April Calendar of Events for Adults

This April sees the arrival of the *Harriet Tubman – Journey to Freedom* sculpture by Wesley Wofford at Renaissance Plaza. In conjunction with this historic visit by the sculpture, the Library and many other community partners are organizing events related to Harriet Tubman, the Underground Railroad, and more, throughout April, May, and June. Other highlights in April include a 3D Design and Printing class, an author event with Frank Bruni (4/5), and a Virtual Trip to Japan (4/26). Find a full listing of our April programs below with details on attending.

You can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 914-422-1400, by texting WPPL to 66746, or by emailing us anytime.

Ideas for programs or activities? Send them my way.

Take care,

**Brian Kenney**
Library Director
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To attend a virtual event, either register through the provided link or, if attendance is open, visit the link for **We appreciate support from the***
information on joining on the date the event occurs. Adult events are in orange, events for parents are in yellow, and events for assorted age groups are in blue. NOTE: To increase security in youth-focused programs, we are now requiring attendees to have a Zoom account to login to the event. Creating an account is easy and free.

Lori Kapner Hosp Gallery Reception
Sunday, April 3
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, 2022. 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.

White Plains Library Foundation
for many of our programs. Events funded by the Foundation are noted with an ∗.

Honeybees and Pollinators
Sunday, April 3
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
Future is Female
Book Discussion
Monday, April 4
2:00–3:00 p.m.

It's National Poetry Month! Ellen O'Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of *Call Us What We Carry* (2022), by Amanda Gorman. This first Youth Poet Laureate of the United States "reckons with America's present, particularly with the pandemic. Through the lens of the country's history, she shows us the path toward healing," NPR (National Public Radio). Pick a favorite poem from the collection and join us. The book is available in the Library’s collection. Libby has the eBook and digital audiobook. [Click here for the Zoom link.](#)

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Intro to 3D Design and Printing for Adults - Hybrid Program
Monday, April 4, 11, 18, & 25
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Librarian Erik Carlson will finally be teaching a 3D design class for adults after so many of you have asked. We will cover a brief history of 3D printing, types of 3D printers, preparing objects to be printed, and learning some basic design techniques using TinkerCad (CAD) and Leopoly (Mesh) programs. These are free, web-based software programs. Participants will learn how to use these software programs through lessons and challenges. At the end of the four week program, all students will be able to submit 3D designs to be printed free at the Library. Attendance at all four sessions is mandatory. This program will be held in-person and virtually. After you register, you will receive links for Zoom, TinkerCad and Leopoly. [Click here](#) to register for the virtual version, and [register here](#) for one of the in-person slots.
Dale utilidad a tu página web
El martes 5 de abril
6:00–7:00 p.m.
Aprenda con Google: a crear una página web (u optimizar tu página existente); registrar tu dominio y que es necesario considerar al elegir una plantilla; Mejorar la visibilidad de tu página web a través de la optimización de motores de búsqueda (SEO). Registro aquí

Taller de Escritura en Español
El martes 5 de abril
7:00–8:30 p.m.
Un taller de escritura creativa en español que se enfoca en descubrir la belleza de cada historia mientras discute los temas y la cultura de las historias. Cada sesión está

Frank Bruni
Author Event
Tuesday, April 5
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Bestselling author, journalist and White Plains native Frank Bruni, will discuss his new book, The Beauty of Dusk: On Vision Lost and Found. Click here to register.

Harriet Tubman, Herself
Tuesday, April 5
7:00–8:30 p.m.
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.
diseñada para brindarles a los participantes la oportunidad de probar varios géneros mientras aprenden habilidades clave y técnicas de escritura. Los participantes aprenderán sobre la formación de personajes, el diálogo, las descripciones vívidas, la voz, el tiempo y más en poesía, prosa y escritura de no ficción. Para asistir, visite nuestro sitio web.

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*. For ages 6+, families, teens, and adults. Click here for the Zoom link.

**Lunchtime Meditation @ the Library**
Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27
12:00–12:45 p.m.
Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program. For the Zoom link, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27.

**Slow Reading Book Discussion**
Monday, April 11 & 25
2:00–4:00 p.m.
For the Winter and Spring sessions, the group will engage in a detailed exploration of the short stories of Anton Chekhov, often viewed as the originator of the contemporary short-story form. Read "In the Ravine" for 4/11 & 4/25. The story can be found in *Anton Chekhov’s Selected Stories* (2014). Leading the group is Ellen Lambert, who has a Ph.D. from Yale in English and taught high-school English at The Dalton School.
Breath-Body-Mind Practice

Monday, April 11
7:00–7:45 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
10:00–10:45 a.m.

