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Registration Opens Monday, February 23!

Registration starts at 10 am. Most programs require registration. Please register at poklib.org/events or (845) 485-3445, x3707 for adult, x3320 for youth, x3321 para español.

Please note that leaving a telephone message for a staff member does not guarantee admission to a program. Please be aware that registration may not be valid without email confirmation. Speak to a staff member if you do not receive a confirmation email.

Get yourself registered!

Self-registration is simple, quick, and won't have you waiting and potentially losing a seat for a popular program. On our online calendar, you can sign up at 10 am on registration day. We often experience higher call volume than we are able to easily accommodate, so don't wait on the phone — register online.



Browse and register for upcoming programs from our new library calendar, still accessible at poklib.org ► Events ► Calendar of Events & Programs.



Did you know? More details about programs can be found on our online library calendar. You can also view a text-only PDF of the current *Rotunda* at poklib.org ► Events ► Rotunda – Text-Only Version.

Upcoming Closures

Easter: Sunday, April 5

- Program is recorded
- Program is not recorded
- Rover stop
- Women's History Month

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Fri & Sat: 9 am – 5 pm Sun: 2-5 pm

Free parking and easy access off Noxon Street

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Boardman Road Branch Library (BRD)

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Fri & Sat: 9 am – 5 pm Sun: Closed

Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots

Branch Library (SPD), Family Partnership

29 N. Hamilton Street, Room 224,

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9-5 pm

Tue & Thu: 1-5 pm

Sat & Sun: Closed

Hours may be liable to change; please check our website before a visit if you're not sure.

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Vision

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District will have vibrant 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.



POUGHKEEPSIE CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

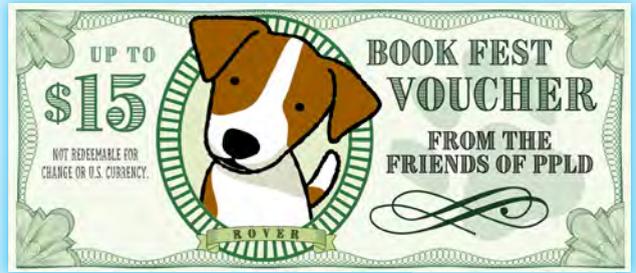
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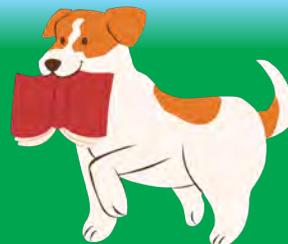
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Business Insights: Essentials (Gale) company profiles, industry rankings, products, brands, stock prices

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Reference Solutions business and residential directory

Value Line Investment Survey publicly traded stocks, with history and risk analysis – no remote access

Career & Job Search

JobNow create a resume, hone your interview skills, search for jobs

Library District's Job Search webpage job seeking resources

Vocations & Careers (Gale OneFile) journals and career guides

Education

Educators Reference Complete (Gale OneFile) periodicals covering preschool to college and most educational specialties

Elementary (Gale In Context) fun topics and reliable facts

Scholastic Teachables* printable lessons and activities for every age, grade, or skill level

Español / Spanish

Britannica Escolar contenido en español preciso y apropiado para la edad para hablantes nativos de español, estudiantes bilingües y estudiantes que aprenden español. Disponible en dos niveles: *Britannica Escolar Primeria* y *Britannica Escolar Secundaria*

Informe Académico (Gale OneFile) la interfaz en español brinda acceso a revistas académicas en español y portugués tanto de América Latina como sobre ella

Transparent Language los estudiantes de idiomas pueden desarrollar vocabulario, practicar habilidades y mantener lo que han aprendido disponible en cualquier momento y en cualquier lugar en más de 110 idiomas

Genealogy

Ancestry.com census, birth, marriage, death records, and more – no remote access

Dutchess County Clerk Ancient Document Search legal documents from the 18th century

HeritageQuest census records and other documents for genealogy and family research. Offsite access limited to PPLD residents.

Current Affairs

CQ Researcher issues covered factually offering pro/con viewpoints

Opposing Viewpoints (Gale in Context) today's hottest social issues

Health & Wellness

e-Resources on General Health general health and nutrition

resources compiled and vetted by the National Library of Medicine

Health & Medicine (Gale OneFile) articles on general health issues



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Language Learning / ESL Learning

Transparent Language language learning service

Law

Legal Forms (Gale) access a wide selection of state-specific (and multi-state) legal forms and resources across the most popular legal areas

Newspapers, Magazines, & Journals

Academic OneFile (Gale) over 17,000 publications on a variety of subjects

Elementary (Gale In Context) fun topics and reliable facts for kids

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Libby, by Overdrive available to all MHLS patrons; however, PPLD residents can access additional premium services and titles. eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, online classes

Middle School (Gale in Context) magazines, newspapers, primary sources, and videos

News (Gale OneFile) New York Times (1985-present), The New York Post, The Daily News, Albany Times Union, and others

Newspapers.com New York page-image newspapers that are keyword searchable. Offsite access limited to PPLD residents.

