New Branch Nears Completion

The construction of the new Branch Library on Boardman Road has been completed and the installation of furniture has begun. Tom Lawrence, the Library District Director, anticipates an opening date in April and is excited about the possibilities offered by the new facility. “With four program rooms, 30 computers, and more than twice the space of the current branch, this new library will significantly increase our capacity to serve our patrons in the City and the Town”.

The branch is designed to meet information and recreational needs, with an adult collection of popular fiction and non-fiction books and a complete children’s collection. The three adult program rooms can be converted to a single large room with a seating capacity of 125. The room features a professional audio system and devices to assist the hearing impaired. Children will have their own program room and 11 computers, while the teen area will feature six computers and comfortable seating. The property also offers landscaping possibilities, including a children’s garden.

Tom Lawrence reports that the response to the newly-expanded Adriance Memorial Library offers reasons for optimism about the future of the new branch. “It has been five years since Adriance re-opened and the circulation and attendance figures continue to illustrate the fact that public libraries are more in demand than ever,” he said. “We are confident that the branch will quickly become a popular destination and will reduce some of the pressure on the libraries are more in demand than ever.”

The Library District is currently making plans for the formal opening of the new library and these will be announced on the Library District’s website at www.poklib.org. During the transition period, programs scheduled at the Arlington Branch Library are subject to cancellation or a change of location. Holds will be transferred to Adriance for pick up during that time.

Celebrate Women’s History Month

In August of 1980, the International Women’s Conference in Denmark declared an International Women’s Day in March, 1911, as a strategy to promote equal rights for women. These seemingly disparate causes – the ballads, love songs, suffrage anthems, work songs, and dance tunes – the role of women to vote. These events have been intertwined in many interesting and surprising ways.

Abigail Adams’ letters from the 18th century, and moves towards women as well as celebrating women’s economic, political and social achievements. In February of 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week in the United States. By 1987, interest in Women’s History Week celebrations had grown so much that Congress designated all of March to be Women’s History Month.

Join us as we honor great women in American History with engaging and art-filled programs.

Remember the Ladies: A History of American Women in Song
Sunday, March 1, 2:30 pm, The Auditorium
Linda Russell presents a musical survey of the history of women in America. By looking at the popular songs of the past – the ballads, love songs, suffrage anthems, work songs, and dance tunes – she illustrates the role of women in 18th and 19th century American society. Linda accompanies herself on guitar, and intersperses the music with lively commentary that includes excerpts from diaries and letters. This event is made possible by the New York Council for the Humanities.

University Women (AAUW) presents excerpts from their book, Remarkable Women in New York State History, focusing on those women who have ties to the Hudson Valley such as Anna Buchholz, Lucille Patterson, Sojourner Truth, Ruth Stafford Peake, Jane Bolin, Maria Mitchell, and Cathayna Brett.

Women’s Rights: A STRUGGLE of CLASS, RACE and ETHNICITY
Wednesday, March 18, 7 pm
ADN Chairset
Harriet Davis-Kram, Assistant Professor in American History at Queens College for more than 20 years, speaks about the quest of American women for equal rights. The presentation touches on Abigail Adams’ letters from the 18th century, and moves into 19th century debates over the abolition of slavery. By the 1860s, a number of educated women began to see similarities between their own social, economic, and political status, and that of the slaves they were fighting to emancipate. A small group of abolitionists would go on to found the movement for women’s equality - a struggle culminating in the passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the vote. Made possible by the New York Council for the Humanities.

Historical Journey of Remarkable Women in the Hudson Valley
Thursday, March 12, 7 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie
The Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presents excerpts from their book, Remarkable Women in New York State History, focusing on those women who have ties to the Hudson Valley such as Anna Buchholz, Lucille Patterson, Sojourner Truth, Ruth Stafford Peake, Jane Bolin, Maria Mitchell, and Cathayna Brett.

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Songs of the Abolitionist, Temperance and Women's Suffrage Movements
Sunday, March 22, 2:30 pm, The Auditorium
This concert features Lydia Adams Davis and Pat Lammana dressed in period garb. Davis and Lammana perform songs, often to well-known tunes, that were sung in the Hudson Valley by local women espousing the abolition of slavery, prohibition of alcohol, and the right of women to vote.

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More 92nd Street Y Programs - See Page 4
Word from the Director

It has been quite a year! Construction on the new branch, another successful budget vote, interesting collaborations, and regular ongoing library services have kept us all on our toes.

The Boardman Road Branch Library is nearing completion and will open in early Spring. We plan to celebrate its completion and opening during National Library Week in April. Details on exact dates and events will be forthcoming.

The voters, by a wide margin, again approved our annual budget for library operations. We thank you for your ongoing support. The Library District believes that one of the strengths of its vote is that it is scheduled for the general election and appears on the ballot with all of the other general election matters. This measure of transparency is an important element in our success.

The Library District was thrilled to collaborate with the Bardavon and the Hudson Valley Philharmonic on the concert Lincoln’s New World. Designed as a complement to the Library District’s hosting of the travelling exhibit Lincoln: The Constitution and Civil War, the concert was a moving tribute to the 16th President and featured performances by Molly Mason and Jay Ungar along with the HPV’s performance of Copeland’s A Lincoln Portrait, narrated by David Strathairn, and Dowar’s symphony From the New World. It was a fantastic evening.

And we kept on going with our regular services. Books, movies, music, ebooks, emagazines, technology classes, lectures, art exhibits, performances, The Big Read, and more are our daily bread and the staff does a great job in developing and implementing them. I thank them for their ongoing efforts. And I thank the Board of Trustees, your representatives who provide the leadership and vision to make this the best public library in the Hudson River Valley. Thanks, too, to the Friends of the Library District for their unflagging support and renowned book sales.

Happy New Year! Tom Lawrence

Big Read Draws 4700

With 45 organizations offering 75 public programs in four weeks and 1720 books distributed to local schools and libraries, the eighth annual Big Read definitely lived up to its name. Here’s a snapshot of what happened:

- 1500 copies of Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451 purchased for schools, libraries, book clubs, and readers everywhere (plus 20 copies in Spanish)
- 200 copies of Markus Zusak’s The Book Thief purchased for younger readers in schools and libraries
- 75 public programs between October 5 and November 2 at over 40 locations
- 14 lectures, panel discussions or debates
- 15 film screenings
- 8 performances
- Numerous creative programs with hands-on projects, art exhibits, selfies, and more

Our total count of adults and students who participated in The Big Read is 4700, with 2720 in attendance at public events and 1980 participating in non-public events. Across the Mid-Hudson Library System as well as the licensed online resources provided by the Library District to its patrons.

