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## General Information

Our Libraries are Currently Closed

Adirondack Memorial Library
93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 485-3445
Mon-Thu: 9 am–9 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am–5 pm
Sun: 2-5 pm
Free parking and easy access off Nason Street.
GPS locator: 22 Nason Street.

Boardman Road Branch Library
141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
(845) 485-3445
Mon-Thurs: 9 am–9 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am–5 pm
Sun: Closed

Friends’ Book Store
141 Boardman Road, at rear of Library
(845) 485-3445 x 3423
Tues, Thurs, Sat: 10 am–4 pm

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From the Director

As I write this, we find ourselves in an unusual time. A time that is scary for many and frustrating for others. We at the Library District recognize that we provide services that people find vital to their emotional, intellectual, and spiritual well-being. We are continuing to do that but in a digital/streaming/virtual nature that only reaches a portion of patrons. We are successful with that and will continue much of our virtual outreach once we can resume closer-to-normal operations.

We are looking forward to welcoming back patrons to the libraries but it will be a gradual reopening, consistent with guidance issued by the NYS Department of Health and Dutchess County. Once we are able to provide public service, we will likely start with a robust curbside service along with allowing a limited number of patrons in the building. We will gradually add services as we can and will be pretty rigorous in our occupancy limits. All patrons and staff will be required to wear masks or face-coverings and person-to-person service will be provided with a Plexiglas barrier in between. Use of public rooms and public programming will not begin until late June at the earliest.

Who knows for how long our “new” normal will be required before we can relax to the “old” normal. Regulating ourselves until then will be a challenge and we hope to have the full cooperation of all who engage with us. As we have seen on Facebook and along the roadways, both patience and kindness can be contagious. We should all do our best to spread it and we will all get through this together.

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- 1 Town Trustee – full 5 year term
- 1 Town Trustee – unexpired term (4 years)

Nominating petitions may be circulated in accordance with the Board of Election timeline and requirements.

For more information, contact Library Director Tom Lawrence at tlawrence@poklib.org or the Board of Elections at DutchessElections@DutchessNY.gov or 845-486-2473.

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**Did You Complete the 2020 Census Form?**

The 2020 Census is underway and households are responding by mail, online, and by phone. The Census is important because the results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services and how many seats are allocated to each state in Congress.

The actual Census Day was April 1 but this was not a deadline. The Census Bureau uses this day to determine who is counted and where they live. To ensure the privacy of individuals and households that have not yet responded.

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Census Bureau has adjusted the schedule of operations. The self-response phase, during which every household is encouraged to complete the census, has been extended to October 31. In August, census takers will begin to contact and visit households that have not yet responded.

**Vision**

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District will have vibrant public libraries where people want to be. It will meet the needs of a diverse and growing constituency by providing services and partnering with other community organizations. The Board of Trustees and the staff will work together to serve the public and to respond to the changing nature of library services.

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Between the Covers

Books and Brew Book Club
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm
Meeting online until further notice. Contact Kira Thompson at kthompson@poklib.org to participate.

May 20: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
On the 25th Anniversary of publication, this tale about Enoch Crosby - Master Spy of the American Revolution
Video presentation available at poklib.org
>YouTube starting Tuesday, May 12
Local author Michael Boyajian presents the largely unknown story of the Hudson Valley's
and judge, Boyajian has written 30 books, many focused on local history.

June 17: The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet by Becky Chambers
The Wayfarer's ragtag crew takes on a lucrative but dangerous job tunneling wormholes through space.

Not Your Mama's Book Group
Monthly. Select Thursdays, 6-30-7:30 pm
Meeting online until further notice. Contact Tammy Myers at tammy@poklib.org to participate.

May 28: How It All Began by Penelope Lively
This novel follows the ripple effect of one random event on the lives, jobs, marriages, and fates of a delightful cast.

June 25: One Second After by William R. Forstchen
A terrifying glimpse at small town life after a devastating new weapon brings the U.S. to its knees.

May is Mental Health Month
The month of May was first designated Mental Health Month in 1949. Two leading national organizations, Mental Health America and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, join forces this month to raise awareness and break the stigma that often surrounds mental health concerns.