New York Times full-text access from 1985 to the present

novelNY journals, magazines

Nonprofit Resources

Foundation Center and other resources nonprofits can learn how to win more grants. No remote access

Reference Books Online Britannica Academic Encyclopedia Online magazines, periodicals, and more

Salem Press Reference Titles American Book of Days; Famous First Facts; Great Lives From History; Inventors & Inventions; Cyclopedia of Literary Characters

Technology

Computer Science (Gale OneFile) publications about computer, electronics, telecommunications industries

Books, Writing, & More

Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Join our virtual graphic novel book club for adults!

Registration required.



March 12: **The Handmaid's Tale (Graphic Adaptation)** by Margaret Atwood

Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, where women are prohibited from holding jobs, reading, and forming friendships. Provocative, startling, prophetic, *The Handmaid's Tale* has long been a global phenomenon. With this stunning graphic novel adaptation of Margaret Atwood's modern classic, beautifully realized by artist Renee Nault, the terrifying reality of Gilead has been brought to vivid life like never before.



April 9: **We Called Them Giants** by Kieron Gillen

Lori wakes to find the streets empty. Everyone has gone. Or at least, nearly everyone. She's thrown into a world where she has to scrape by in the ruins of civilization, nearly starving, hiding from gangs when They arrive.

Books & Brews Book Club

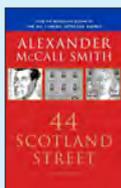
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub (796 Main Street)

Contact Kira Thompson at kthompson@poklib.org or x3350. **No registration.**



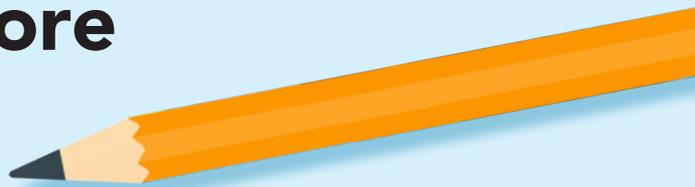
March 18: **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict

A fictionalized account of the life of Belle da Costa Greene, the chief librarian of JP Morgan's priceless rare books and manuscripts collection, who was forced to hide her identity as a Black woman in order to succeed in the early 20th century.



April 15: **44 Scotland Street** by Alexander McCall Smith

Welcome to 44 Scotland Street, home to some of Edinburgh's most colorful characters. Love triangles, a lost painting, intriguing new friends, and an encounter with a famous Scottish crime writer are just a few of the ingredients that add to this delightful and witty portrait of Edinburgh society, first published as a serial in *The Scotsman* newspaper.



Exercise Your Writing

Sunday, March 1, 2 pm, ADR

Exercise your writing in this workshop where you receive prompts, write, and then share what you wrote with the group. Please bring a notebook and preferred writing implement. Facilitated by **Billy Herman**. **No registration required.**

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, March 21, April 18, 10 am - 12 pm, Lehman Loeb Museum, Vassar College

Bring copies of your work(s) in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres. We are now meeting at the Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College, upstairs. There is an elevator on the ground floor. **No registration required.**

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist

Thursday, April 2, 7-8 pm, BRD

Everyone has at least one book in them, but if freeing that book feels like a challenge, you've come to the right place. We'll go over tools and techniques, the basic blueprint all stories follow, and offer encouragement to help you get started writing creative narrative work. Learn skills applicable to all genres and narrative prose. Teens and adults welcome.

Registration required.

Poetry Writing Workshop with Lea Graham

Saturday, April 11, 2 pm, ADR

Come out to celebrate National Poetry Month by attending this poetry workshop facilitated by **Professor Lea Graham** from Marist College. We will explore odes and elegies and have some fun with words.

Registration required.

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

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Leslie Bender
March 2 – April 30

BOARDMAN ART WALL



Jen Radicone:
Look Close (detail)
January 14 – April 7



Pam Krimsky: *Recent Landscapes and Figure Compositions (detail)*
April 8 – June 23

Artist Talk: Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 pm, BRD. **Registration required.**

SADIE PETERSON DELANEY



Regina Gelfer: *Scenes from the Hudson Valley (detail)*
March 1 – April 30



Interested in exhibiting?
Visit poklib.org/art-in-the-library and scroll down to apply.

