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

School's almost in session again, can you believe that? Perhaps, with the world as it is, you may have some concerns, questions, or some general anxiety about the coming school year. On **Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.**, please join the Library and a panel of professionals to discuss the new school year. Learn more about the program [here](#). Other events of note this month include our Projects on the Plaza for teens (9/15 & 29), National Novel Writing Month for Young Novelists (Thursdays beginning 9/16), and a Mental Health Workshop for teens (9/14). 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](#).

With the summer coming to an end, we return to our expanded Saturday hours beginning September 11th. You can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at **914-422-1400**, by texting WPPL to **66746**, or by [emailing us](mailto:) 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 ✦.

Our Panelists
Rachel Goldman, Ph.D.  
Joseph L. Ricca, Ed. D.  
Peter Richel, MD, FAAP

✦ Back to School: Alleviating Anxiety & Concerns  
Wednesday, September 1  
7:00–8:15 p.m.
A panel of professionals will be on-hand to answer your questions and discuss what to expect this school year. Please submit questions/concerns here. Panelists: Rachel Goldman, Ph.D.; Joseph L. Ricca, Ed. D.; and Peter Richel, MD, FAAP. Click here for the Zoom link.

✦ Poetry Slam & Open Mic  
Wednesday, September 1  
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. Adults & teens welcome!
Outdoor Storytime for Ages 2-6
Tuesday, September 7, 14, & 21
Thursday, September 2, 23, & 30
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 the virtual storytime in case of rain.
Register for the date(s) and time* you wish to attend: 11:00 a.m. on 9/2, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/30. 11:30 a.m. on 9/2, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/23, 9/30. *You may only register for one storytime per day (choose 11:00 OR 11:30 a.m.).

Minecraft for Teens
Tuesday, September 7
4:00–4:45 p.m.
In this session, youth are invited to play Minecraft together online in a safe environment. Activities will 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.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, September 8
10:30–11:00 a.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular
Storybook Dancing
Thursday, September 9
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing!
Stretch, dance, hear stories, and have fun!
Click here for the Zoom link.

Jazz at Noon: Anaïs Reno with the Pete Malinverni Trio
Friday, September 10
12:00–1:00 p.m.
Performing with highly acclaimed jazz artists since the age of 10,

Virtual Chess Sessions
Thursday, September 9
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.

online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.
For adults, parents.
Register in advance here.
Anaïs Reno has had a rapidly growing career as a singer with a love for jazz and the Great American Songbook. Anaïs will attend SUNY Purchase in the fall as an Ella Fitzgerald Scholar. Pete Malinverni is Head of Jazz Studies at the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College. He has been a fixture on the New York City jazz scene since moving there in the early 1980s, and has recorded fourteen times as a leader in solo piano, trio, quartet, quintet, big band and choral contexts.

**Virtual Tech Help**
Tuesday, September 14
2:00–3:00 p.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 here. Please be sure to provide your email address.

**Mental Health Workshop for Teens**
Tuesday, September 14
6:00–7:30 p.m.
Michael Weitzman is a professional mental health advocate and comedian with his own presentation called THE 3 AMIGOS OF MENTAL HEALTH that focuses on acceptance, wellness tools, and a solution to mental health challenges. He shares his own mental health story from discovery to recovery and recovery to discovery everywhere! He is an MHA trained and certified mental health advocate.

**Zoom Tips & Tricks**
Wednesday, September 15
10:30–11:00 a.m.
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. Click here to register.

**PROJECTS on the PLAZA**
Peer Support Specialist and holds an Academy of Peers Services Provisional Certificate as a New York State Peer Support Specialist. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

**Projects on the Plaza: Ecosystem in a Bottle**

*Wednesday, September 15*

*4:00–5:30 p.m.*

Join us under the tent on the Library Plaza for a STEAMy afternoon. This week we will make an Ecosystem in a bottle. Participants will make a small ecosystem in a 2 liter bottle to take home and grow a small plant.

**Turtle Dance Music Show: Reading Rocks!**

*Thursday, September 16*

*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](#).

**Game Design for Youth**

*Thursday, September 16*

*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](#).
NaNoWriMo for Young Novelists
Thursday, September 16, 23, & 30
4:00–5:00 p.m.
Have you heard about National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo? It’s a challenge that takes place each year in the month of November, where people work toward writing a book. This fall, we’re hosting a pre-planning writing series for writers in grades 4 and up who may be interested in writing during NaNoWriMo. Each Thursday, we’ll meet to discuss various elements that make up a novel and work through the exercises in NaNoWriMo’s Young Novelist Workbook. By the end of the series, participants will have ideas for characters, setting, and plot ready to go, so they are ready to begin writing on November 1st. Registration is required; ideally, participants will be able to attend most sessions in the series. Click here to register.

Una tarde con Wilfredo Ortiz
Sunday, September 19
2:00–5:00 p.m.
We invite you to 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. Rain date September 26.

Fortnite with Friends
Tuesday, September 21
4:00–4:45 p.m.
All are welcome to partake in some Fortnite fun with library friends. Squad up with "Schm3gle" (Digital
Monday, September 20
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. Click here for the Zoom link.

Move & Groove
with Miss Jolie
Tuesday, September 28
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.

Virtual Youth Meet-up
Thursday, September 23
4:00–4:45 p.m.
Have a computer or smartphone? Join library friends Austin ("Schm3gle") and Kathlyn ("katintheedge") in a virtual online space for teens using the Roblox platform. Participate in a variety of fun challenges! Register in advance here.

Projects on the Plaza: Marshmallow Shooter

Media Specialist Austin Olney) on either Windows, Android, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Nintendo Switch, or PlayStation 4/5. Register in advance here.
**Stories & Stuff**  
**Thursday, September 30**  
**4:30–5:30 p.m.**
Join us to listen to some stories and create a craft! [Click here](#) to register. Please provide an email address when you register so that we can arrange for you to pick up the craft materials and send you the Zoom link. This program is geared towards kids from ages 4-8.

**Wednesday, September 29**  
**4:00–5:30 p.m.**
Join us under the tent on the Library Plaza for a STEAMy afternoon. This week we will make marshmallow shooters using toilet paper rolls and rubberbands, then see whose shoots the farthest (without hitting someone).