One in five Americans lives with a mental health condition. In addition, the current pandemic has impacted our mental health in a variety of ways including dramatic change in routine, loss of financial and social resources, anxiety about our health, our future, and our loved ones, increased isolation, and loss of our normal support systems. We all need to pro-actively care for our mental health and that of those around us.

MHA (Mental Health America) explores practical tools that everyone can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency. The Tools2Thrive toolkit is available at mhanational.org/tau. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) invites individuals to connect and share their stories in the national You Are Not Alone campaign. You can learn more and join a discussion group at NAMI.org.

Help is always close at hand. Call or text the Dutchess County HELPlane at 845-485-2700, and walk-ins are welcome at the Stabilization Center at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie. Dutchess Responds during the COVID19 pandemic also offers a wide variety of support at 845-846-3555.

Did You Know?

May 5: The 70s
May 12: Movies
May 19: TV Shows
May 26: Cartoons
June 2: Weird History
June 9: Books vs Movie

Participants must have two internet-connected devices (laptop, smartphone, etc.). You will receive instructions via email on the day of the trivia.

May 5

Trivia Tuesdays at Home!
Tuesdays, May 5 - June 9, 7 pm
Join us for trivia from the comfort of your own home. Please email Krista Miller at kmiller@poklib.org to register.

May 19

Shred Truck
Friday, May 19, 9-11 am, ADR
What can be shredded?
- Personal documents with staples, paper clips, binders, books, and small amounts of discs and CD ROMs, and credit cards.
- Three bag maximum per person.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
Art Scene

Three Cheers for Art

Thank goodness for artists! During this ‘stay at home’ time of COVID19, artists have not been idle - they have stepped up to entertain and engage us on Facebook and YouTube with fabulous music, comedy, art, poetry, and inspiration. While some artists may have actually enjoyed the extra time to focus on their craft, there comes a time when the bills have got to be paid, and actors, dancers, musicians, visual artists and others need to have a venue to showcase their work.

The Barrett Art Center, the library’s neighbor on Noxon Street, “opened” a beautiful exhibit of art entitled Earthworks on March 28 with physical distancing in place. They did it with an online virtual opening. You can still view the art on the Barrett website along with their next show (Margins) which opens May 16. Take some time to scroll/stroll at www.barrettartcenter.org. Barrett also has a call for entries right now for an exhibit entitled Paint: Medium as Power in a Time of Crisis. https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=7711

Arts Mid-Hudson also found new ways to connect with and showcase local artists over the past month by inviting people to send in poems (in honor of April being National Poetry Month) and inviting artists to send in virtual postcards from their studios. You can enjoy the poetry and art by visiting www.artsmidhudson.org.

When the colleges and libraries closed, so did their art galleries. But if you're willing to surf around on the internet, you can find many extraordinary art museums and galleries that have opened their online doors for patrons to visit and enjoy the art. We join these and other institutions in celebrating artists and their gifts - literature, ceramics, poetry, dance, drama, music, visual art, architecture, films, graphic design, and beyond. These have enriched our solitary lives immeasurably.

And when society opens back up there is likely to be a delightful abundance of terrific artwork that was produced during this time of seclusion. We can't wait!!

Library Galleries

Interested in Exhibiting?
Accomplished local painters, photographers, sculptors and ceramicists, email exhibits@poklib.org.

Art Scene

Artists Emerge

During these unusual times, several PPLD staff members have shared wonderful creative pursuits. Check out the talent on Facebook and poklib.org

• Protective masks & 3D printed protective gear
• Local history and hiking videos
• Story times and decorative papercutting
• Making play-doh, bread, and household cleaners

Connecting


Thursday, May 21, 6-7 pm, on-line

This presentation offers information on end of life options and rights including advance care planning, hospice care, and palliative care. This virtual meeting is hosted by David Leven, JD, Senior Consultant with End of Life Choices New York, and will include Q & A. The presentation is funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) and the All of Us Research Program. To participate, register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/planning-for-a-better-end-of-life-tickets-103740544762.

The Patron Who Loves the Library – and Alex Trebek!

