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

School's back in session and with that comes updated Edge hours, tutor.com homework help, and so much more. In celebration of the Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos and Diwali, we will have two special Grab & Go starter kits available beginning 10/4, and 10/12. Other highlights this month include a media literacy event for teens (10/12), two Halloween STEAM events (10/26 & 10/27), and a monster drawing workshop with award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski (10/26). 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., 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 anytime.

Take care,
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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.

Virtual Tabletop Games
Monday, October 4 & 18
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: 10/4, 10/18.

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

Day of the Dead Altar Starter Kits
Available beginning Monday, October 4
Register & pick up a Day of the Dead Grab & Go Kit in the Trove, while supplies last, starting today. Each kit will contain materials to create a traditional Day of the Dead altar to honor your family’s deceased loved ones. Submit an image of your family’s completed altar online at our website by October 25th, and the Library will create a digital exhibit of all submissions starting November 1st. Click here to register.
Outdoor Storytime for Ages 2-6
Tuesday, October 5, 12, & 19

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 10/5, 10/12, 10/19. 11:30 a.m. on 10/5, 10/12, 10/19. *You may only register for one storytime per day (choose 11:00 OR 11:30 a.m.).

Create a Minecraft World
Tuesday, October 5 4:00–4:45 p.m.

Want to build your dream house? In this session, youth are invited to work together in a safe learning environment via Minecraft Realms and focus on their design skills. Activities will include digitally planning to adequately survive in a randomly generated world and/or building things collectively with others in creative mode. All are welcome to partake in some fun with both library friends and tech specialist Austin Olney. Find system requirements and register in advance here.

Mental Health
Digital Library Resources  
Wednesday, October 6  
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.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic  
Wednesday, October 6  
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!

Workshop for Teens  
Tuesday, October 5  
4:00–5:30 p.m.  
Michael Weitzman, a professional mental health advocate and comedian, will lead a workshop on acceptance, wellness tools, and solutions to mental health challenges. He will share his own mental health story from discovery to recovery. Weitzman is a MHA trained and certified Peer Support Specialist and holds an Academy of Peers Services Provisional Certificate as a New York State Peer Support Specialist. Click here to register.

Book Bunch  
Wednesday, October 6  
4:30–6:00 p.m.  
Join librarians Ashley and Caroline for a book discussion for grades 4-8. We will be reading the first book in
Virtual Chess Sessions
Thursday, October 7
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.

NaNoWriMo for Young Novelists
Thursday, October 7, 14, 21, & 28
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

the Nico Bravo series called Nico Bravo and the Hound of Hades by Mike Cavallaro. Author Mike Cavallaro will join us for a Q&A session after the discussion! We will provide a free copy of the book for the first 10 individuals to register. When the books are available, we will email to arrange pickup; please list an email address when registering. Click here to register.
Project LIT Book Club for Teens
Thursday, October 7
5:30–6:30 p.m.
Join librarians Kat and Lauren for a book discussion and a trivia game. This month's book is a Project LIT title, *Parachutes* by Kelly Yang. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend. [Click here](#) to register.

Diwali Grab & Go Starter Kits: Making Diyas
Available beginning Tuesday, October 12
Register & pick up a Diwali Grab & Go Kit in the Trove, while supplies last, starting today. Each kit will contain materials to create a pair of Diwali diyas. Submit an image of your family's completed diyas online at our website by October 25th, and the Library will create a digital exhibit of all submissions starting November 4th. [Click here](#) to register.

Quick n Easy Drawing
Thursday, October 7
7:00–8:00 p.m.
This virtual class will explore engaging our senses beyond the visual, to create intuitive and uniquely personal interpretations of everyday objects. Participants will gather inspiration from their own senses, examples from working artists & from their fellow participants. If possible, participants should be situated in a quiet room with minimal disturbances. Registration is limited and required. Those signed up will be notified when they can pick up their bag of program supplies from the Library. Everything needed will be in the kit. Adults and teens welcome. [Click here](#) to register.

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.
Media Literacy for Teens  
Tuesday, October 12  
4:00–5:30 p.m.  
Monatana Bass from PPHP will present this educational program to help youth navigate the various sources of media they encounter every day and give them tangible tools on how to decipher which sources provide medically accurate information. This will be held under the tent in the Library Plaza. If it rains, the program will be held on Zoom. Click here to register.

Virtual Tech Help  
Tuesday, October 12  
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.

Zoom Tips & Tricks  
Wednesday, October 13  
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.
Project LIT Book Club for Kids & Tweens
Wednesday, October 13
4:30–5:45 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Caroline for a book discussion and trivia game for grades 4-8. We will be reading *Ghost Squad* by Claribel A. Ortega. 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 [here](#). The audiobook is also available on OverDrive [here](#).

Storybook Dancing
Thursday, October 14 & 28
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing! Stretch, dance, hear stories, and have fun! For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 10/14, 10/28.

Library Fortnite Team
Tuesday, October 19
4:00–4:45 p.m.
Want to join Fortnite with library friends? Sign up for this program to play online together in a safe, private learning environment. In this app, which fosters an equal playing field and gender representation, players are rewarded for teamwork.
Game Design for Youth
Thursday, October 14
4:00–4:30 p.m.
Participants of this program will learn key game design concepts, cooperatively, in a safe, private server. Click here to register.

Virtual Youth Meet-up
Thursday, October 21
4:00–4:45 p.m.
Ready for some good, clean fun? Many teens these days need a break from the day-to-day requirements placed on them. In this program, they are free to interact together in a variety of safe worlds, featuring loads of wholesome activities where they can partake in multiple fun challenges. Join Library friends Austin and Kathlyn in a virtual online space for teens using the Roblox platform. Register in advance here.

Turtle Dance Music Show: Spooky Halloween
Thursday, October 21
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.

Move & Groove with Miss Jolie
Tuesday, October 26
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.

Let’s Draw Monsters
Tuesday, October 26
6:00–7:00 p.m.
Award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski will teach you how to draw creatures, goblins, ghosts and more in this spooky fun art program! For children, teens, and families. For information on attending, click here.

Stories & Stuff
Thursday, October 28
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.
Halloween STEAM
Tuesday, October 26
Wednesday, October 27
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Please join us for a spectacular and spooky night. Grades 1-6 will read a spine-chilling book and then create a spooky slime creature. Grades 6-8 will read a short story and then create a spooky brain. Twelve Kits per date will be available for pick up the week before Halloween. There are two dates: grades 1-6 can register for the 10/26 date here, and grades 6-8 can register for the 10/27 date here.

This program is geared towards kids from ages 4-8.