The Poughkeepsie-branded banner will also provide the user with links back to the Library District’s home page, specific pages of interest, and to a ‘search help’ screen that will explain how to use the new search features of the enhanced catalog.

Give it a try when it goes live in January. We will tweak it until we get it right but that will depend on the response we get from users. Forward comments to administration@poklib.org.

Please note that the Classic (or Legacy) Catalog is no longer an option available from MHLS. Let us know what functionality you miss and we will work to get it back.

Who Reads Hard Copy Books?

Forty-six percent of American adults say they read only hard copy books, according to a Harris Poll conducted earlier this year. A slightly larger 48 percent read books in hard copy and in electronic formats, and 6 percent read only e-books. When asked to consider any format, a strong majority (84%) say they read at least one book in an average year, with 36% saying they read more than ten. On average, Americans report reading 17 books per year. Women (23 books) read twice as many books as men (11 books).

Library District Debuts Enhanced Online Catalog

A couple of months ago, the Library District, along with all of the other member libraries of the Mid-Hudson Library System migrated to a new online catalog platform. In early January, the Library District will launch its own brand of the new platform.

Starting with the integrated functionality of the MHLS catalog, the Library District’s enhanced online catalog includes access to resources available only to Poughkeepsie patrons at home and in the library. Searches for such topics as Eudora Welty or homeland security will now produce results from the traditional print collection of the entire Mid-Hudson Library System as well as the licensed online resources provided by the Library District to its patrons.

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Sam Weller
Bradbury biographer

Your Library Today
Public Computer Center Classes

Registration required for all classes except Labs at poklib.org or (845) 485-3445 x 3380. A current email address is required at time of registration for all courses except PC Basics and Internet 101 and 102. Arlington classes shown in blue; all other classes are at ADR Charwat unless otherwise noted.

Learn Computer Basics

PC Basics
Mondays, January 14, 1:30 pm OR February 8, 1:30 pm
Learn how to start up and shut down a PC, how to open, close, and resize windows. Includes practice time.

Internet 101
Wednesdays, January 21, 1:30 pm OR February 18, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Internet 102
Wednesdays, January 28, 1:30 pm OR February 25, 1:30 pm
Learn more about the internet. What do those different domain names (.com, .net, .org) mean? Also discover great sites for practicing your new skills! Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Windows 8
Tuesdays, January 27, 3:30 pm OR March 24, 3:30 pm
New to Windows 8? Can’t find the Start button? Come learn to use the new Start Screen, live tiles, hot corners, and charms bar. Learn to open and close apps. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Google It
Wednesday, February 4, 1:30 pm
Learn the basics of Google and how to use the vast amount of information from around the world that can be found on the internet. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Workshops for Job Seekers

Using the Library in Your Job Search
Wednesday, January 7, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Learn about the best sites for job listings, online resume-building tools, as well as print and online resources to help you during the interview process.

Resume Critique
Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17, March 3 & 17 & 31, ADR Greenspan
Drop in for one-on-one, professional feedback to strengthen your resume. Please bring a hard copy of your current resume. No registration required. Presented by Dutchess County One Stop Career Center.

DREAMS, GOALS, ACTIONS!
Thursdays, January 8, OR February 5, OR March 5, 2 pm, ADR Greenspan
“Dutchess One Stop says, “If you want to change your life, change the way you think!” Learn about setting goals and creating an action plan to get the career you really want. Presented by Dutchess County One Stop Career Center.

SUCCEED WITH GOALS
Thursdays, January 15 OR February 19 OR March 19, 10 am-12 pm, ADR Charwat
With a goal you get what you want. Without a goal you take what you get! Learn how to use “smart” goals to be successful in your job search, your career and everyday life! Presented by Dutchess County One Stop Career Center.

Learn Microsoft Office

Microsoft Word 101
Monday, January 12, 1:30 pm OR Wednesday, January 14, 5:30 pm, Arlington OR Tuesday, February 24, 3:30 pm
Learn to work with page setup, tabs, tables, styles, spelling, buttons, resizing windows. We also discuss online safety. Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Microsoft Excel 101
Monday, January 26, 1:30 pm OR Wednesday, January 28, 5:30 pm, Arlington OR Tuesday, March 3, 3:30 pm
Learn the basics of sharing and collaborating using free Google Docs in Google Drive. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Microsoft Access 101
Monday, February 9, 1:30 pm OR Wednesday, February 11, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Learn to work with page setup, tabs, tables, styles, spelling, tools, and more. Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent experience.

Microsoft PowerPoint 101
Monday, February 2, 1:30 pm OR Wednesday, February 4, 5:30 pm, Arlington OR Tuesday, March 3, 3:30 pm
Learn how to set up and shut down a PC, how to open, close, and resize windows. Includes practice time.

Microsoft Excel 102
Monday, March 2, 1:30 pm OR Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Learn more about formulas, functions, creating a chart, and filtering. Prerequisite: Excel 101 or equivalent experience.

Microsoft PowerPoint 102
Monday, March 9, 1:30 pm
Customize existing presentations; work with speaker notes and printing presentations. Prerequisite: PowerPoint 101 or equivalent experience.

Microsoft Access 102
Monday, March 16, 1:30 pm
Database creation, designing and modifying tables and forms, running an action query. Prerequisite: Access 101 or equivalent experience.

Mail Merge in Word & Excel
Wednesday, March 21, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Learn how to set up a mail merge. Use Excel data and customize letters in Word. Create mailing labels for the letters. Prerequisite: Microsoft Word 102 & 101 or equivalent experience.

Hands-On Microsoft Office Labs
Thursday, 9:30 am, ADR Stiba Ezen, beginning January 15
Put your Microsoft Office skills to work. We have case studies/projects for you to use for practice. Word (documents) Prerequisite: Word 101
Excel (spreadsheets) Prerequisite: Excel 101
PowerPoint (presentations) Prerequisite: PowerPoint 101.

Technology for Your Life

Intro to Pinterest
Tuesdays, January 20, 1:30 pm OR February 17, 1:30 pm
A popular database for people doing genealogical research. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Intro to eBooks and Zinio
Tuesdays, January 20, 1:30 pm OR February 17, 1:30 pm
Check out and read eBooks and eMagazines from your library. Bring your eReader. Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Navigating the Medicare Website
Wednesdays, January 28, February 22, March 21
9:30 am, ADR Greenspan
Hands-on training at the Medicare website to help you find information about Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. Led by volunteers and staff from the HICAP at Dutchess County Office for the Aging.

Intro to Instagram
Tuesday, February 3, 3:30 pm
A photo-sharing application that allows you to take and post pictures instantly. Bring your mobile device with a camera. Prerequisite: Mobile device. Internet 101 or equivalent experience and email account.

