December 22, 2021

COVID-19 Testing Sites

What's the most popular reference question this month? It's where to go for COVID-19 testing.

Here’s our list of local testing sites and info on at-home tests. Please note that schedules and availability of testing varies across these locations and are subject to change. Make sure to check a location’s website or call before visiting.

Do you know of another White Plains testing site not listed here? Or a change with any of the listed sites? Leave us a comment at the link above, or email tbaird@whiteplainslibrary.org so we can verify and update our list.

Thanks to Librarian Mariel Perez for assembling this.

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

Please note that the Library will be closed Friday, December 24th, and Saturday, December 25th. We will reopen with regular hours from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 26th.

The Library will also be closed on Friday, December 31st, and Saturday, January 1st. The Library will reopen with regular hours from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 2nd.

*Due to the holidays, this newsletter will skip a week and return on January 5th, 2022.*

**December Break Week Programs**

The Library has some awesome virtual events planned during school break, December 27th-

**Future is Female Book Discussion**

Monday, January 3rd

2:00–3:00 p.m.

Ellen O’Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague, by Maggie O'Farrell. This beautiful and timely work, published during the

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Thank you to everyone who donated to the Foundation’s Annual Appeal. Community support makes an enormous difference in the life of our wonderful Library, especially during these uncertain times. It’s never too late to **DONATE**, just click here or mail a check to the address listed at the bottom of this newsletter.
30th! Draw cartoons with award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski and Move and Groove with Miss Jolie!

Battle of the Books Club
Monday, January 3rd
5:00–6:00 p.m.
Read a great book and get in some year-round trivia practice. Join Kat and Lauren to read a book each month, and compete with friends in a trivia game. This month we’ll be reading *It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas. [Click here](#) to register. [Print copies](#) are available in our collection, and the eBook is available on [OverDrive/Libby](#) and [Hoopla](#).

COVID pandemic and focused on the ravages of the plague during Shakespeare’s lifetime, is a winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction and the Women’s Prize for Fiction. Available from the Library in [print and Large Print](#). OverDrive/Libby has both the [eBook](#) and [digital audiobook](#). [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic
Wednesday, January 5th
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!
Holocaust Remembrance
Join us for two events in January to reflect on our history and remember both Holocaust survivors and victims.

The Best Books of 2021
Here are the best books of 2021 according to a variety of sources. Do you agree?
The Y Leaders Leadership Program at YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester is a leadership initiative that aims to equip young women in high school and college with the tools they need to be effective and empowered leaders.

Our spring 2022 program will take our participants through trainings that will teach them how to better communicate with themselves and the world around them, how to build in daily affirmations into their lives, how to empower each other and how to navigate spaces in a way that affects change.

**Important Information:**
- Application Deadline: January 10, 2022
- Notification by January 14, 2022
- Program Start Date: January 19, 2022, 5-7pm on Zoom
- Program End Date: June 2022

**Y Leaders Meeting Schedule:**
- January 19th, February 2nd, February 16th, March 2nd, March 16th, March 30th, April 6th, April 27th, May 11th, May 25th, June 8th

**Note:**
- All meetings are virtual on Zoom from 5pm – 7pm unless stated. Our hope is to start in-person meetings in early spring 2022.

**Registration is now open!**

**Program Criteria:**
- Currently enrolled in school.
- Between the ages of 16 and 21.
- A resident of Westchester (college addresses included)
- Y Leaders is open to those who identify as female, womxn, non-binary and gender-nonconforming.

**Sign up Here!**

For further details, visit us at:
https://ywcaawpcw.org/womens-research-and-education-fund/yw-leaders

**Around the Web**

- [Facts on Coronavirus.](#)
- What Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction finalists want you to read.
- America’s top mystery book critics break down the year in crime.
Here are the winners of the 2021 Hugo Awards.

From Bill Clinton to Robert Peston: celebrity crime fiction on trial.

Photo of the Week

Left: White Plains Holiday Market by Margaret 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.