December 1, 2021

∗ Mayor Roach to Talk with Author Mark Oppenheimer

Please join us for a virtual author visit with Mark Oppenheimer in conversation with White Plains Mayor Tom Roach on Thursday, December 16th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The topic is Oppenheimer's new book, Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood. The New York Times said of the book: "How 'Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood' became the site of the most deadly antisemitic attack on American soil and what happened afterward unfold with the precision of the best suspense stories."

Mark Oppenheimer is the author of five books, including Knocking on Heaven’s Door: American Religion in the Age of Counterculture and The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia. He was the religion columnist for The New York Times and has written for GQ, Mother Jones, The Nation, and other publications. Oppenheimer hosts the podcast Unorthodox for Tablet magazine and teaches at Yale where he directs the Yale Journalism Initiative.

Register HERE and you'll receive a Zoom link unique to your email. Sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation.
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**2021 Staff Favorites**

Another year is wrapping up and with that comes our end of year favorites list. This year you'll find a wide variety of books for all ages, movies, music, magazines, and more.

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**Call for Tiny Art Submissions**

Did you pick up one of our Tiny Art Show kits earlier this month? Have you taken some time to paint a tiny canvas or try your hand at weaving on the mini loom? We're hoping to see what you've made! Bring your work to the Hub desk during library hours and we'll install it in our tiny art gallery for all to enjoy during the month of December. You can label your piece and we will return it to you in January. Please email Kat at kcarroll@whiteplainslibrary.org with any questions.

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**Poetry Slam & Open Mic**

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  Wednesday, December 1st
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.

**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
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 more about the exhibit and Shanker [here](#).

Science for Students
Tuesday, December 7th
6:00–7:00 p.m.
Join Science for Teens, a club created by local high school student Sophia DiFalco. Teens interested in science will connect with other teens virtually. A scientist with real life experience will be there to talk about their work and answer questions. Our first meeting will be with Keila Alves who is a lab manager at Micropath Pathology Laboratory, a gastroenterology lab. Click [here](#) to register.

Around the Web
Facts on Coronavirus.
Penguin Random House authors and creators skew heavily white.

Adrienne Raphael considers Stephen Sondheim's foundational wordplay.

Bernardine Evaristo has been named president of the Royal Society of Literature.

*All That She Carried* weaves together generations of Black women.

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**Photo of the Week**

*Above: Autumn splendor by Karen T.*

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.