Have you joined in the Wordle craze yet, or are you still wondering what this means:

Wordle 227 3/6

If you haven't been solving this free daily word puzzle, it was created by Josh Wardle for his crossword aficionado partner (more on that here), and just yesterday it was purchased by the New York Times for a reported 7 figures. It's unclear how long Wordle will remain free, but just in the last few weeks alone, we've seen the creation of many different versions: the 11-letter puzzle, Lordle of the Rings (who else got "shire" in two tries?), and a new staff favorite, Dordle. The last month has shown us one thing is for certain: the love of word puzzles will never truly fade. In that spirit, I've compiled a list of related reads, and a few more fun word puzzle sites that you can find here.

Take care,

Kristen Thornton-De Stafeno
Adult Services & Marketing Librarian
kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org
AARP Tax Aide

The AARP tax service begins this **Monday, February 7th** and will continue **every Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. through April 12th**. **This service is available by appointment only; no walk-ins.** Two (2) appointments are required. To make appointments, please pick up a flyer and packet of forms from the table in the Library's lobby.

**All forms must be picked up and completed prior to the first scheduled appointment.** You will not be seen if forms are not already completed. The taxpayer packet contains:

- The forms you need to complete
- A list of documents you will need to bring to the first (intake) appointment.
- A description of these forms and documents and of the process.

At the first appointment, you will meet with an AARP representative who will review the tax documents and the required forms. They will scan the documents needed to prepare the return and give them back. At the second appointment you will be given the completed tax return for review and for signature.

---

**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

---

**Individual Tech Help**

**Wednesday, February 9th**

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a
an active email address as we will contact you to confirm whether you will be performing or just attending. Adults & teens welcome!

February LibraryReads

These are the books published this month that librarians across the country love.

1946: The Reintegration of Pro Football
Thursday, February 10th

3D Design & Printing for Middle Grades
Tuesday, February 22nd through Friday, February 25th 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Librarian Erik Carlson will teach students in grades 4-6 how to design 3D objects using two types of 3D design programs. After the workshops are complete, students will submit their designs to be printed at the Library. Attendance at all of the sessions is required. If you need extra tech for your child to participate, please contact Erik Carlson at (914) 422-6923 or ecarlson@whiteplainslibrary.org. He can arrange for you to borrow a wifi hotspot and laptop. After you register here, you will be emailed information about joining the Zoom program and what websites will be used. This program is made possible with support from Con Edison.
7:00–8:00 p.m.
This webinar highlights the four players who broke the NFL’s color line and the owner who drew up the Bigoted design. Presented by John Vorperian, Host/Executive Producer of cable show BEYOND THE GAME. Vorperian also will discuss how the sport became a discriminatory endeavor due to the strong influence by Washington owner and segregationist George Preston Marshall. Click here for the Zoom link.

Happy Lunar New Year
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with this Year of the Tiger themed reading list.

Celebrate Black History Month
Join us in celebrating Black History Month with one of our upcoming events, and with our list of recommended books and films. Find out more here.

Brown Girl Dreaming
by Jacqueline Woodson
“We all have the same dream, my grandmother says. To live equal in a country that’s supposed to be the land of the free.”
Around the Web

**Facts on Coronavirus.**

After a Tennessee school district banned *Maus*, **sales are through the roof**.

This great wave of **American book-banning** is not slowing down.

Toni Morrison's only short story is **available in book form for the first time**.

**Hanya’s Boys**: The novelist tends to torture her gay male characters — but only so she can swoop in to save them.

**Online Author Talks & More**

**February 4th, at 1:30 p.m.**: Award winning author Lisa Yee & *Maizy Chen’s Last Chance*. [Click to attend](#).

**February 4th, at 2:00 p.m.**: Celebrating Black History Month: Two Artists Art Talk with Larry D’Amico. [Click here](#) to register.

**February 8th, at 7:00 p.m.**: Badia Ahad-Legardly will discuss *Afro-Nostalgia: Feeling Good in Contemporary Black Culture*. [Click to attend](#).

Photo of the Week
Above: *Driving home in the snow.* by Michele O.

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.