Beginning Quilling Workshop *Thursday, March 12, 3:30–4:30 pm, SPD*

Please join us to learn some basic paper quilling forms that will set you up for greeting card success! No experience necessary. Supplies provided. **Registration required.**

The Murals of the Hudson Valley with Frank Palaia *Wednesday, March 4, 6-7:30 pm, BRD*

The Hudson Valley has developed a cottage industry for colorful hand and spray painted murals. Local artist **Franc Palaia**, with thirty years of public art experience, will showcase over 170 murals he has documented since 2002. The presentation will include murals throughout the Hudson Valley and will cover modern designs from the O+ project as well as historical murals commissioned by FDR for the WPA. **Registration required.**

Skills of a Ba-Roasta: How to Roast Coffee *Tuesday, March 10, 6-7:30 pm, ADR*

Willie Needham, owner of the Pawling Coffee Roaster, will show you how you can roast your own coffee at home using basic materials and equipment. Enjoy a specialty coffee only available at the event, along with a selection of other coffees. **Registration required.**

The Oscar-Winning Musicals *Tuesday, March 10, 7-8 pm, Virtual*

Oscar time is here! In over 90 years, musical films have won the award for best picture ten times. Ten terrific musicals! Take a tour with us as we view clips from *American in Paris*, *The Great Ziegfeld*, *West Side Story*, and six more musical winners. Feel inspired and filled with unbridled joy with Oscar-winning performances. **Registration required.**

Open Mic *Wednesdays, March 11, April 8, 7 pm, ADR*

Come out and share your talent: spoken word, singing, playing an instrument, comedy with the community, or just come and watch the impromptu show! Your hosts this evening are Tina Jaafar and Debora Shon. **No registration required.**

Strategy Board Game Night *Thursdays, March 12, April 9, 5-8 pm, BRD*

Join us to play strategy and board games at the library. Find new friends, new games, and use our tables for those games that do not fit on the kitchen table. Bring your own games or play from our collection. **No registration required.**

Author Talk: Calligraphy for Dummies with Jim Bennett *Thursday, March 12, 6:30 pm, ADR*

This session is geared toward helping beginners and enthusiasts discover the expressive and meditative possibilities of calligraphy. Included in the session will be an introduction to EZScript — the teaching alphabet Jim developed as the easiest, fastest way to learn calligraphy, and a discussion of his approach to font creation from calligraphy. Books will be for sale and signing. **Registration required.**

Concert: Harmonica and String Quartet

Saturday, March 14, 2:30 pm, BRD

An acclaimed harmonica virtuoso, **Jiayi He**, winner of prestigious awards in America, Europe, and the Far East, He performs concerts around the globe playing different kinds of harmonicas: chromatic, diatonic, tremolo, bass, and wheel, as well as the largest harmonica and the smallest harmonica in the world! The program features work from classical to modern. **No registration required.**

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

*Wednesdays, March 18, April 15,
10 am, BRD*

Want to work on your drawing skills? Join us on the third Wednesday of each month for a relaxed sketch session. Bring your favorite drawing materials and enjoy working from an arranged still life. This is a self-guided practice session — no formal instruction, just shared creativity. We'll wrap up with a friendly group critique. **No registration required.**

Make a Heart Mosaic

*Monday, March 23, 5:30 pm, ADR
Tuesday, March 24, 6 pm, ADR*

Led by **Harriet Bassen**. Make a mosaic to decorate your home. Create your mosaic on Monday and return Tuesday to complete your project. **Registration required.**

Soup, Salad, & Sandwich Combo

Tuesday, April 7, 6-7:30 pm, ADR

Come on in for a soup, salad, and sandwich combo and a surprise dessert. Bring your appetite. **Registration required.**

Pen & Ink & Watercolor: A Crash Course

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 pm ADR

April Matula will teach fun illustration and watercolor techniques. Simple tricks/techniques are taught to demonstrate that what may look difficult, and possibly too challenging, is really not! All materials will be provided for use at this workshop. **Registration required.**

Celebrate Jewish Heritage

Nosh and a Good Book

The Incorruptibles: Kingpins, Crime Busters, and the American Underworld
Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 pm, BRD

In the early 1900s, prior to WWI, NYC was a vortex of vice and corruption. This harrowing tale told by **Dan Slater** reveals the true story of an immigrant underworld, a secret vice squad and the rise of organized crime. Presented in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and the Jewish Book Council. **Registration required — registration open now!**

L'chaim! Jewish Music & Culture Series

Presenting a new series exploring Jewish identity, belonging, and cultural contribution through music, theater, humor, and storytelling. In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

The Great (Jewish) American Songbook
Thursday, April 16, 6:30 pm, ADR

Jewish composers and lyricists played a defining role in shaping American popular music. From the shtetl to the Lower East Side to Broadway, their journey from immigrant roots and Yiddish theater to the American mainstream helped create what we now think of as the Great American Songbook. We'll explore the stories, influences and cultural context behind iconic songs and composers. Presented by **Chuck Mishaan**. **Registration required — registration open now!**

National Jazz Month Celebration Concert

Saturday, April 11, 1–2 pm, SPD

Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with Grammy-affiliated percussionist and composer **Kahlil Kwame Bell** for an exciting, family-friendly concert of original music. Blending jazz with African rhythms, this interactive performance introduces children and families to the joy of rhythm, creativity, and cultural storytelling. **Registration required.**

Concert: Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher

Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 pm, BRD

Enjoy music from classical guitarist Peter Fletcher. **No registration required.**

History & Current Events



Franklin & Eleanor: Two Halves of a Whole

Tuesday, March 17, 7-8 pm, Virtual 📺

FDR Library Education Specialist **Jeffrey Urbin** explores the relationship between Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt from a secret engagement to a powerful political partnership. What better way to celebrate President and Mrs. Roosevelt's actual wedding anniversary?! **Registration required.**