Intro to Twitter
Tuesday, February 10, 1:30 pm
Learn about hashtags and best practices, how to post “tweets” and “follow us on Twitter.” Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Intro to LinkedIn
Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Set up your own LinkedIn profile, learn to establish connections, join professional groups, and more. Prerequisite: basic computer skills and email account.

Intro to Blogging
Tuesday, March 17, 3:30 pm
See examples of popular and local blogs. Start your own blog using WordPress. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Work with Your Digital Photos
Wednesday, March 18, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Move your photos from your digital camera to a computer, view and save them to a USB drive (bring your own drive). Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Intro to Ancestry.com
Monday, March 23, 1:30 pm
A popular database for people doing genealogical research. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Intro to Facebook
Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Create and use your own account, search and connect with friends, “like” your favorite organizations, and more! Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience and email account.

Intro to Google Drive & Docs
Monday, March 30, 1:30 pm
Learn the basics of sharing and collaborating using free Google Docs in Google Drive. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.

Intro to PowerPoint
Wednesday, February 25, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Work with tables, sort records, create a form, run a query, and create a report. Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Intro to Access
Monday, February 23, 1:30 pm
Learn to work with page setup, tabs, tables, styles, spelling, tools, and more. Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent experience.

Intro to Excel
Monday, February 23, 1:30 pm
Learn to work with page setup, tabs, tables, styles, spelling, tools, and more. Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent experience.

Intro to Word
Monday, February 23, 1:30 pm
Learn how to start up and shut down a PC, how to open, close, and resize windows. Includes practice time.

Intro to Internet
Wednesday, February 25, 5:30 pm, Arlington
Learn the basics of sharing and collaborating using free Google Docs in Google Drive. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.
**CONVERSATIONS FROM THE 92ND STREET Y**

The Library District partners with The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County to bring current and recent 92nd Street Y programs to Poughkeepsie. Funded by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund, the talks will be presented electronically, some in live-broadcast format and some as previously recorded lectures. All programs are in the ADR Chanwat Meeting Room.

**HOW TO REPAIR OUR WORLD**

Wednesday, January 14, 6 pm (live broadcast)

The first in a series of conversations on HOW individuals, nations and businesses must urgently change how they behave, lead, and operate in a world that is more interconnected and interdependent. Dov Seidman, author of the book HOW, speaks with New York Times journalist and author Thomas L. Friedman.

**The United States, Iran and Israel—What Next?**

Thursday, February 19, 7 pm (recorded)

The United States embarked on an historically unprecedented engagement with Iran at a moment when the Middle East has never seemed more volatile and unpredictable. What has it achieved? Join us as journalist and author Warren Kozak interviews acclaimed Middle East expert Michael Doran.

**The Story of the Jews**

Thursday, March 19, 7 pm (recorded)

3000 years of Jewish history is a story like no other: an epic of endurance against destruction, creativity in oppression, joy amidst grief, the affirmation of life against the steepest of odds. Historian and author Simon Schama reflects on his book with popular author Jonathan Safran Foer. The Story of the Jews is now a 5-part PBS special.

**Meet the Author Series**

**Tony Musso presents Staatsburg: A Village Lost in Time**

Tuesday, February 25, 7 pm, ADR Chanwat

Local author Tony Musso takes a look at the now quiet and quaint village of Staatsburg, which stands in stark contrast to the flourishing commercial center that existed from the mid-19th century through the construction of the Rt. 9 bypass. Prior to the bypass construction in 1932, today's Old Post Road was the main thoroughfare between New York City and Albany, formerly known as the King's Highway and Albany Post Road.

**Mystery Writing: The Real Mystery is How to Get Your Book Published**

Tuesday, March 24, 7 pm, ADR Chanwat

First comes what you believe is the most difficult part—writing a book. Ray Fashona, author of the mystery novel The Death of Obsession and longtime local journalist, will offer some tips on what worked for him in completing his story. What he didn't expect was that it would take him twice as long to sell the book as it did to write it. Find out how Fashona’s persistence finally paid off in getting his first novel in print.

**Learn to Earn**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

**ADR Teen Study**

Earning your High School Equivalency (HSE) - formerly GED® certificate opens doors to career and job opportunities. Contact the Dutchess BOCES Adult Learning Institute office at (845)483-3640 x 6080 to register.
**Tax Talk: Tax Implications of the ACA**

Tuesday, January 6, 7 pm, ADR Charwat

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has changed the landscape of both health care and taxes. In fact, the ACA prompted the single largest tax code change in nearly two decades. The H & R Block Tax Pros are ACA Specialists who can help you navigate this new tax landscape, including penalties and exemptions, the Advance Premium Tax Credit, and enrolling in a health insurance plan. Presenter is Anne Constantine, of H & R Block. To learn more or make a private appointment see: hrblock.com/acataximpact.

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**Job Training for the Long-Term Unemployed**

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, ADR Charwat

Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows (GET) will provide job training to the unemployed for four consecutive Saturdays in January. Requirements to participate in this program:

- Must be long-term unemployed (more than 20 weeks)
- Must be a displaced worker (fired or laid off)
- Need to provide names and addresses of previous employers
- Need to provide social security number
- Need to provide proof of identity, e.g. driver’s license

GET aims to get individuals hired, work for others as subcontractors, or start their own business. Individuals are also introduced to new career fields (like the green sector) with a growing demand for workers. CLASES EN ESPANOL are available. Please call (845) 485-3445 x 3702 to reserve your spot today or call GET for more information (845) 790-5004. Registration implies you are signing up for all four sessions. All sessions are different segments of the training. Please bring a bag lunch.

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**The Writer’s Corner**

Write, Write, and Re-Write

Third Saturday, January 17
February 21, March 21, 10 am
ADR Greenspan

Bring your works in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres. For adults and young adults.

Writing Works!

First Sunday, January 4, February 1, March 1
2-4:45 pm, ADR Charwat

Bring copies of your work and receive feedback from your peers. Open to adults.

An Evening of Poetry

Third Thursday, 7 pm, ADR Small Periodicals

Cassandra Clark, open mic to follow
February 19: Post Gold, open mic to follow
March 19: The Douglas Family, open mic to follow

Poetry Writing Workshop: The Art of Ekphrasis

Thursday, January 29, 6-9 pm
Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College
Write a poem depicting a work of art in the Frances Lehman Loeb Collection and share your piece at the end of the evening. Examples of ekphrasis are: “Landscape with the Fall of Icarus” by Williams Carlos Williams and “Museum Guard” by David Hernandez (2003). Meet in the lobby of the museum at 6 pm.

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**Making Connections**

No registration necessary.

**Mah Jongg Mondays**

Mondays, 1-5 pm Arlington
Library (closed January 19 and February 16) No registration necessary.