Sylvia Lerner hasn’t been to the library in several years but she’s a devoted patron who reads every day and always has a supply of library books. She is one of the many patrons who are visited at home by library staff as part of Extension Services. Recently, PPLD staff member Veronica Martin-Follette sat down with Sylvia and asked about her love of books.

“When I was 12 years old,” explained Sylvia, “my mother let me and my brother walk by ourselves to the library on Bainbridge Avenue in the Bronx for the first time. I read everything! It was my favorite place to be. I grew up in the library.”

Sylvia came to Poughkeepsie as a bride at 22 years old. “We lived on White Street and I would walk to the Maplewood branch. When we moved to Fulton Avenue I walked to the Arlington branch. Everything had to be in walking distance for me, I didn’t drive.”

These days, Sylvia still reads every day “I love a good mystery, non-fiction, but no sappy love stories! I guess it’s the fantasy, I always feel like I’m someplace else, …like I’m always traveling. I miss going to the library, but now the library comes to me. I am thankful for Elizabeth, Bill, Dawn, and you.”

Veronica knew that Sylvia recently celebrated her 96th birthday so she asked “I know you read a book a day, what else do you do to keep so young?” Sylvia giggled and explained “Well, I’ve been going steady with Alex Trebek for 35 years, but he doesn’t know it!”

Public Computer Center

The Library District hopes to be able to offer computer lab (limited seating) and one-on-one computer assistance starting this spring. At the time of publication, it was unclear when this will begin. Please call the Library District at (845) 485-3445 x 3702 or contact Debbie Munnerly at dmunnerly@poklib.org with your computer

Lunch & Learn

Weekly on Fridays, starting June 26, ADR

Meet weekly with our experienced instructor to practice Spanish conversation with other language enthusiasts. Participants may bring a bag lunch.

12-12:45 pm: Beginning Spanish
1-1:45 pm: Intermediate Spanish

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Virtual teen programs are for ages 12-18 year olds, but anyone young at heart can view these pre-recorded teen activities.

**New Virtual Teen Café**

Whether we can hang out in person or not, we can stay connected! The Teen Librarians at PPLD have started a blog for teens where we can share videos, thoughts, pictures and more. Let's get together like old times - in a new way. To join and post content, email teencafe@poklib.org.

**Save the Date**

**TEEN SUMMER READING KICK-OFF**

**MONDAY, JUNE 29**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Contact Children's Desk, (845) 485-3445 x3320 or Angela Pauzer x3309 for volunteer information.

**Required:** Sexual Harassment Prevention Certificate All library volunteers, including teens, must be certified in the NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. This is an on-line training that will take 15-30 minutes to complete. Teens must have this training BEFORE they are able to volunteer. To get started, please contact Angela Pauzer x3309 or Children's Desk x3320.

**Cine-Foro en Español**

**Lunes, del 11 de mayo al 8 de junio, 7-9 pm**

**Disfrute de una película seleccionada de diferentes géneros. Los lunes los participantes se reúnen virtualmente y comparten sus puntos de vista y reflexiones acerca de la película. Requiere inscripción para recibir la película y el enlace para la sesión virtual.**

**Taller de Desarrollo Humano para Mujeres**

**Miércoles, 3 de junio, 6-8 pm**

Taller impartido por Anica Campion. Cada semana se impartirán diferentes temas. Requiere inscripción.

**Letras de Amor y Nostalgia: Poesía Latinoamericana**

**Viernes, del 28 de mayo al 13 de junio, 7-9 pm**

Una selección de hermosos poemas de la pluma de poetas latinoamericanos leeremos y analizaremos en esta sesión. Requiere inscripción para recibir los poemas y el enlace para la sesión virtual.

**Teen Media Lab Volunteers**

**Monday-Thursday, 3-5 pm**

Earn volunteer hours while learning new digital skills like Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Premiere Pro. Use your new skills to create a unique media project for the library and to include in your portfolio.

