Jamaica 60 Art Exhibit

As Jamaica celebrates its 188th year of Emancipation on August 1st and 60th Anniversary of Independence on August 6th, the Jamaican Emancipendence Committee will host an Art Exhibition at the Library, curated by renowned Jamaican artist, Michael Escoffery with his paintings and those of other artists, including artists from the Denzel Washington School of Arts, Mount Vernon. **An opening reception will be held in the Library's Gallery on Monday, August 1st, 6:00-8:00 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through Sunday, August 7th.**

The Jamaican Emancipendence Committee was founded three years ago to commemorate Jamaica's Emancipation (August 1st, 1834) and Independence (August 6th, 1962). Since then, it has grown by leaps and bounds. This year, it will be joined by the Jamaica Independence Committees from Mount Vernon and Yonkers for a combined celebration.

[Click here](#) for photos of last year's celebrations.

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

**Jedi Academy**
Tuesday, August 2nd
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Library Plaza
Calling all Vaders, Space Princesses and Wookies. Come learn the ways of the Jedi and access the Force within! Featuring slapstick, magic, puppetry, bubble-play, and cartoon-like sound effects! Jedi Academy!, allows children the

New Battle of White Plains Book
A new book about the Battle of White Plains has come out: The Battle of White Plains: Washington and Howe in Westchester by Stephen Paul DeVillo. He is a local historian who has written books on the Bowery and the Bronx River. Find out more here.
chance to live out their Star Wars dreams. Be sure to wear your Star Wars inspired outfit! Rain Location: Library Auditorium. Space will be limited. First-come, first-served, pick up a ticket at the Trove desk.

**The Jester Jim Show**  
**Wednesday, August 3rd**  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

“This is not your ordinary juggling show!” Juggling, spinning iPads, beat boxing, amazing tricks and lots of laughs. With a trunk full of props and a looping machine, Jester Jim takes the stage and starts his show. Young and old will be glued to his every sound as he performs his amazing beatbox intro. Kids and adults alike will be talking about Jester Jim’s wild antics for weeks.

**Poetry Slam & Open Mic**  
**Wednesday, August 3rd**  
7:00–9:00 p.m.

Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Slam! 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.

**Pirates Lost at Sea!**  
**Thursday, August 4th**  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Ahoy there, mateys! Set sail on swashbuckling and hilarious STEM-filled piratical adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to repair their ship before all hope is
African American Genealogy with Dennis Richmond, Pt. 2
Thursday, August 11th
7:00–8:00 p.m.
Yonkers native and author of He Spoke at My School, Dennis Richmond continues sharing his family history, this time on his mother's side, and offers suggestions on doing one's own genealogical research. [Click here](#) to register.

lost … at sea! Throughout the story, explore the incredible science behind clouds, physical and chemical changes, air pressure, and more! Volunteers from the audience will help conduct several hands-on science experiments that ‘ARRR’ sure to amaze you! Don’t miss your chance to experience this interactive nautical tale — with a refreshing splash of science!

Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.

Book bans vs. boardrooms: [on Pamela Paul’s false equivalencies](#).

Nicole Chung [on pitching and rejection](#).

Ottessa Moshfegh’s [year of death and internet clout](#).

2022 [Booker Prize Longlist announced](#).

Online Author Talks & More

August 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Mohsin Hamid on [The Last White Man](#). [Click here](#) to register.

August 10th, at 7:00 p.m. Lynne Tillman ([Mothercare: On Obligation, Love, Death, and Ambivalence](#)) in conversation with Arnold J. Kemp. [Click here to register](#).

August 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Oscar Hokeah on his debut novel [Calling for a Blanket Dance](#). [Register here](#).

Photo of the Week
Above: Learning new photography skills with Mustafa Ajmal in the Edge. Thank you, Con Edison. Photo by Austin O.

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