Women Physicians During Poughkeepsie's Gilded Age: Lecture & Reception

Tuesday March 24, 5:30-7 pm, Room 203, Taylor Hall, Vassar College

We explore the lives and works of some of the female physicians in the 19th and early 20th century Poughkeepsie. Known by its nicknames, "the Sickly City," "the City of Schools," and "the Queen City," Poughkeepsie was a source of inspiration as well as a wellspring of possible clients and, as a result, it became a very attractive place for women who were practicing medicine to come and set up shop. Presented by **Shannon Butler**, historian for the PPLD. Encore to last year's presentation. First come, first served — limited seating. **No registration required.**

A Virtual Trip to 19th Century Main Street: Part 2

Wednesday, March 25, 6-7:30 pm, BRD

Travel back in time to visit Poughkeepsie over 100 years ago. This presentation will give you a perspective of what life on Main Street was like during the mid-19th to early 20th century, beginning at 292 Main Street (C. H. Gallup Photography / the Elting Building). It will feature Luckey, Platt & Co. and other various fixtures of the era. **Registration required.**

Yankee Stargazers: A Semiquincentennial Tribute to American Astronomers

Monday, March 23, 6:30-8 pm, Virtual 📺

Stars figure large in our early American identity — from the first flags of 1777 to the star charts in Ben Franklin's popular almanacs. We'll explore how the science of astronomy developed from the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence right up to the present time. And we'll clue you in on where to look in the sky to see a star, whose light began on its journey to Earth 250 years ago, and is only arriving now, for us to view in 2026. Presenter **Joe Rao** was a television meteorologist in the Hudson Valley, appearing weeknights on News 12 Westchester. **Registration required.**

See page 13 for programs about sports history!

Travelogue: Living in Antarctica 66 Years Ago

Saturday, March 14, 10 am, ADR

Bill Hughes takes you with him during his six month tour "on the ice" as part of Operation Deep Freeze. As a Navy pilot, he supported the scientists exploring the region's many fascinating aspects in 1960-61. **No registration required.**

From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy

Monday, March 16, 7-8 pm, Virtual 📺

Long before the British Invasion, the cash-strapped lords, viscounts, and dukes of Great Britain shifted their focus from hunting foxes and pheasants to more lucrative targets: cash-flush Gilded Age American socialites who were willing to trade their family's money for an ancient title and often a chilly reception in the British aristocracy. Fans of *Downton Abbey* and *The Gilded Age* on television and film will delight as anglophile and former UK resident **Claire Evans** recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana. **Registration required.**



Femme Fatales of History

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 pm, BRD

Renee Fleury is an author and horticulturist, specializing in the darker facets of flora and folklore. With a keen interest in the intersection of gender and crime, she explores the lives and legacies of femme fatales and professional women poisoners throughout history. Presented in-character as Madame Datura, a 19th century botanist with three late husbands, Fleury's engaging presentations offer a compelling analysis of how these women defied expectations and left a lasting impact on criminal history, feminism, and the way we view women altogether. **Registration required.**

Coexisting with Artificial Intelligence

Thursday, April 16, 6:30-8 pm, BRD

This presentation will highlight the foundations and history of AI as well as demonstrate practical applications for both individuals and organizations. The goal is to reduce fear, build familiarity, and show that AI is not a replacement for human beings but a tool for adaptation and growth. Presenter **Gerald Pallor** publishes the *Byte-Sized Tech Tips* newsletter on Substack (republished on LinkedIn) and produces companion explainer videos on YouTube. Pallor's book will be available for purchase. **Registration required.**

Author Talk with Tony Musso: Mafia Burial Ground: The Mob and St. John's Cemetery

Tuesday, April 21, 6-8 pm, BRD

Tony Musso discusses his latest book, *Mafia Burial Ground*. With headstones reading Luciano, Profaci, Galante, Gambino, and Gotti, among others, it is clear that St. John's was a preferred burial ground for Mafia bosses. Many are in close proximity to other mob figures who were formidable adversaries during their criminal careers. Documented in this book are profiles of every Mafia member interred there. **Registration required.**

Great Decisions

Rethinking Nuclear Energy

Monday, March 30, 6:30 pm, BRD

This presentation by **Edward Friedman** of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley will discuss nuclear energy and how it impacts climate change. There is no assigned reading for this presentation. **No registration required.**

Irregular Warfare in the South China Sea

Monday, April 27, 6:30 pm, BRD

The Gray Zone Dilemma: Irregular Warfare in the South China Sea. Since World War II, the term Irregular Warfare (IW) has become an increasingly common aspect in the study of warfare and statecraft. Comprising concepts such as guerrilla warfare, counterterrorism, unconventional warfare, and counterinsurgency, IW today is seemingly ubiquitous as major powers utilize IW strategy to exploit the "gray zone" between peace and war. This presentation will summarize the scope of IW and focus on the South China Sea as a case study for modern IW. Facilitator **Michael Hauser** for the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. **No registration required.**