**Room Volunteer**

**Teens, ages 13-18, are you interested in volunteering at the library? Teens help us with book displays, craft activities and help keep our Teen and Children’s Room collections organized and neat.**

We look forward to opening the Teen Room when conditions allow. When we do, we may have to limit hours, restrict the number of teens allowed in the room, and require a mask.
Youth Services

Virtual Story Times

Our spring story time sessions have begun and since you can’t be here to join us we are bringing the story times to you. Please join Miss Rose, Miss Laura, Miss Cathy and Miss Holly on Facebook Live at 10 am Monday through Thursday as they bring their songs and stories to you. Having a Facebook account is not necessary to view our Facebook Live story times.

You can also check out our PPLD YouTube channel for other great videos created by our Youth Services staff! Miss Sandra has fun in English and Spanish, and Miss Alison, Miss Veronica and Miss Jolie offer great stories and rhymes. Go to http://www.youtube.com/user/poklib01 or visit poklib.org and click on the YouTube link.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!

Monday, June 29, 10 am-12 pm
Join us as we celebrate the beginning of summer and kick-off the Summer Reading Game! We’ll be closing the parking lot for this awesome celebration. Will you attempt to scale the 24-foot rock-climbing wall? Don’t miss the games, face painting, fun, and more!

*Please note that our plans may change depending on our situation in June.

Scholastic Teachables and Scholastic ScienceFlix

Not only does your PPLD library card allow you to borrow books and items from the library, it also gives you access to a variety of online learning resources. One of those resources is Scholastic Teachables. Teachables can be accessed through the Youth section of our website under the category Kids & Family Fun. Scholastic Teachables offers printables, lessons, mini-books and projects for grades Pre-K through 8th. You can search by grade, subject or learning standard. It also offers over 4,000 clip art images all for free.

Another fascinating resource that kids love is Scholastic ScienceFlix. This is an interactive website that offers over 8,000 science-related videos, texts, projects, and experiments. It also has resources for teachers including lesson plans, quizzes, projects and videos.

Library Snapshot Week - February, 2020

This library brings the community together in so many positive ways! I love that they have activities for all ages to enjoy. All the staff are so kind and fun. Luciana Sanchez, Adiriance

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Great children’s programming. Love the special lectures for adults. Have availed myself of many programs over the last six years! Laurene Bengel, Boardman

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**Spring Cleaning**

We imagine that many people are using this ‘shelter in place’ time to sort home media collections. Once the coronavirus crisis concludes, let the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District Bookstore take custody of those hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs, and vinyl records. We’ll do our best to get them into the hands of others who will find them educational, entertaining and enlightening.

What are we looking for? Donations that are in good enough condition for others to enjoy as much as you did. We also welcome the opportunity to consider accepting special collections, such as comic books. Please contact us to share details. Though we appreciate the gesture, we cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, condensed books, cassette and VHS tapes, books with highlighted or underlined text, outdated travel guides, computer manuals or textbooks. We also cannot accept musty, mildewed or similarly damaged books.

Normally, the Friends Book Store is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and 20,000 books and media are for sale for prices as low as $1. Everything on our extensive, easy-to-navigate network of shelves is donated by the public. Where does the money go when shoppers scoop them up at our Book Store? Sales support the District’s programs and services, as well as its mission of community education and literacy for all.

The Friends’ Book Store, located behind the Boardman Road Branch Library at 141 Boardman Road, is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. We are happy to thank you for your donation with a receipt that can be potentially applied as a tax deduction.

To learn when the Book Store will again accept donations, and reopen for sales, monitor PokLib.org/friends/book-store or Facebook.com/PoughkeepsieLibraryBookstore. Questions? Email book_store@poklib.org.

**Mystery Monday**

*Monday, June 29, 11 am-Noon, BRD*

**Under Orders by Dick Francis**

**Change of Date**

The Friends’ Mah Jongg Tournament to benefit the Poughkeepsie Public Library District is now scheduled for **Saturday, September 12, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Boardman Road Branch Library.** Table space is limited. Registration form can be downloaded and printed from [https://poklib.org/friends/programs-events/](https://poklib.org/friends/programs-events/)

**The Friends Book Store looks forward to re-opening when conditions permit. Please wear a cloth mask when you stop by with donations or to shop.**