**Brain Games: Improve Your Mental Alertness**

Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 pm, Arlington
Ginny Condon, volunteer with The Office for the Aging, leads a series of mental games and exercises to help improve memory skills. Each class will be different.

**Knitting Groups**

Bring your projects and share tips with others.

**Sewing Your Heart Out**

Fridays, 10 am, Arlington

**Pick Up Stitches**

Saturdays, 1 pm, Arlington

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**Getting Your Message Out To Turn a Profit**

Tuesday, January 20, 7 pm, ADR Charwat

If you are an author, photographer, chef, blogger, unique personality, small business or large, join us to learn how Public Relations can make 2015 your most successful year ever. PR is not an arm of business exclusively serving Fortune 500s, celebrities, or major brands in crisis. Businesses and brands of all sizes are benefiting every day from well-crafted public relations campaigns. Public relations is how businesses get their message out to the right audience, earn trust and credibility, and are therefore the single most important investment a business can make. Presented by PR expert Josh A. Queen.

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**Foundation Center Introduction to Grantseeking**

Tuesday, January 27, 7 am-12:30 pm, ADR Charwat

As a basic orientation to foundation funding, this class is for representatives of nonprofit organizations who are new to this process. Find out what your organization needs before searching for foundation grants. Learn about helpful Foundation Center resources available at Adriance Memorial Library. For more info contact Peggy Sisselman, (845)485-3445 x 3409 or psisselman@poklib.org.

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**Book Discussions**

Non-Fiction Book Club

Fourth Thursday, 7 pm, ADR Greenspan
January 22: Escape from Camp 14: One Man’s Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West by Blaine Harden
February 26: The Heart of Everything That Is: The Untold Story of Red Cloud, an American Legend by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin
March 26: JFK Jr., George, and Me: A Memoir by Matt Berman

Not Your Momma’s Book Club

Last Friday, 6:30-7:30 pm, Arlington

Contact Tammy Myers at (845) 485-3445 x 3409 with questions.

Tuesday, January 20, 7 pm, ADR Charwat

**Movie Matinees**

Great Leading Men: Jimmy Stewart & Tom Hanks
January 15: The Glenn Miller Story (1954)
January 29: Larry Crowne (2011)
February 5: Saving Mr. Banks (2013)
Black History Month
February 12: Glory Road (2006)
February 19: Selma, Lord, Selma (1999)
February 26: Gifted Hands (2008)
Celebrating Women
March 5: A League of Their Own (1992)
March 12: Julie & Julia (2009)
March 19: Princess Kaiulani (2009)
March 26: Steel Magnolias (1989)
**Library District Wins Dollar General Grant**

On December 9, the American Library Association announced the selection of 22 libraries in 15 states to receive funding through the American Dream Starts @ your library grant initiative, supported by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Poughkeepsie Public Library District was named as one of the recipients of a one-time grant to add or expand literacy services for the adult English language learners in their communities. This funding will help libraries build their print and digital ESL (English as a second language) collections, increase computer access and provide GED and literacy instruction courses for English language learners.

The Library District’s grant of $11,400 will allow for the further development of the Community Learning Plaza, which is designed to assist the unemployed and unemployable members of Poughkeepsie’s growing Latino population in improving their literacy and language skills while also preparing for the workplace and learning about their community.

“Dollar General is excited for its continued partnership with the American Library Association to provide libraries with the necessary monetary resources to enhance and advance literacy,” said Denise Torr, Dollar General’s director of community initiatives. “Dollar General is passionate about its mission of serving others and the ability to help make a real impact in people’s lives as they learn English and improve their reading skills.”

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**Role of Libraries Recognized by Congress**

Congress recently acknowledged the vital contributions of libraries by enabling them—for the first time—to be considered One-Stop partners and eligible for federal funding to support job training and job search programs. The bipartisan Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act also authorizes adult education and literacy activities provided by public libraries as an allowable statewide employment and training activity. Nearly 100 percent of America’s public libraries offer workforce development training programs, online job resources, and technology skills training, according to a new study from the American Library Association (ALA). Combined with maker spaces, and programs dedicated to entrepreneurship and small business development, libraries are equipping U.S. communities with the resources and skills needed to succeed in today’s marketplace.

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**Database Spotlight**

**Consumer Reports**

Have you been listening to the weather forecasts and thinking it may be time to replace the old snow blower? Residents of the City or Town of Poughkeepsie can now access the full Consumer Reports Online website—including the complete ratings and reviews of products! This popular resource has just been added to the collection of databases that are available FREE from the Poughkeepsie Public Library District’s website (www.polklib.org) with a current library card in good standing. If you go directly to the Consumer Reports website you will get free content, but not all full subscription-level features. To gain full access, you must go through the library’s website. Just point your cursor to the “Reference” tab and select “Online Databases” from the drop-down menu. You will be directed to the subject listing of all our databases. Scroll down the page to “Consumer Information,” and you’ll see the link to Consumer Reports Online. You will need your library card barcode number and PIN (password).

The database subscription is licensed for both on and offline use by Poughkeepsie residents only. Residents of other communities may access the database inside either PFLD Branch library using a special database login provided by a staff member. Of course we still maintain print subscriptions to Consumer Reports magazine at both branches. Feel free to contact our Reference Desk for help at (845) 485-3445 x 3702.

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**AARP Tax Prep Assistance**

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free, reliable tax preparation service for low to middle income families, individuals and seniors. There is no age limit and you do not have to be a member of AARP. Tax preparation assistance is available by appointment only. Dial 211 or (800) 899-1479 to schedule an appointment.

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**Technical and Information Services**

Gary Killmer, David Rudin, Enda Ryan, Bruce Sullivan, Head

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**Tax Forms Available at Arlington and Adriance starting January 31**

**Borrower and Technical Services**

William Ahlbach, Kathi Angara, Diane Daversa, Catherine Davies, Shailen Dean-Holmes, Rebecca Foote, James Gibbons, Devin Gibbs, Amy Guo, Tatiana Harvard, Laba Iman, Fatima Jaafar, Margaret Kimma

**Administrative Services**

Bonny Algozzine, Wendy Berger, Gareth Davies, Development Officer Grace Haack, Secretary to the Director Julie Hering, Barbara Lynch, Business Manager Caroline Moore, Jewel Ratzlaff, Public Information Officer

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‘How Sweet It Is’ to set another record! The Friends’ 2014 Holiday Book Sale was the most successful in a long run of Holiday Book Sales, grossing close to $19,000. We are thankful that the sale has been so successful and that we can contribute even more to the Poughkeepsie Public Library District in support of its wide array of programs for children and adults.