Breath-Body-Mind (BBM) is a program of natural, self-healing, breath-based mind-body practices developed by Dr. Richard Brown and Dr. Patricia Gerbarg. Join Ann Fleuchaus, a Level-4 Teacher of BBM, to experience this relaxing and stress-reducing practice. For more information on BBM, see https://www.breath-body-mind.com. Click on the date you wish to attend: 4/11, 4/30.

Understanding the Process of Becoming a U.S. Citizen

Tuesday, April 12
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Community Relations Officer Shyconia Burden will be discussing the naturalization application process. You will learn what the eligibility requirements are before applying and how to qualify for any exceptions and accommodations. Officer Burden will answer any questions about the citizenship and the naturalization process. Click here for the Zoom link.

School for over 25 years. Feel free to contact Ellen at ellenzlambert@gmail.com or 914-582-4050 with any questions. For the Zoom link, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 4/11, 4/25.
Individual Tech Help
Wednesday, April 13
10:30–11:30 a.m. &
Tuesday, April 19
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Ask Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in this virtual assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome. Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend: 4/13, 4/19. Please be sure to provide your email address.

Bound for the Promised Land:
Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero

Know Better, Live Better
Wednesday, April 13
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Know Better, Live Better (KBLB) is an initiative to promote community well-being, with a special focus on protecting Westchester residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program takes a “trusted messenger” approach, which relies on trustworthy members of diverse Westchester communities to lead discussions about disease prevention, health equity, and healthcare navigation. Click here to register.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic
Thursday, April 14
7:00–9:00 p.m.
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Drawing from a trove of new primary documents and untapped sources as well as extensive genealogical research, Kate Clifford Larson reveals Tubman as a complex woman—brilliant, shrewd, deeply religious, and passionate in her pursuit of freedom. Click here to register.

Join Zork and Kristen for our National Poetry Month 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!

Tidy Up Your Kitchen and Bath
Tuesday, April 19
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Let's sort out the two most used rooms of your home, easily! Join author and organizing humorist Jamie Novak online, when she shares simple steps to declutter the bathroom and the kitchen. Learn how to make this overwhelming task a lot easier with her ideas and get started live during the program with a mini guided tidy-up. Click here to register.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, April 20
10:30–11:00 a.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome. For adults, parents. Register in advance here.
Joy of Zentangle
Thursday, April 21
7:00–8:30 p.m.
Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It can also increase your focus and foster a more peaceful state of mind. No artistic experience or skills are necessary. Certified Zentangle teacher Jill Greenbaum returns for this popular program. Registration is limited and required. Each registered participant will get a kit of supplies. Please include an email address when signing up so we can let you know when your kit is ready to be picked up. Click here to register. Teens and adults welcome.

Virtual Trip to Japan: Local Cuisines and Destinations

Short Story Book Discussion Series
Thursday, April 21
2:00–4:15 p.m.
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin for our Winter/Spring 2022 Short Story Series using the rich anthology, 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories, focusing on the theme of family matters. For 4/21, read "That Will Be Fine" by William Faulkner (p.111). A young boy's lust for money leads him to abet his rich uncle's scandalous schemes in this dark and ironic 1936 classic. Anthology is available to borrow in print, also as an eBook in Hoopla and Libby. Program made possible with support of the Friends of the Library. Click here to register.
Tuesday, April 26
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Join our one-hour webinar to find out what eastern Japan is like. We will introduce several prefectures from different regions of eastern Japan. The content covers beautiful tourist attractions, regional cultural festivals, and local cuisines both historical and modern. For example, did you know that the tradition of mochi is 400 years old and its dishes have around 300 variations? Discover the eastern part of Japan, a region with a great mix of urban life and nature! [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

Zoom Tips & Tricks
Wednesday, April 27
2:00–2:30 p.m.
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. [Click here](#) to register.

Forever Young Adult Book Club
Thursday, April 28
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...

Book 'Em
Wednesday, April 27
2:30–3:30 p.m.
Library Director Brian Kenney will lead a discussion of Zhanna Slor's At the End of the World, Turn Left. "This wonderful debut is a match for patrons who enjoyed Zadie Smith’s White Teeth or Rachel Zhong’s Goodbye, Vitamin. It’s also a must
regular YA reader or you need a break from your usual "To Read" list, all are welcome! We will discuss *The Ones We’re Meant to Find* by Joan He at this session. This book is available in print and as an eBook and audiobook from Libby. This book club is made possible by a partnership between Yonkers Public Library and White Plains Public Library. For information on attending, [click here](#).

for anyone who has ever had a needy Grandma who anticipates death every morning (this character alone is worth the read).”—Booklist. This title is available in print, as well as an eBook and audiobook on Libby. For information on joining, [click here](#).