Countdown to Eternity: 
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Photo Exhibit

COUNTDOWN TO ETERNITY is a photographic tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which documents the last year of 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 Fellowships and has published a number of books.

The COUNTDOWN TO ETERNITY exhibit has traveled around the world including Europe, Moscow, and 27 countries in Africa and is in the collection of the Smithsonian, and the Museum of the City of New York. It has been shown in Universities and Galleries around the country. While photographing a civil rights march in Central Park in 1967, Benedict met King and eventually became the only photographer allowed to photograph him at home, capturing intimate moments with his wife and children.

Opening Reception: Thursday, June 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Take care,
We appreciate support from the **White Plains Library Foundation** for many of our programs. Events funded by the Foundation are noted with an ✯.

★ The Roots of Black Music in America  
TONIGHT, June 1st  
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.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic  
TONIGHT, June 1st  
7:00–9:00 p.m.

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!

Solving Crimes with Forensic Genetic Genealogy  
June 9, 2023 7PM
The Underground Railroad: Storytime & Craft  
Thursday, June 9th  
4:00–4:45 p.m.  
Library Plaza  
Hear *Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom* by Shane W. Evans and other stories, then make a craft together related to the stories told. Outside on the Library Plaza. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. Rain Location: Library Auditorium. Space will be limited. First-come, first-served, pick up a ticket at the Trove desk.

Solving Crimes with Forensic Genetic Genealogy  
Thursday, June 2nd  
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.

Short Story Book Discussion  
Thursday, June 16th  
2:00–4:15 p.m.  
Join Librarian Barbara Wenglin for a
African American Genealogy with Dennis Richmond
Thursday June 9th
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.

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!
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### Online Author Talks & More

**June 7th, at 7:00 p.m.** Narrating the War on Terror with Peter C. Baker and Phil Klay. [Click here](#) to register.

**June 16th, at 6:00 p.m.** From lesbian vampires to bad moms: myths about women and mass incarceration. [Click here to register](#).

**June 21st, at 8:00 p.m.** Powell's Books presents: Joseph Han in Conversation with Gene Kwak. [Register here](#).

### Photo of the Week

**Left: After the storm.** Photo by [Gloria P](#).

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.