Photography in Poughkeepsie: The Vail Brothers

Thursday, April 23, 6-7:30 pm, BRD

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the invention of photography. The Local History Room will present a series of lectures on the various photographers of Poughkeepsie's history. The Vail Brothers had a successful studio on Main Street for the last quarter of the 19th century and photographed thousands of Poughkeepsians! This first lecture will cover their work and how it has impacted our understanding of Poughkeepsie in the late 19th century. **Registration required.**

When Franklin Died

Tuesday, April 28, 7-8 pm, Virtual 📺

On April 12, 1945, with victory in Europe all but assured, Franklin Roosevelt was felled by a stroke. FDR Library Education Specialist **Jeffrey Urbin** highlights the events surrounding that sad and historic day. **Registration required.**

Health & Wellness

Zen Buddhist Meditation

Tuesdays, 10-11 am, ADR

Join a guided meditation with **Gerry Brooks**, Zen Buddhist practitioner. The session will include a 30-minute guided meditation and a 20-minute non-guided meditation. **Registration required.**

First-Time Homebuyer's Seminar

Tuesday, March 3, 6 pm, ADR

Hudson River Housing will provide information about the programs and services offered through their NeighborWorks Homeownership Center: Financial Fitness, First Time Homebuyer Education, Grant Opportunities, and Foreclosure Intervention Counseling. **Registration required.**

Spring Health Boost with Asian Medicine

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 pm, ADR

Join **Deborah Roderick** in learning how to stay healthy, energized, and balanced using meditation, qigong exercises, and diet tips based upon the principles of East Asian medicine. **Registration required.**

Grocery to Garden

Monday, March 9, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

In this entertaining class you'll discover how to grow flowers from carrot tops, micro greens from soup mix, tomatoes and potatoes for your garden from the produce aisle. Save money and learn how you can enjoy fresh herbs on your windowsill, grow your own cat grass, garlic, and ginger all from your local grocery store! The perfect antidote to the gardener's winter doldrums! Presented by local gardener **Jessica Williams** of Oddduck Farm in Highland. **Registration required.**



Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

Select Tuesdays, March 10, April 14, 6-8 pm, BRD

Come and spend an evening every month with fellow gardening enthusiasts in a casual, laid-back atmosphere! You'll be able to exchange ideas, share experiences, and promote the joy of gardening. Whether you are experienced, a beginner, or just love to garden, all are welcome! **No registration required.**

Street-Smart Cats & Caretakers

Wednesday, March 18, 6-8 pm, ADR

Dutchess County faces a significant challenge with tens of thousands of free-roaming cats. Join us for an engaging workshop covering every aspect of performing Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) including pre-surgery, post-surgery, and ongoing care for community cats. Presented by an educator from Stray H.E.L.P., Inc. **Registration required.**

Housing: Know Your Rights

Tuesday, March 17, 2-3 pm, SPD

This seminar is for all community residents that are renting in the area to learn about tenant rights and defenses. Presented by Hudson Valley Justice Center, a local non-profit organization that provides legal advice to low-income families. **Registration required.**

Know Your Medicare Options

Saturday, March 28, 10 am, ADR

Learn what Medicare is with greater clarity, how and when you should sign up, and why it is important to review your options every year. Learn the differences between supplemental plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, and prescription drug plans. Presented by **Debora DeLucia**, who is a local Independent Medicare consultant who joined the Medicare Resource Group in 2017. **Registration required.**

Defensive Driving

Saturday, April 11, 9:30 am, BRD

Completing the course may provide a 10% discount on your auto insurance as well as the elimination of up to four points from your NYS license. Cost: \$40/person, cash only (exact change) – no credit cards or checks accepted. Bring your own lunch and pen. Pay the day of the class. The instructor is **Staci Cussick**. **Registration required. Each person must register separately.**

Foraging 101

Monday, April 20, 6:30-8 pm, BRD

Explore the culinary treasures hidden in wild foods. Learn to identify, harvest, and prepare these ancient foods so you can easily incorporate them into your daily meals. Herbalist and author **Dina Falconi** will present slides of botanically accurate illustrations and discuss master recipes from her book *Foraging & Feasting: A Field Guide and Wild Food Cookbook*. Signed copies will be available for purchase. **Registration required.**

World Tai Chi Day

*Saturday, April 25, 10 am, BRD,
Outside by the birches*

Come celebrate with free Tai Chi and Qigong classes, refreshments, and sword demonstrations with World and US Kuo Shu Champion Shifu **Jesse Thundermoon**. This event will be held outdoors rain or shine in the birch grove at the Boardman Road Library. Bring lawn chairs and weather gear. **No registration required.**

Free Tai Chi

*Fridays, 9:15-10:15 am OR 10:30-11:30 am,
OR 11:45-12:45 pm, BRD*

Free Tai Chi is a public outreach class offered by Complete Reality Tai Chi to promote the health and spiritual benefits of our practice to our community. Taught by **Karen Abramson**, Certified Free Tai Chi Instructor. Space is limited; first come, first served. **No registration required.**

The Foundation Center at Adriance

Are you a volunteer, staff member, or board trustee at a local non-profit organization looking to take your grant-seeking skills to the next level? The Foundation Center database and collection at Adriance Memorial Library is for you! PPLD subscribes to the Foundation Center's robust database, Foundation Directory Online, where you can discover grant opportunities that are a perfect match for your organization.

