1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Did you know the Library has a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program? We do! And, we’re excited to announce that, in conjunction with White Plains' new ice cream shop, Ice Cream Social, we’re now offering some fun, tasty, treats to participants to celebrate some of their reading milestones. All reading in the program is tracked online, through ReadSquared, and you can find out more about the program here. Progress will also be shown in the Trove on the Library’s reading rocket display, and kids can get a sticker and coloring sheet after every 100 books read! There’s still plenty of time for those entering Kindergarten even next fall to take part!

Take care,

Josh Carlson
Manager of Youth Services

Always feel free to reach out to me at jcarlson@whiteplainslibrary.org or on Twitter.

PS: Have a Happy Halloween! There’s still plenty of time to make use of our Spooktacular October ideas, get some haunting Halloween books or movies, and listen to some Spooky Podcasts!
National Novel Writing Month for Young Novelists

Throughout September and October, the Library has held a pre-planning writing series for young writers in grades 4 and up who may be interested in writing during NaNoWriMo. And now, NaNoWriMo is upon us! On Thursdays, Nov. 4 and 18, and Tuesdays, Nov. 9 and 23, at 4:00 p.m., we will have Quiet Writing Time for Grades 4-12, for those working on their novel, as well as writing prompt exercises for participants without a long-form project.

Project LIT Community Book Groups

Project LIT Community is a global initiative to help kids, tweens, and teens engage with the real events shaking our country and the world at large. The Library offers two monthly Project LIT Community Book Discussion Groups: In November, Grades 4-8 will be discussing A Place at the Table by Saadia Faruqi and Laura Shovan and Grades 7-12 will be discussing The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater. Then, in December, Grades 4-8 will be discussing We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly and Grades 7-12 will be discussing The Nyxia Triad with author Scott Reintgen.
Meet Author Scott Reintgen
Join us for virtual author visits and Q&A with Scott Reintgen, author of The Nyxia Triad and the Talespinners series: Book Bunch for Grades 4-8 discussing Saving Fable on Wednesday, December 1, 4:30-6 p.m. Project LIT Book Club for Grades 7-12 discussing Nyxia on Thursday, December 2, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Turtle Dance Music presents: Thankful for Thanksgiving
Thankful for Thanksgiving will engage children with comedy, singing, stories about family and friendship, turkeys, pumpkin pies and bubbles! Kids will gobble, wobble, and bobble throughout the whole show. Also, mark your calendars on December 30 for the Winter Wonderland show! All songs in Turtle Dance Music’s 30-minute inclusive Sensory Friendly/Autism Friendly shows are accompanied by hands-on, visual and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time.

Breath Body Mind Workshop for Teens

Free Online Tutoring, Homework Help, Practice Tests & More!
Did you know that with a White Plains Library card students can gain access to free online tutoring, homework support, writing help,
November 8 and 15
6:00–6:30 p.m.
Experience a program of gentle movement, breathing, and relaxation exercises that reduce stress and anxiety, increase mental focus, and allow a sense of wellbeing to flourish. This two-session free program is hosted jointly by several Westchester public libraries. This event is specifically for teens and will take place virtually over Zoom. Register by emailing outreach@wlsmail.org. Please be sure to include your name and the name of your local library. The meeting link will be sent as confirmation. Thank you to the Hope for Youth Foundation for funding this program.

Tiny Art Projects
We’re offering a craft kit for teens and adults, featuring tiny works of art. We’re hoping you’ll use your inspiration to make a mini piece of art or two, and then return them to us for a special tiny art show. Kits are first come, first served, and will become available on Monday, November 1st. Just stop by the table in the Library lobby and pick up a Tiny Art Show kit. If you’d like

Dive into Diversity
Our Dive into Diversity series spotlights noteworthy children’s and teen titles that are inclusive, diverse and multicultural selected by Youth Services librarians Ashley, Kathlyn, and Raquel.

National Diabetes Awareness Month (Younger Readers)
Food, Family, Friends (Gr. 4-6)
YA Fantasy (Teen)

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us to display your artwork, bring it to the Hub desk during the week of November 22nd. We'll be putting together a mini museum display for the month of December.

Great Podcasts

Great Podcasts for Kids 5 came out in October, and we also featured some Great Spooky Podcasts for kids through adults.

Day of the Dead Altars and Diwali Diyas Galleries

In October, White Plains families created altars for Day of the Dead and diyas for Diwali with Grab & Go Kits picked up from the Library. Keep an eye on our website in early November for galleries of their works of art.

Peculiar Picks

Peculiar Picks are a selection of odd, funny, interesting, curious, moving, irreverent, and otherwise wonderfully awesome, but perhaps not well known, reads selected by me, Manager of Youth Services, Josh Carlson. This month’s Peculiar Picks is the first in a recurring series of entries featuring great books all about dragons.

- Here there be dragons, Pt. 1
- Find all Peculiar Picks posts here

Tiny Tales Videos

Tiny Tales are short “bite-sized” song and story videos created by Trove librarians. Watch one for a little early literacy break, or a few for a whole storytime! Raquel’s video, Big Pumpkin, dropped on October 5 and another new video from Tata,
Author Visit with Anita Hill

Please join us for a virtual author visit with Anita Hill on Monday, November 1, 7:00–8:00 p.m. She’ll discuss her new book, *Believing: Our Thirty-Year Journey to End Gender Violence*, a combination of memoir, personal accounts, law, and social analysis. Click here to register.

The Lion and the Mouse, will premiere on November 4. Find new Tiny Tales on our website monthly and be sure to check out all of the Tiny Tales videos, including the previous series of thirty-six videos, on YouTube.

What You Need to Know About...

Erik provides some background and further reading for film and TV adaptations. The Eternals

Previous entries in the series.

Left: Storm King.

Storm King is a great family experience and right now is the perfect time to visit, and a great place to get some awesome fall family pictures! Reserve a Free pass to Storm King Art Center with your White Plains Library card!