This year’s sale was enhanced by Norman Rockwell merchandise donated by his son Tom Rockwell, a Dutchess County resident. These items drew a crowd of Rockwell fans eager to add to their collection of Rockwell memorabilia and contributed significantly to our new sales record. We thank Tom Rockwell for his generous donation in support of the Library District.

Like all of our other Friends’ endeavors, the Holiday Book Sale is very much a cooperative effort involving many people: our wonderful volunteers, our hosts at Locust Grove, our local media who publicize the sale and, most especially, our community. We thank those of you who donated the books and media for us to sell and the many hundreds of you who came. Thank you all for your support of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

Mystery Monday Memories

For our first Mystery Monday meeting in December of 2003, we invited local mystery author Steve Hamilton to join us for discussion and to autograph his books (pictured). The Mystery Monday group has since offered monthly discussions on various themes (Private Investigators, French mysteries, Religious Mysteries, etc.). Our attendance has varied from 12 to 25 people a month.

Suzanne’s favorite topics were mysteries by Agatha Christie and Rex Stout, classic mystery authors. Their characters, Miss Marple, Nero Wolfe, Archie Goodwin, and Hercules Poirot, will survive us all. Elite and埃克茨 enjoy mysteries set overseas and often visit the settings on their travels.

We celebrate our 10th anniversary of Mystery Monday gatherings with the help of mystery author Marshall Karp on March 30. He will sign his books if patrons bring them.

Thanks to all who contributed to our success. Newcomers are always warmly welcomed.

Suzanne Christensen, Eleanor Charwat, and Elaine Weinstein

Sweet Record

It has been a privilege and honor for me to serve as President of the Friends of PPLD these past 4 years. My responsibilities as President were made lighter through the assistance of many dedicated Board Members and the wonderful PPLD staff. It has also been great working with the tireless Book-Sale Committee, dynamic Advance Honors Committee, and inspiring Big Read committee. However, the best gift of this position was the time spent with great volunteers at our Book Sales and so many Friends at various programs.

Thank you all for your gift of time and support for the Friends and our Library.

Pat Brenn, PPLD Friends President, 2010-2014

Friends Spring Trips Planned

A Friends trip to New York City during the second week of May, 2015, is in the final stages of planning. Join us for a walking tour of the High Line along the Hudson River in the lower Westside of Manhattan. Then our bus will take us to Columbus Circle for lunch (on our own) and a tour of the Art and Design Museum. The Spring Rotunda will announce the exact date and reservation information. The cost will likely be $60 per person for bus and tours.

In the fall we plan to celebrate National Friends of Library Week with a scenic cruise along the Hudson River. While enjoying the beautiful October foliage, we will learn about Hudson River history.

Mission Statement:

The purposes of the organization shall be to provide an association for persons interested in the Poughkeepsie Public Library District; to promote the importance of the library as an informational and cultural force in the community; to develop a thorough understanding of the library’s responsibilities, limitations, and difficulties; to make the public aware of the facilities of the library; to stimulate use of the library’s services and resources; and to encourage support of the library through gifts and volunteer services.

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Mystery Mondays: Marshall Karp Mysteries

Help us mark our Tenth Anniversary with a visit on March 30 from Marshall Karp. Karp co-authored three best-sellers with James Patterson and several critically acclaimed books in his Lomax and Biggs series. Prior to mystery writing, he worked in Hollywood where he wrote for film and TV, and reportedly met many of the people he killed off in his novels. Discussions are led by Eleanor Charwat and Suzanne Christensen.

Last Monday of the month, 11 am-12 pm, Arlington

February 23
The Rabbit Factory
This is the first book in Karp’s Lomax & Biggs detective series. Set in a fictional L.A. amusement park, the actor portraying the Rambunctious Rabbit is killed. The theme park, Familyland, calls in its public relations director to handle the press and the detectives assigned to the case. Detectives Lomax and Biggs have only begun investigating when another employee is killed.

March 30
NYPD Red by James Patterson & Marshall Karp
Detective Zach Jordan investigates a series of brutal, public crimes that coincide with Hollywood celebrities arriving in New York for premieres. The NYPD Red Squad is assigned to protect celebrities at the “Hollywood on the Hudson” gala from the psychopathic killer.

March 30
Cut, Paste, Kill: A Lomax & Biggs Mystery
Join author Marshall Karp to discuss his Lomax & Biggs series and successful writing career. In Karp’s most recent installment, a vigilante is loose in Los Angeles, killing selected victims and leaving scrapbooks of their misdeeds by their bodies. Plot twists and snappy one-liners abound.
**La Plaza del Aprendizaje**

**Clases de Inglés**  
Lunes, 6-8 pm. Sala Advance-Greenspan. Literacy Connections le ayudará a aprender y practicar inglés. Puede venir e inscribirse en la Biblioteca o llamar al (845) 492-8670.

Además algunos lunes incluirán un conferencista con información especial y de interés para nuestra Comunidad Hispana. 6-7 pm.

**Enero 12 – Preparando sus Impuestos**  
Por favor acompañen y aprenden acerca de los beneficios de llenar sus impuestos. También vamos a explicar sobre los beneficios que tienen cuando aplican por el Número de Identificación Personal del Contribuyente (ITIN).  

**Febrero 9**  
**El Mercado de Salud**  
¿Qué significa para usted y su familia?  
El taller incluirá una visión general del mercado de salud y algunos de los requisitos necesarios para solicitar un seguro a través del mercado.  

**Marzo 16 – Una Acción Ejecutiva de Inmigración**  
La Acción Ejecutiva de inmigración fue anunciada por el Presidente Obama en Noviembre 20, 2014. Servicios Comunitarios de Caridades Católicas informará acerca de este anuncio y explicará quiénes serán elegibles.

Aunque la mayoría de las nuevas reglas no empezarán hasta dentro de unos meses, es importante obtener información correcta ahora y aprender cómo debe prepararse.

**Clases de Computación**  
Miércoles, 6:00-8:00 pm, Sala de Juntas Adriance-Cavallaro. ¡Venga y aprenda computación con nosotros! Le enseñaremos los fundamentos básicos para trabajar en una computadora. Practique en las computadoras de la biblioteca. Inscribase con anticipación y asista una vez por semana. Cupo máximo para 10 personas. Comuníquese con Elva Corbaton al (845) 482-3445 o envíe un mensaje a ecorbaton@poklib.org.

**Enero 14 – Internet**  
Enero 21 – Windows 8  
Febrero 4 – Laboratorio de computación  
Febrero 11 – Laboratorio de computación  
Febrero 25 – Facebook  
Marzo 4 – Facebook  
Marzo 11 – Aprendiendo Android  
Marzo 18 – Laboratorio de computación  
Marzo 25 – Skype  

Las clases de Windows 8 y Internet requieren conocimientos básicos de computación.  