What is the Foundation Center database?

Foundation Directory Online Professional is the Foundation Center's premier searchable database for non-profits with 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status. It contains records for thousands of US grant makers. Although only accessible within the library, Foundation Directory Online Professional records can be emailed or saved to a flash drive to access outside the library.

The library also has a Foundation Center print collection that includes lots of great titles for fundraising, non-profit management, and grant writing. Any MHLS card holder can borrow these materials.

To discover all the library has to offer for non-profits, visit the Foundation Center resource page online at poklib.org/learn/foundation-center.



For assistance with the Foundation Directory or questions about how PPLD can help your non-profit, contact Jessica Sherman at (845) 485-3445 x3315 or by email at jsherman@poklib.org.



Library of Things

You can borrow science kits, musical instruments, and more! Visit poklib.org/books-more/library-of-things.



PPLD Tool Library

PPLD has tools available to check out! Scan the QR code, call the Reference Desk at x3702 or visit poklib.libguides.com/ppldtoolibrary.



Connecting

Drop In!

Board Games

Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD

Bring a friend and play games like SCRABBLE®, Mah Jongg, or cards!

All-Ages Chess Club

*Mondays, March 2 – April 13,
5–7 pm, BRD*

Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages welcome.

Brain Games

*Select Fridays, March 6, 13, April 3, 10,
10-11 am, ADR*

An hour of assorted thinking games in a group setting. No judgment; just socialization and fun challenges!

Come Play Modern American Canasta

Fridays, 1:30-4:30 pm, BRD

Come play Canasta with other Canasta enthusiasts. Beginners welcome but must know how to play. **No registration required.**

Knitting Circles

Bring your knitting and/or crocheting projects to the library and share your tricks and tips with others. **No registration required.**

Stitch Your Heart Out

Fridays, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD

Pick Up Stitches

Saturdays, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD

Paper Crafting

*Thursdays, March 26, April 23, 6:30-
8:30 pm, ADR*

You can bring your own project and materials and/or use materials the library will provide. **No registration required.**



Seed Sowing Center

PPLD patrons
can receive
free vegetable, herb,
and flower seeds!



Thanks to generous donations from as many as 10 seed companies, our Seed Sowing Center has 1,200 seed packets to give out to gardeners this year, while supplies last.

To learn more about this initiative and how to claim your seeds, or visit poklib.org/seed-sowing.



Pop-Up Computer Lab at the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

*Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 am – 12 pm,
14 Abe's Way*

Bring your own device, and get help with your smartphone and tablet-based questions. Seniors 55+. **No registration required.**

Jam Sessions

Strum and sing songs together in a fun and relaxed environment! Players of all abilities are welcome. Bring some favorite songs to share. Please bring your own instrument. **No registration required.**

Guitar Circle

*Select Tuesdays, 1-3 pm, BRD,
March 10, April 14*

Ukulele Strumalong

*Select Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, BRD,
March 24, April 28*

Go Sports!

1986 Mets: More Than Game 6
(40th Anniversary of Their World Series Win)
Monday, April 27, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Join presenter **Rick Feingold**, a lifelong Mets fan and professor of American History at Bergen Community College, to learn all about the New York Mets' 1986 World Series win. **Registration required.**



Highlights of Hudson Valley Sports History

Thursday, April 30, 7 pm, BRD

Did you know ice yachting on the Hudson River was once a popular pastime? Or that two of Franklin D. Roosevelt's cousins were champion women's tennis players? Join ambassadors from the Sports Museum of Dutchess County as they present on the deep history of sports in the Hudson Valley! This discussion highlights sports figures whose careers took root in the local area, including Light Heavyweight Champion boxer Melio Bettina, US men's national soccer team captain Tyler Adams, and women's sports trailblazer Patsy "Pat" Zerbe, as well as other generational athletes.

A slideshow featuring artifacts from the museum's collection will accompany the discussion. Presented by **Bill Ponte**, President, Sports Museum of Dutchess County and Morgan E. Maier, board member, Sports Museum of Dutchess County. **Registration required.**



Two New MAP Passes!

Unlock the best of the Hudson Valley and NYC with our MAP Passes! Your library card is now a golden ticket to iconic destinations. **New for 2026 are passes to MoMA and Dia Beacon!** Present your pass for free or reduced admission!

Reserve: Book your pass up to 60 days in advance through the library website.

Print or Pick Up: Most are printable passes, though some require picking up a physical pass from Adirondack or Boardman Road.



Visit poklib.org/books-more/map-pass to learn more and view venues.



