Donate Blood at the Library on 11/30

The White Plains Rotary Club and the Westchester County Bar Association are co-sponsoring a blood drive on **Tuesday, November 30th, from 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** in the Library's auditorium. The blood drive is being coordinated by the New York Blood Center. Masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

As you may have read, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a nationwide shortage in blood donations at the same time the need for blood and blood products has increased. Blood donations are crucial in fighting cancer and saving lives in emergency medical situations. Patients have delayed receiving essential medical care due to blood shortages.

If you would like to donate, please register on the Blood Drive's dedicated link [here](#).

You can also help by forwarding this email to potential donors among your friends, colleagues, or associations.

For information on the New York Blood Center, including donor eligibility questions, go [here](#).
We're closing early next Wednesday, all day Thursday
Please note that the Library will close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24th and remain closed on Thursday, November 25th for Thanksgiving. We will reopen with regular hours from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 26th. The outer bookdrop will remain open for anyone who wishes to return items while we're closed. Due to the closings, there will be no newsletter going out next week. This Week on Martine will return on December 1st.

Native American Heritage Month
Celebrate Native American Heritage month with one of these staff recommended titles for children and adults.

English Conversation Group
Wednesday, November 24th
2:00–3:00 p.m.
ESL speakers, come practice your English conversation skills in this fun, supportive virtual setting! Feel
An Exhibition of Artist Books by Marc Shanker

The Library will host an exhibition of Artist Books by self-taught artist Marc Shanker. The show runs from Monday, December 6th, 2021 through Friday, February 4th, 2022.

“My books are words extended by images, and images extended by words. The physicality of books focuses attention and adds to their significance. Whether large or small, books exert a power unlike any other object,” states Shanker. Find out more about the exhibit and Shanker [here](#).

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**Turtle Dance Music: Thankful for Thanksgiving**

**Friday, November 26th**

11:00 a.m.–12:00 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. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

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**Winter Holiday Grab & Go Kits**
The Trove will be celebrating the Winter holidays this year by creating Grab & Go kits for children ages preschool-2nd grade filled with activity sheets and a craft for Hanukkah, Shabe Yalda, Christmas, Navidad/Día de Reyes, and Kwanzaa. Kits will be available in the Library’s lobby on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. Find out when each kit will become available [here](#).

**Poetry Slam & Open Mic**
Wednesday, December 1st
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

**Meet Author Scott Reintgen**
Join us for two virtual author visits with Scott Reintgen in December.

**Book Bunch** for grades 4-8–
Wednesday, December 1st, 4:30 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Kat to discuss *Saving Fable*, the first book in Scott Reintgen’s Talespinners series. We’ll meet to chat about the book and make a list of questions for Scott, who will join us at 5:00 p.m. and stay for the rest of the program.

**Project LIT Book Club for Teens**–
Thursday, December 2nd, 5:00 p.m.
Join librarians Kat and Lauren for a discussion with Scott Reintgen about *The Nyxia Triad*. You’re welcome to attend even if you’ve just read the first book, but all three books are fair game for discussion.
contact you to confirm whether you will be performing or just attending.

ASK YOUR QUESTION ON NOVEMBER 18TH (registration starts November 17th at 7am)

Which accounts should hold my stocks or bonds?
How will I be taxed now and in the future?
When should I begin collecting Social Security income?
How much should I pay for the insurance I need?
How much should I be saving for my retirement?
Can you help me understand my coverage under my long term care insurance policy?

Questions a Financial Planner Can Answer

One-to-one consults with Attorneys, Financial Planners, and Medicare Specialists
One White Plains
The City of White Plains Comprehensive Plan

Opening Public Workshop

DATE
Thursday, November 18, 2021

TIME
7:00 - 9:00 pm

LOCATION
White Plains Performing Arts Center
City Center, 3rd Floor
11 City Place

Please join us for a presentation, followed by an interactive open house, to shape the vision and goals for the City of White Plains Comprehensive Plan.

Please visit us online at OneWhitePlains.com to learn more.

The location is accessible and we welcome people with disabilities. Spanish translation assistance will be available. Persons needing assistance should contact the Planning Department at (914) 422-1300 or email OneWP@whiteplainsny.gov.

For the health and safety of all, the event will follow social distancing measures and mask wearing is required.

Please check the website for details about online participation.

www.OneWhitePlains.com

Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.
Nikole Hannah-Jones discusses the attacks on The 1619 Project.

Here's the first cohort of a new literary fellowship supporting Puerto Rican writers.

Authors share the emotions, impact when their books are banned.

More Republican leaders try to ban books on race, LGBTQ issues.

Photo of the Week

Above: new bunny taking a break from nibbling on Marigolds on Orchard Street by Al G.

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.