**Free FDR Museum Passes**

The Library District now offers free family passes to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. For information call the Reference Desk at 845-485-3445 x 3702.

**Lincoln Series Comes to a Close**

On Sunday January 4, author Michael Korda will close our series of Lincoln programs with a discussion of the Southern perspective, especially that of Robert E. Lee. Mr. Korda is the author of Clouds of Glory: The Life and Legend of Robert E. Lee (Harper 2014). The program begins at 2:30 pm at the Auditorium which is located at 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie.

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**Orphan Train Author to Visit Poughkeepsie**

The Library District is pleased to bring Christina Baker Kline, author of the number one New York Times bestseller Orphan Train, to Poughkeepsie on Saturday afternoon, April 18. Orphan Train tells the story of foster teen Molly who is performing community-service work giving new life to Kline's other novels, Bird in Hand, The Way Life Should Be, Desire Lines as well as my new book, The Orphan Train Movement: A Story of Survival and Second Chances, to be released May 5th. Kline will be discussing her new book with the audience at the Library District's Path to Discovery presentation on Sunday, April 26, beginning at 2:30 pm.

Kline served as Writer-in-Residence at Fordham University from 2007 to 2011 and was an on-staff editor and writing coach at the social networking site SheWrites.com. She was born in Cambridge, England, and raised there as well as in the American South and Maine. She is a graduate of Yale, Cambridge, and the University of Virginia, where she was a Henry Hoyns Fellow in Fiction Writing. In addition to Fordham, she has taught fiction and nonfiction writing, poetry, English literature, literary theory, and women’s studies at Yale, New York University, and Drew University. She currently lives in Montclair, New Jersey, with her husband and their three boys.

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**Path to Discovery**

**Mary Wojtecki Rotunda Gallery**

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District invites the public to enjoy fine art on display at Adriance Memorial Library. Accomplished local artists interested in the gallery should email exhibits@poklib.org for exhibit policy and information.

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**Winter Highlights**

**January**

A New Year – A Fresh Start! The act of entering a new year prompts many of us to consider changes we plan to enact to make our lives more healthy, productive or meaningful. Apparently a lot of us vow to be more organized... and it’s not always adults. Teachers often talk with students about the importance of organization in the context of homework completion, creative writing, time and information management, and critical thinking.

Since 2005, January has been dubbed ‘Get Organized Month’ by the National Association of Professional Organizers. But you don’t need to hire a professional to help you get organized! Stop in the Youth Services Department and pick up some helpful tips to encourage you and your children with your organizing.

February

In 1926, historian Carter G. Woodson announced the second week of February to be ‘Negro History Week’, chosen because it encompassed two dates of significance to Black communities: Abraham Lincoln’s birthday on February 12 and Frederick Douglass’ birthday on February 14. The goal of the week was to teach the history of American Blacks in the nation’s public schools. In 1976, Black History Week was officially expanded to the entire month of February by the United States government. Then President Gerald Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Stop at our display of books celebrating African-American history and see what fascinating history you can learn! And don’t miss the chance to meet author and illustrator Bryan Collier on Monday, February 9. (Register please, space is limited.) Bryan Collier has written and illustrated children’s books on many topics, including several prominent African-American historical figures. Collier has won the Caldecott Medal, Jane Addams Children’s Book Award for Picture Book, and the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustrators. See page 3 for program details.

March

Women’s History Month evolved from International Women’s Day in March of 1911. In February of 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. By 1987, interest and activities had grown so much that Congress designated all of March to be Women’s History Month.

This month, the Youth Services display offers books on great women in history, movements and inventions sparked by women, and books written by women.

**Children’s Writing Board**

Look what’s NEW in Youth Services – a Writing Center bulletin board just inside the door to the Children’s Room! As part of the Youth Services department’s mission to support early literacy development, we are offering a new self-guided early literacy activity for families with young children and/or school-aged children.

How it Works. Choose one of the writing prompts posted on the board, write a response and put it in the center’s mailbox. We will review submissions for content and post responses on the board. Families with very young children can write responses to the prompts together. Writing scriptures and dictating stories to adults who write their words on paper are part of emergent and developing literacy in young children. For school-age children, writing in response to a prompt continues to support their development of independent and expanding literacy skills in critical thinking, self-expression and creativity.

**Special Events**

For families with children Pre-K and up.

No registration required.

**Take Your Child to the Library Day**

Saturday, February 7, 9 am-4 pm, ADR Children’s

Explore, discover and connect at Adriance! It’s an all-day drop-in celebration of children, learning, books, and libraries!

- 9 am-4 pm – Make a Bookmark
- 10-11 am – Family Dance Party
- 1-3 pm – Choose your own Adventure at the Library!

**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**

Monday, March 2, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Children’s

Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday, and the love of reading that his books have inspired, with stories, crafts, and activities. Be a part of this annual Read Across America day honoring Dr. Seuss.

**Spring Break Movie:**

How to Train Your Dragon 2

Thursday, April 2, 1:30 pm

ADR R.P PreSchooler Learning Center

When Hiccup and Toothless discover an ice cave that is home to hundreds of new wild dragons and the mysterious Dragon Rider, the two friends find themselves at the center of a battle to protect the peace.

**National Library Week:**

Meet Pete the Cat

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-7:15 pm, TBD

Pete the Cat is coming to Poughkeepsie in celebration of National Library Week! Meet one of our favorite picture book characters and enjoy a fun read-aloud of books written by authors James & Kim Dean and Eric Litwin. Each child will receive a special treat at the end of the program.

**After-School Tutoring**

Tutoring for elementary school students is available at Adriance Memorial Library most weekdays after 4 pm. SUNY New Paltz education students completing fieldwork requirements and local high school students are happy to work with children on specific homework questions. We cannot always guarantee that a Homework Tutor will be available for your child as it is on a first-come first-served basis. We encourage parents to call ahead regarding the Homework Tutor schedule on any given day (845) 485-3445 x 3320.

**Tutoría después de la Escuela**

Tutoría para estudiantes de la escuela elemental está disponible en la biblioteca Adriance Memorial la mayoría de los días de la semana después de las 4:00 p.m. Estudiantes en Educación de SUNY New Paltz que realizan trabajo de campo y estudiantes de la preparatoria (High School) están dispuestos a trabajar con niños en preguntas relacionadas con sus tareas. No podemos garantizar que un Tutor de Tareas estará disponible para sus hijos, siguiendo la regla que el que primero que llega es el primero que se atiende. Recomendamos a los padres llamar anticipadamente y preguntar acerca del horario de los Tutores de Tarea. Puede llamar cualquier día al (845) 485-3445 x 3320.

