June Calendar of Events for Adults

June is the final month to see the *Harriet Tubman – Journey to Freedom* sculpture by Wesley Wofford at Renaissance Plaza. Don't miss the events the Library and many other community partners organized related to Harriet Tubman, the Underground Railroad, and more. Other highlights in June include a workshop on *Solving Crimes with Forensic Genetic Genealogy* (6/2), an *African American Genealogy workshop with Dennis Richmond* (6/9), a presentation on *Understanding Your Energy Choices* (6/22), and two art exhibit opening receptions (6/16 & 6/29). Find a full listing of our June 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
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To attend a virtual event, either register through the provided link or,
if attendance is open, visit the link for 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.

Beginners ESL
Monday-Thursday
10:15 a.m–1:15 p.m.
OR 5:45–8:45 p.m.
Beginners ESL presented by Westchester Community College. Call (914) 606-5656 for registration information.

Lunchtime Meditation @ the Library
Wednesday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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: 6/1. 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic
Wednesday, June 1
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Roots of Black Music in America
Wednesday, June 1
7:00–8:30 p.m.
Music is a language that students of any age can understand and appreciate. It connects us, elevates our awareness, and deepens our learning beyond reading the words of a textbook. Audiences will sing, dance, use percussion, and practice call and response as they journey back in time to learn about and experience the music of the most influential Black musicians in American history. Join musician, producer, arts educator, and NYC performer Karlus Trapp in this one-of-a-kind musical and educational experience you won’t soon forget!
For all ages. Click here for the Zoom link.

Solving Crimes with Forensic Genetic Genealogy
Thursday, June 2
7:00–8:00 p.m.
In this virtual program, forensic genetic genealogists Cairenn Binder, Tracie Boyle and Harmony Vollmer will discuss how modern DNA technology is combined with traditional genealogy to solve cold cases. These three genetic genealogists have helped pioneer the field of investigative genetic genealogy through the identification of cold case remains at the nonprofit organization DNA Doe Project. More recently, they founded a Westchester-based small business specializing in family history tourism and applied genetic genealogy. Click here to register.

Join Zork and Kristen for our 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!
Future is Female
Book Discussion
Monday, June 6
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Ellen O'Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of All In: An Autobiography (2021), by Billie Jean King. This path-breaking feminist and world-class athlete of indomitable spirit has been described by Serena Williams as “a constant role model in my life... a leading example of integrity in the face of adversity.” The memoir is available in the Library's collection. Libby has the eBook and digital audiobook. Click here for the Zoom link.

Individual Tech Help
Wednesday, June 8
10:30–11:30 a.m. &
Tuesday, June 14
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: 6/8, 6/14. Please be sure to provide your email address.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, June 15
10:30–11:00 a.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners
African American Genealogy with Dennis Richmond
Thursday, June 9
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Yonkers native Dennis Richmond, author of the memoir "He Spoke at My School," will talk about the genealogical research he did for his family and provide tips for people on starting their own genealogy projects. Click here to register.

COUNTDOWN TO ETERNITY: MLK Photo Exhibit
On display: June 13–June 24.
Opening Reception: Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.
Museum Gallery
COUNTDOWN TO ETERNITY is a photographic tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., documenting the last year of Dr. King's life. The photographer, Benedict J. Fernandez, has captured some of the most iconic images of the 1960's and beyond. A distinguished educator, in the 1970's he established the Photography Departments at the New School and Parsons School of Design and created the Leica Medal of Excellence. He also received numerous awards including Guggenheim and Fulbright

are encouraged, all are welcome.
For adults, parents.
Register in advance here.
Short Story Book Discussion
Thursday, June 16
2:00–4:15 p.m.
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin for a Short Story discussion using the rich anthology, *100 Years of the Best American Short Stories*, focusing on the theme of family matters. We will explore "What You Pawn I Will Redeem" by Sherman Alexie (p.582). When a homeless Spokane Indian sees his grandmother’s ceremonial regalia in a pawnshop, stolen from her years before, he embarks on a day-long quest to buy it back. Anthology is available to borrow in print also as an eBook in Hoopla and Libby, with a copy kept at Hub Desk for reading in the Library. Program made possible with support of the Friends of the Library. Click here to register. Newcomers welcome!

Book 'Em
Wednesday, June 22
2:30–3:30 p.m.
Library Director Brian Kenney will lead a discussion of Stephen Mack Jones’s *Dead of Winter*. "What a difference an interval marked by civil unrest, an ongoing pandemic and growing income inequality makes: P.I. fiction has never seemed more relevant, and Snow’s third outing…stands out among the crowded pack."—Sarah Weinman, *The New York Times Book Review*. This title is available in print and as an eBook and digital audiobook on Libby. For information on joining, click here.
Zoom Tips & Tricks
Wednesday, June 22
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.

Understanding Your Energy Choices, Reading Your Bill, & Energy Savings Tips
Wednesday, June 22
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Want to learn more about your energy usage, conserve energy and save money? The first step is to better understand your electricity bill. The bill can be confusing and complicated but in this one-hour session, Sustainable Westchester can help make it easy. AND you will leave the session with energy savings tips and information about Community Energy programs that can save you money and even earn

Forever Young Adult Book Club
Thursday, June 23
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! We will discuss Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé at this session. This book is available in print and on 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.
Feature Film Discussion
Thursday, June 23
2:00–4:00 p.m.
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin to discuss the feature film *The Farewell*. A Chinese-American family learns of their grandmother's terminal illness and decide not to tell her as they plan a joyful family celebration in China. Critically acclaimed, award-winning film including Golden Globe Best Actress Awkwafina. View film before the meeting on Kanopy, or borrow as DVD or Blu-Ray through the catalog. Click here to register. Newcomers welcome!