration is required as family units will be spaced out for social distancing purposes. Only one registration is required for each family unit (max four people). Each family unit is to remain in their socially distanced space for the duration of the storytime. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 2. In the case of inclement weather or other cancelation, we will move our program to the Zoom platform. See our online calendar for links to
Book Bunch: Comics
Wednesday, August 4
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 and then place a hold on the print book using our catalog [here](#). If you prefer the eBook, you can find it on [OverDrive](#). Click [here](#) to register.

Poetry Slam
Wednesday, August 4
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Slam! 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!

Register for the date(s) and time* you wish to attend: 11:00 a.m. on 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/26. 11:30 a.m. on 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/26. *You may only register for one storyline per day (choose 11:00 OR 11:30 a.m.).
Fiesta with Flor
Global Concert
Thursday, August 5
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Musician and entertainer Flor Bromley invites you to dance around the world. Come experience a Latin music fusion party as we travel virtually to the places where the rhythms were born. For information on joining, click here.

Minecraft for Teens
Tuesday, August 10
4:00-4:45 p.m.
In this session, youth are invited to play Minecraft together online in a safe environment. Activities will

Virtual Tabletop Games
Monday, August 9 & 23
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Erik from the Trove and the Edge to play fun virtual tabletop games! We use the platform boardgamearena.com to play the games while we have a conversation on Zoom. Kids and teens who haven’t come to the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 8/9, 8/23.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, August 11
10:30-11:00 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.
include working together to survive in a natural environment or building things collectively in creative mode. All are welcome to partake in some fun with library friends and "Schm3gle" (Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney). Find system requirements and register in advance here.

Virtual Chess Sessions
Thursday, August 12
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Want to practice playing chess? Sign up to play against a fellow library friend or even challenge Austin Olney, the library’s Digital Media Specialist, to a match. Time slots will be sent following registration. From beginners to experts, all youth are welcome to join! Register in advance here.

Shadow Puppetry Workshop: Spin a Shadow, & Perform a Fable
Wednesday, August 11
2:00–4:00 p.m.
Discover the magical world of shadow puppetry with Daniel Barash of Firelight Shadow Theater! 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. Click here to register.

Virtual Tech Help
Tuesday, August 17
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Wednesday,
Bilingual Music Time (PreK-Gr. 2)
Friday, August 13
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Join Nancy Hershatter for a fun bilingual music program! For information on joining, click here.

TaleWise presents:
Aliens: Escape From Earth
Tuesday, August 17
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
TaleWise presents fun, interactive programs with humor, animation, STEAM activities and learning. Join Hailey and Caesar in a race to rescue their alien friend from the clutches of a zany space scientist and get back to the spaceship before it’s too late. Along the way, explore the solar system, desert habitats, and more. After the show, do fun science activities - including making and launching your very own...

August 25
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: 8/17, 8/25. Please be sure to provide your email address.

Zoom Tips & Tricks
Wednesday, August 18
10:30 – 11:00 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.

Turtle Dance Music Show: Wally & the...
Will Parker's Tails, Tales, and Tunes Concert
Wednesday, August 18
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Join us for a whimsical and interactive musical performance by Will Parker on the Library Plaza. He plays guitar, harmonica and sings original songs for kids of all ages. Come ready to sing-a-long, dance, high-five, and give suggestions for an improvised song! In the case of inclement weather, please join the Library and Will Parker for a virtual version of the show!

Water Cycle
Thursday, August 19
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Join Turtle Dance Music for an AWESOME Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show! Each song is accompanied by hands-on, visual, and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. For ages 2-6 and their families. For information on attending, click here.

Summer Reading Ends
August 20
Log your reading online with ReadSquared. Full details here.

Fortnite with Friends
**Game Design for Youth**

**Thursday, August 19**
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Designing a video game requires harnessing multiple digital skills. The result of seeing game elements coming together, such as sound effects and coding, allows for exposure to a variety of creative computer technologies. Therefore, it is beneficial for youth (and/or parents) who are interested in digital design to attend this program. Click [here](#) to register.

**Outdoor Concert with the Polancos**

**Friday, August 20**
5:00–7:00 p.m.

Dennis Polanco and his children, Ivan and Zaida, will be performing original music and cover songs for

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**Tuesday, August 24**
4:00-4:45 p.m.

All are welcome to partake in some Fortnite fun with library friends. Squad up with "Schm3gle" (Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney) on either Windows, Android, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Nintendo Switch, or PlayStation 4/5. Register in advance [here](#).

**Move & Groove with Miss Jolie**

(Ages 1-6+)

**Tuesday, August 31**
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Miss Jolie’s Music & Movement Class infuses learning and movement with music, stories, and lots of silliness! Jolie performs with her ukulele along with other musical instruments and props for the children. For ages 1-6, but open to all. For information on joining, click [here](#).
everyone to enjoy on the Library Plaza. Attendees are expected to socially distance themselves from others during the performance.

Virtual Youth Meet-up
Thursday, August 26
4:00-4:45 p.m.

Have a computer or smartphone? Join Austin and Kat in a new, virtual online space for teens using the Roblox platform. Participate in a variety of fun activities with friends!

Register in advance here.