Jan 26, 2022

Celebrate Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month this February with one of our upcoming events, and with a list of recommended books and films compiled by Adult Services Librarian Kristen Thornton-De Stafeno.

Our upcoming events include a webinar on "The Reintegration of Pro Football" with John Vorperian (2/10 at 7:00 p.m.) and a presentation on the Harlem Renaissance with Rena Tobey (2/15 at 7:00 p.m.), as well as a Black History Month Storytime and STEAM craft for grades 1-6 (2/22 at 4:00 p.m.).

Two of our book groups will also include Black History Month reading selections: Future is Female will discuss Passing by Nella Larsen (2/7 at 2:00 p.m.) and Barbara Wenglin’s Short Story Discussion series will discuss "Sonny's Blues" by James Baldwin (2/24 at 2:00 p.m.).

For more details on these events, and for our staff recommended reading and film list, click here.

Take care,
Brian Kenney
Library Director
bkenney@whiteplainslibrary.org
We appreciate support from the **White Plains Library Foundation** for many of our programs. Events funded by the Foundation are noted with an ✭.

**Holocaust Remembrance Day: Author Visit**
**Thursday, January 27th**
**4:30–5:30 p.m.**
Join us for a visit from author Michelle Bisson to discuss her book *Hedy's Journey: The True Story of a Hungarian Girl Fleeing the Holocaust*. This event is for children in fourth grade and up, including adults. Find links for the book and eBook versions of *Hedy's Journey* [here](#). [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

✭ **Cornelius Vanderbilt, The Last Tycoon**
**Thursday, January 27th**
**7:00–8:00 p.m.**
Join Professor Rick Feingold as he explores the life of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the first tycoon.
Cornelius Vanderbilt began operating his own ferry in New York Harbor at the age of 16. He would work from dawn until dark ferrying passengers between Staten Island and the tip of Manhattan. The tiny business would grow into a massive steamship company. Bonus content: Special Anderson Cooper tribute to mother, Gloria Vanderbilt. Rick Feingold teaches American Business History at Bergen Community College and holds an MBA from Penn State University. [Click here](#) to register.
**Forever Young Adult Book Club**

**Thursday, January 27th**

7:00–8:00 p.m.

Forever Young Adult is a group for YA fans who are a little less "Y" and a bit more "A." Whether you're a regular YA reader or you need a break from your usual "To Read" list, all are welcome!

This month we will be discussing *The Bear and the Nightingale* (**Library Collection / OverDrive & Libby**) by Katherine Arden.

This book club is made possible by a partnership between Yonkers Public Library and White Plains Public Library. [Click here for the Zoom link.](#)

---

**Poetry Slam & Open Mic**

**Wednesday, February 2nd**

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!

---

**Short-Story Discussion Series**

Returns Thursday, February 24th

Join White Plains Librarian Barbara Wenglin via Zoom to explore compelling stories with the theme “Family Matters” from the rich anthology used last fall. The program concludes in June with a film discussion. Use [Zoom Registration Link](#) for full series & attend when you can!
Did You Know?

You can make any book instantly large print.

Libby.

Career Coaching Services

Virtual Seminar

Managing Your Career in Changing Times

NEW DATES FOR 2022!

Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.
These are the nominees for the 2022 Edgar Awards.

Edith Wharton’s groundbreaking Pulitzer was originally meant for Sinclair Lewis.

Want to understand the U.S.? This historian says the South holds the key.

Hanif Abdurraqib, Tom Lin receive Carnegie literary awards.

Photo of the Week

Left: Hellebore in Bud - January Joy. 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.

Copyright © 2022 White Plains Public Library, All rights reserved.

This newsletter is sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Kristen Thornton-De Stafeno, Editor - kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org