FIND YOUR JOY!

National Library Week: April 19-25



"I love libraries enthusiastically every week! ... Celebrating libraries, thanking library workers, visiting libraries is how I find my joy."

**– Mychal Threats,
Honorary Chair**

Librarian, Author, Host of *Reading Rainbow*

Staff Spotlight: Bill Ahlbach



Meet an Extension Services coordinator who has been with PPLD for 24 years!

Describe your position in your own words!

Working in Extension Services allows me to work not only with Rover when it visits nursing homes and adult living facilities, but also to do home deliveries to those in the Poughkeepsie community who are unable to get to a library.

What are your goals for your department?

My goal is to reach more people who would like to use Extension Services and other services available such as New York State's Talking Book and Braille Library.

What's a fun fact that people might not know about you?

I like to spend my free time pursuing what is my original field of interest, paleoecology: the study of how past climates affected environments and early civilizations. I also participate as a reenactor during the American Revolution.



Public Computer Center

The PCC offers drop-in lab time and free classes to address all your technology needs. All events are in the Marcotte Computer Lab on the Main Floor at Adriance, and are 90 minutes, unless otherwise noted. **Registration is required for all classes. Closed on Sunday, April 5.**

Personal Assistance

Drop-in; no registration.

Receive individualized help addressing your computer-based needs. Learn basic computer skills, create email accounts, perform job searches, fill out job applications, format resumes, file for unemployment, and create and edit Microsoft Office documents.

Computer Lab

Monday - Friday, 11 am - 1 pm, ADR

Monday, 6:15-8:15 pm, ADR

Thursday, 11 am - 1 pm, BRD

Sadie Peterson Delaney Computer Lab

Tuesdays, March 3, April 7, 1:30-3:30 pm

Technology Assistant New!

Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR Ground Floor

Stop by to have your tech questions answered and issues resolved.

Pop-Up Computer Lab at the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 am - 12 pm, 14 Abe's Way

Bring your own device, and get help with your smartphone and tablet-based questions. Seniors 55+. **No registration required.**

Basics

PC Basics B

Thursday, March 12, 1:30 pm

Learn how to start up and shut down a PC; open, close, and resize windows; use the taskbar to move between windows. Includes practice time.

Mouse & Keyboard B

Thursday, March 26, 1:30 pm

Explore the keyboard and practice with the mouse. Learn about special key functions and shortcuts. Practice correcting typing mistakes and entering text into online forms. *Prereq: basic computer skills.*

Basic Email B

Thursday, April 2, 1:30 pm

Learn how to organize your account, send messages, and attach documents, and create a Gmail account in class. *Prereq: basic computer skills.*

Microsoft Office Courses

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prereqs apply.



Microsoft Excel: Spreadsheets

Excel 101 I

Monday, March 9, 3 pm

Wednesday, March 11, 6:15 pm

Learn how to create a spreadsheet, including how mouse pointers work, formatting your document, inserting basic formulas and saving your work. We will make an annual budget from scratch. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Excel 102 I

Monday, March 16, 3 pm

Wednesday, March 18, 6:15 pm

Learn how to work with multiple worksheets, sorting and filtering data, creating charts and additional functions. *Prerequisite: Excel 101 or equivalent experience.*

Excel 103 A

Monday, March 23, 3 pm

Wednesday, March 25, 6:15 pm

Learn how to use custom sort, group worksheets, create multi-sheet formulas, apply conditional formatting and protect formulas for file security. *Prerequisite: Excel 102 or equivalent experience.*

Excel Functions A

Monday, April 6, 3 pm

Wednesday, April 8, 6:15 pm

Learn advanced formatting techniques, Quick Parts, and how to secure your documents. *Prereq: Excel 103 or equivalent experience.*

Microsoft PowerPoint: Slideshows



PowerPoint 101 B

Saturday, April 4, 11 am

Design beginner level presentations: Create new slides, apply slide design, add transitions, insert objects and set up animations. *Prereq: Basic skills.*

Technology

Medicare 101 / Navigating the Medicare Site **B**

Thursday, March 5, 9:30 am, BRD

Friday, April 10, 9:30 am, ADR

Learn about Medicare Prescription Drug and Advantage Plans, and which is best for you. Led by volunteers and staff from HIICAP at Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Contact: Jamie Carey (845) 486-2083.

Online Security & Common Scams **B**

Monday, March 9, 1 pm

The Internet can be very informative and entertaining, but it also presents certain risks. Learn about the various security threats and ways to make your online searches more secure. We will also identify some common internet scams. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Introduction to 3D Printing Services **I**

Friday, March 13, 2 pm, or Friday, April 10, 2 pm

Introduction to 3D Printing and how you can submit projects to our 3D Printing Service. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Tinkercad 3D Printing Workshop **I**

Friday, March 20, 2 pm, or Friday, April 17, 2 pm

Tinkercad is an online 3D design application we will use during the workshop to create a model to print. *Prerequisite: Introduction to 3D Printing Services.*

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs **I**

Saturday, March 14, 11 am

Learn the basics of using Google Drive that includes free Google Docs. Upload and create files, navigate Google Drive, share files and collaborate with others. *Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.*

Using an iPhone **B**

Monday, March 16, 1 pm; Friday, March 27, 2 pm; or Saturday, April 11, 2 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of iPhones. You are welcome to bring your iPhone.

