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Virtual Author Visit with NYT Columnist Frank Bruni

One morning in late 2017, New York Times columnist Frank Bruni woke up with strangely blurred vision. But this was no fleeting annoyance, no fixable inconvenience. Overnight, a rare stroke had cut off blood to one of his optic nerves, rendering him functionally blind in that eye—forever. And he soon learned from doctors that the same disorder could ravage his left eye, too. He could lose his sight altogether.

"What happened next and how Bruni managed would have made for a valuable story; however, what makes The Beauty of Dusk far more remarkable than one man's triumph over life's cruelties is how Bruni persevered through the difficulties: by seeking the counsel of others who had suffered physical losses," writes Min Jin Lee in the New York Times. "This isn't the sad story of a man who lost his sight; it is the generous narrative of a student who sought wisdom when trials appeared in his life."

Join us on Tuesday, April 5th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a virtual author visit with White Plains native Frank Bruni as he discusses his new book, The Beauty of Dusk: On Vision Lost and Found. Sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation. Go here to register.
Take care,
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Breath-Body-Mind: An Introduction
Monday, March 28th
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Dr. Richard Brown and Dr. Patricia Gerbarg developed Breath-Body-Mind (BBM), a program of natural, self-healing, breath-based mind-body practices that can be used to manage stress effectively. Gerbarg briefly will review the scientific basis for the efficacy of these techniques. Elena Falcone will lead a sequence of movement and breath practices that will enable attendees to experience some of the beneficial effects of BBM. Follow-up Library programs on April 11th and April 30th will offer additional chances to put BBM into practice. For more information, see https://www.breath-body-mind.com. Click here for the Zoom link.

Short Story Book Discussion Series
Thursday, March 31st
2:00–4:15 p.m.
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin for our Spring Short Story Series using the rich anthology, 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories, focusing on the theme of family matters. Read "The Gay Old Dog" by Edna Ferber (p.4) for this session. A son's promise to his dying mother to care for his three sisters has lifelong consequences.
April StoryWalk: Before She Was Harriet
April 1st–April 29th
Library Plaza
Take a walk around the Library Plaza and read about the life of Harriet Tubman in this gorgeous book, which received a Coretta Scott King Award Honor for its illustrations. A related PreK-Grade 3 Grab & Go Activity Kit featuring a lantern craft project will be available, while supplies last, starting April 1st in the Library’s Lobby.

Honeybees and Pollinators
Sunday, April 3rd
2:00–3:00 p.m.
This class explores honeybees and the important role they play in our lives and environment. We’ll discuss the plight they are currently experiencing (mass die-offs due to pollution, climate change, etc.) and what we can do to help them. Attendees will get to see beekeeping tools and equipment, plus large glossy pictures of honeybees, and a frame of live honeybees that will be safely secured in an observation hive! Presented by John Gallagher, a N.Y.S. certified teacher who has taught Music at St. Augustine School in Ossining for over 24 years and has been a beekeeper for 9 years. In addition to the hives in his own apiary, he also manages hives at other locations such as The Center at Mariondale in Ossining and St. Augustine School and Parish where he also runs a student

Lori Kapner Hosp Gallery Reception

Anthology is available to borrow in print, also as an eBook in hoopla and Libby, with a copy held at the Hub Desk for reading in the Library. Program made possible with support of the Friends of the Library. Click here to register.
Sunday, April 3rd  
2:00–4:00 p.m.  
Museum Gallery  
A collection of original paintings, entitled “Visions of Home Lands,” by local artist Lori Kapner Hosp will be on exhibition in the Library’s Museum Gallery from April 3rd through May 27th. Proceeds from the sale of paintings will go to Westchester-based Hearts & Homes for Refugees. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. Capacity will be limited to 25 persons at a time.

Resources for Caregivers  
Check out these recommended resources compiled by Adult Services Librarian Sharon Rothman.

Harriet Tubman, Herself  
Tuesday, April 5th (virtual)  
7:00 p.m.  
Grades 1+, Teens, Adults  
An entertaining and educational one-woman show based on the life and times of Harriet Tubman. Harriet’s harrowing and dangerous life unfolds as she tells the moving story of how she brought hundreds of slaves – and her own family – to freedom during the Civil War. Actress Christine Dixon tells the story of Tubman’s life in this dramatic one-woman performance. The story was originally adapted and directed by Morna Murphy Martell from the 1868 book by Sarah Bradford, Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman. The show includes original and reinterpreted music from period spirituals. Click here for the Zoom link.
Facts on Coronavirus.

Book bans and the threat of censorship rev up political activism in the suburbs.

Author Samantha Hunt on her family’s history with alcohol.
Being a public librarian can be dangerous work, why don't we acknowledge that?

Watch the dramatic new trailer for *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

**Online Author Talks & More**

**March 29th, at 7:00 p.m.** Compass Conversations - Elena Ferrante's *In the Margins*. [Register here.](#)

**March 30th, at 10:00 a.m.** Understanding your Social Security benefits with Senior Law Day. [Click here to register.](#)

**March 30th, at 6:30 p.m.** "Why are video interviews so important?" Presented by WLS. [Click here](#) to register.

**Photo of the Week**

*Above:* Some highlights from the SW BOCES Commercial Art Exhibit in the Library's Museum Gallery. Photo by Kristen T-D.

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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.