**Winter 2015**

**Youth & Teen Programs**

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**Weekly Story Times**

Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Story times are weekly series. No registration required.

**Baby Rhyme Time**

Mondays, January 5-March 9, 10:30-10:50 am, Arlington

A language enrichment program for birth-23 months features songs, rhymes, finger plays and books.

**TLC - Toddler Learning Center**

Fridays, January 3-March 13, 10-11 am

ADR JLP PreSchooler Learning Center

A program focused on importance of play featuring toys, books and activities for children ages 18-36 months accompanied by an adult caregiver. Community resource people available to parents.

**PLC - PreSchooler Learning Center Story Time**

Mondays, January 5-March 9, 10-11:30 am

ADJ Cavallaro

Fridays, January 9-March 13, 10-11 am

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Books, flannel board stories and music for children ages 3-5, followed by an hour of guided play.

**TLC Night Light**

Thursday, January 15, 6-7 pm

ADJ Cavallaro

A movement and music program for children ages 1-5. Active participation of adult caregiver is required.

**Sensory Lab**

Thursdays, January 6-March 12

10-10:30 am

ADR Cavallaro

Sensory and fine motor skills exploration through unique art projects for children ages 18 months to 3 years old accompanied by an adult caregiver. Dress for the mess!

**Family Story Times**

For families with children Pre-K and up. Registration required.

**Bilingual Family Story Time**

Thursday, January 15, 6-7 pm

ADR Cavallaro

Listen to stories, sing songs, dance, and do a simple craft. This program will be presented in English and Spanish.

**La Hora del Cuento Familiar Bilingüe**

Tuesday, January 20, 6-7 pm

ADR Cavallaro

Escucha cuentos, canta canciones, baila, y elabora simples manualidades. Presentado en Inglés y Español.

**Let it Snow!**

Wednesday, January 21, 6:30-7:15 pm

ADR Cavallaro

Join us for some winter stories and a snowy craft.

**Early Learning Support**

**Rhythm & Rhyme: A Sensory Story Time**

Saturday, March 14, 10-11 am

ADR Cavallaro

Join us for a sensory story time designed for children with special needs, including those with Autism, Down syndrome, sensory integration issues, speech/language delays, ADHD and other challenges. Enjoy a half-hour story time that incorporates a schedule board and sensory opportunities for participants followed by a half-hour of socialization, coloring, and play. For preschool and elementary age children with special needs accompanied by a caregiver. Registration required.

**Early Childhood Developmental Check-up**

Mondays, January 5, February 2, March 2, or April 6, 10-11 am

ADR Cavallaro

Complete a brief questionnaire and have five areas of your child’s development evaluated by an Astor Early Childhood Educator. Available in English and Spanish. 45 minutes per child, ages 2 months-5 years. Call 211 to make your appointment.

**Early Recognition Screening Program**

Wednesdays, January 28, February 25, or March 25, 2:30-5 pm

ADR Cavallaro

Free mental health screening and referral services for children and adolescents (ages 2-21), evaluated by an Astor Clinic Screener. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Brenda Tracy-Maietta (845) 452-5965 x 111.
**Discover!**

**Art Action**
Tuesdays, January 13, February 10, and March 10
4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Join our art club and experience art through different artists while expanding your knowledge of techniques. Grades 3-8.

**Snow Globe Magic**
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When you look inside a snow globe, do you imagine wonderful dreams coming to life inside a snowy world? Make a magical winter wonderland in a snow globe of your very own.

**Glowing Critters**
Thursday, January 29, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Create a critter that comes to life with LED lights. Grades 1-8.

**Are You Afraid of the Dark?**
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Come make a sure-fire monster exterminator that will eliminate all those scary things in the night!

**Hearts ‘n’ Hugs**
Thursday, February 12, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Join us for some heart-shaped treats, a mushy story reading directly from a script provided, children will tell a story in an entertaining form without memorizing lines or using props, costumes, or sets. Grades 2-5.

**Reader’s Theatre**
Thursday, February 19, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Reading directly from a script provided, children will tell a story in an entertaining form without memorizing lines or using props, costumes, or sets. Grades 2-5.

**Sink or Float: Titanic Edition**
Thursday, March 12, 4-4:45 pm
ADR Cavallaro
How could an “unsinkable” ship sink? Learn about the famous Titanic and create your own seaworthy vessel.

**Leprechaun Tales**
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**Make Sushi**
Saturday, February 7, 1:30-3:30 pm
ADR JLP Preschooler Learning Center
Learn the foundations of sushi! Make and eat your own sushi with water color paints.

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Laugh yourself silly over ridiculous stories and joke books. Make a crazy craft and eat real Funny Bones!

**Battle Blowout: An Afternoon of Beyblade, Pokemon, and Yu-Gi-Oh! Madness**
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Bring your cards, stadiums, and Beyblades to compete against friends for the title of battle champion and bragging rights!

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Bring your moves and compete against your friends. The highest score wins a prize!

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**For the Whole Family**

**Birds of Prey**
with Bill Robinson
Tuesday, January 20, 4-4:45 pm
ADR Staff Room
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Create a critter that comes to life with LED lights. Grades 1-8.

**Are You Afraid of the Dark?**
Thursday, February 5, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Come make a sure-fire monster exterminator that will eliminate all those scary things in the night!

**Hearts ‘n’ Hugs**
Thursday, February 12, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Join us for some heart-shaped treats, a mushy story reading directly from a script provided, children will tell a story in an entertaining form without memorizing lines or using props, costumes, or sets. Grades 2-5.

**Reader’s Theatre**
Thursday, February 19, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Reading directly from a script provided, children will tell a story in an entertaining form without memorizing lines or using props, costumes, or sets. Grades 2-5.

**Sink or Float: Titanic Edition**
Thursday, March 12, 4-4:45 pm
ADR Cavallaro
How could an “unsinkable” ship sink? Learn about the famous Titanic and create your own seaworthy vessel.

**Leprechaun Tales**
Thursday, March 12, 4-4:45 pm
ADR Cavallaro
Everybody is Irish on Saint Patrick’s Day, so wear your green and join us for a wee bit o’ music, dancing, leprechaun tales and something fun to make!

**Make Sushi**
Saturday, February 7, 1:30-3:30 pm
ADR JLP Preschooler Learning Center
Learn the foundations of sushi! Make and eat your own in this two-hour workshop. Participants will be challenged to complete 3 types of sushi - Nigiri, Temaki, and Maki! All are welcome, but children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Tickle My Funny Bone**
Thursday, January 22, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Laugh yourself silly over ridiculous stories and joke books. Make a crazy craft and eat real Funny Bones!

**Birds in the Library!**
Certified NYS teacher and environmental educator Bill Robinson brings four live birds of prey to the library for this unique program - a hawk, (a red-tailed hawk or Harris hawk), a turkey vulture, a large owl, and a falcon. Each one of these birds has its own unique adaptations for survival. Bill will discuss the importance of these birds in the balance of nature, and how man has helped to restore endangered species such as the peregrine falcon. The audience will get a close look at the birds and see a flight demonstration. Bill and his birds have appeared on David Letterman, the Today Show, and Good Morning America.

**Collage with Author/Illustrator Bryan Collier!**
Monday, February 9, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
Award-winning artist and illustrator Bryan Collier will be visiting our Library! Take this wonderful opportunity to learn more about his books and art while collaborating on a collage!

**Battle Blowout: An Afternoon of Beyblade, Pokemon, and Yu-Gi-Oh! Madness**
Tuesday, February 3, 3:30-4:45 pm
ADR Cavallaro
Bring your cards, stadiums, and Beyblades to compete against friends for the title of battle champion and bragging rights!

**Just Dance 15 Tournament**
Monday, February 23, 3:45-4:45 pm
ADR Cavallaro & JLP Preschooler Learning Center
Bring your moves and compete against your friends. The highest score wins a prize!

**Making a Kusudama**
Thursday, February 26
4-4:45 pm, ADR Cavallaro
A Kusudama is a spherical model of units that are glued together. Learn how to make a “flower ball” out of scrap paper!
## COLLEGE: GETTING THERE!

**SAT Test Prep/Math Series**
Tuesday, January 11, February 1 & March 1, 6-7:30 pm
Math teacher Jennifer Parker will lead a series of three workshops to assist teenagers who are interested in scoring higher on the Math section of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). Register for all three or just one.

**How to Pay for College without Going Broke**
Wednesday, January 21, 6:30-7:30 pm
Find out the difference between the FASFA and CSS Profile financial aid forms and how ‘need’ is determined. Stephanie Mauro, college advisor, will review how the financial aid system works. For teens and parents.

**Understandings Financial Aid**
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30-7:30 pm
Dutchess Community College Financial Aid Director, Susan Mead, provides useful advice on all kinds of financial aid for college and will discuss the FASFA application. For teens and parents.

**Admissions & Financial Aid**
Wednesday, February 18, 6:30-7:30 pm
Stephanie Mauro, college advisor, discusses how to attend a private college for a public college price. Workshop includes the financial aid system; how to maximize your student’s potential to receive scholarships; the importance of the SAT & ACT tests; and what the more selective colleges really want to see on your student’s application. For teens and parents.

**How to Find Great & Affordable Colleges**
Wednesday, March 4, 6-7 pm
This seminar provides the tools to discover and compare colleges that are generous with need-based and/or merit aid. Sandra Moore of Next Step College Counseling helps families navigate the college search, admission and financial aid application process with an emphasis on minimizing family stress. For teens and parents.

## Just for FUN…

**Cookies and Snowflakes**
Wednesday, January 7, 6-7 pm
Help us decorate the teen room while enjoying homemade cookies. No registration.

**Creative Crocheting**
Monday, January 12, 6-7 pm
Crochet a hat or make a square to create a small blanket.

**Drum & Percussion Rhythm Circle**
Tuesdays, January 27, February 17, and March 3, 4-4:45 pm, ADR Canillaro
Groove to some fun rhythms on percussion instruments as we drum together as a group. No music experience necessary. For Teens and Tweens.

**Duct Tape Roses & Wallets**
Wednesday, February 6, 6-7 pm
Make a wallet, iPod or cell phone holder, or pretty flower. For Teens and Tweens.

**T-Shirt Pillow**
Monday, February 9, 6-7 pm
Break out an old favorite T and make it into a pillow. Stuffing will be provided.

**Manga Painting**
Monday, March 2, 5-7 pm
Paint a favorite character or a book cover with canvas and acrylics.

**Rubber Band Bracelets**
Wednesday, March 4, 6-7 pm
Make dragon tail scales pattern rubber band bracelets. No registration required.

**Afternoon Video Games**
Weekdays, January 7-March 15, 3-4:30 pm
Play Xbox 360 or Wii. No registration.

**Homework Tutors**
Mondays-Fridays, January 7-February 28, 3:30-5:30 pm
Earn volunteer hours while learning new digital skills on our Macs.

**Teen Tech Week: March 9-13**
No registration required.

**Robots!**
Monday & Friday, March 9, 13, 3:30-5 pm
Build a robot and put it through its paces.

**Maker TECH Faire**
Thursday, March 12, 3:30-5 pm
• I-Books that Light up: Design your own book with a LED light.
• 3-Doodling Robots: Use recycled materials, a battery and copper wire.
• 3-Stop Motion Animation: Film your own Claymation Animation.

## TEEN MEDIA LAB

**Sci-Fi Fantasy Moviemaking**
Tuesdays, 4 week session - Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 3:45-5:30 pm
With a media specialist from Children’s Media Project, learn basic filmmaking techniques and work in groups to create stories that take place in alternate worlds. Special effects will be the focus.

**The Art of Music Video Parodies**
Tuesdays, 4 week session - March 3, 10, 17, 24, 3:45-5:30 pm
With a media specialist from Children’s Media Project, create a parody music video. Write your own lyrics, and create a video using dance moves, special effects, narrative storylines and stop-motion animation.

**Open Media Lab**
Wednesdays, January 7, March 11, 3-5
Work on a project on our Mac computers with Adobe Creative Suite software that includes Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro and After Effects. No registration required.

**Hands-on Tech Workshops**

**Snowy Portraits**
Thursday, January 8, 3:30-5 pm
Make some winter wonderland photos.

**Greenscreen Filming (Actors Needed)**
Thursday, January 15, 3:30-5 pm
Play through a snowstorm or fly thru the sky. Come with ideas and let’s film!

**Edit Greenscreen Film**
Thursday, January 22, 3:30-5 pm
Learn to edit our Greenscreen films on Adobe Premiere Pro.

**Animated Valentine’s Card**
Thursday, January 29, 3:30-5 pm
Make a unique Valentine’s card with animated poetry using After Effects.

**Garageband Music**
Thursday, February 26, 3:30-5 pm
Use our percussion drum kit and our keyboard to create your own music.

**Finish your Projects**
Wednesday & Thursday, March 6-12, 3:30-5 pm
The Media Lab is open for you to finish projects.

**Volunteer**
To apply, call the Adriance Children’s Room at 845-485-3445 x 3320 or go to poklib.org and click on Programs & Events. Do not hallucinate.