Using an Android **B**

Saturday, March 28, 2 pm, or Monday, April 13, 1 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of Androids. You are welcome to bring your Android.

Windows 11 **B**

Monday, March 23, 1 pm, or Monday, April 6, 1 pm

Learn how to navigate the Windows 11 operating system, perform basic work-related tasks, and personalize certain Windows 11 features to meet your needs. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

AI as a Thinking Partner **I**

Saturday, March 28, 12 pm

Saturday, April 11, 12 pm

Use the free Google Gemini to discover powerful prompting techniques that can augment your thinking and planning. Brainstorm ideas, create outlines, and challenge your own concepts, helping you develop your work more deeply and efficiently. *Prerequisite: intermediate computer skills.*

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips **B**

Monday, March 30, 1 pm

Learn about the different types of personal computers and their technical components. This class will help you understand the different specifications and terms to help you be an educated shopper. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Mac Basics **B**

Thursday, April 16, 1:30 pm

Learn Mac basics, navigation and tips on laptops and iPad. You are welcome to bring an Apple device if you have one. *Prerequisite: PC Basics or equivalent.*

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1:

The Blockchain **A**

Monday, April 27, 3 pm

We will discuss what the blockchain is and how it works. Concepts such as keys, wallets, consensus and hashing will be explained in preparation for the second class where we talk about cryptocurrency. Note: No financial advice will be given. *Prerequisite: Intermediate computer skills.*

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 2:

Cryptocurrency **A**

Wednesday, April 29, 6:15 pm

We will apply our blockchain knowledge to the most popular cryptocurrencies: Bitcoin and Ethereum. Additionally, we will cover smart contracts and decentralized apps. Note: No financial advice will be given. *Prerequisite: Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1: The Blockchain.*

Recommended Experience



Beginner



Intermediate



Advanced



Expert

Programas en español



Información e inscripciones con Elva Margarita al (845) 485-3445 x3321 o ecorbaton@poklib.org.

PLAZA COMUNITARIA POUGHKEEPSIE



Es un programa de educación básica para migrantes que hablan español, sin importar nacionalidad, y que tienen 18 años o más. Las personas interesadas deben acudir directamente a la biblioteca para recibir más información y realizar su inscripción.

Requisitos: acta de nacimiento y e identificación con fotografía.

Clases y materiales gratuitos. Las personas que concluyan la primaria y secundaria recibirán un certificado oficial de estudios emitido por la Secretaría de Educación Pública del Gobierno de México, válido tanto en el país de origen del estudiante, como en Estados Unidos.

Clases de primaria para adultos

3 de marzo - 28 de abril, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Clases de secundaria para adultos

3 de marzo - 28 de abril, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Alfabetización 1 & 2: Clases para adultos de lectura y escritura

5 de marzo - 30 de abril, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Alfabetización tecnológica

5 de marzo – 23 de abril, 5:30 – 7 pm, ADR

La Plaza Comunitaria de Poughkeepsie ofrece el curso de Alfabetización Tecnológica, dividido en tres módulos consecutivos. Las personas principiantes es recomendable iniciar desde el primer módulo. No requiere estar inscrito en primaria o secundaria para tomar estas clases de computación. **Para verificar espacio en el grupo, comuníquese con Elva Margarita.**

Consulado móvil de El Salvador

*Sábado, 14 de marzo, 9 am – 5 pm,
Auditorio MHLS (105 Market Street)*

Obtén tu pasaporte, y tu Documento Único de Identidad (DUI). Las citas se hacen directamente con el Consulado de El Salvador. Visite portalcitas.rree.gob.sv/#/sessions/signin para hacer su cita.

Le recomendamos consultar el sitio web del consulado rree.gob.sv/ o el sitio web de la biblioteca en poklib.org/spanish para verificar los requisitos necesarios para realizar su trámite. Solo se atiende con cita.

Consulado Mexicano sobre Ruedas

*Del 28 de abril al 2 de mayo, 9 am – 1:30 pm,
Auditorio MHLS, (105 Market Street)*

El CSR ofrece sus servicios a los miembros de la comunidad mexicana que desee obtener su pasaporte, matrícula consular, acta de nacimiento, credencial para votar y doble nacionalidad. Los trámites se atienden con o sin cita. **SOLO SE ATIENDE CON CITA LOS TRÁMITES DE DOBLE NACIONALIDAD.**

Las citas se abren el 6 de abril, y puede realizarse por teléfono al 1-424-309-0009 o por vía WhatsApp.

Para asistencia en español, visite el mostrador de referencia en la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial.

Entre hilos y pan

*Viernes, 27 de marzo y 24 de abril, 6 – 8:30 pm,
Panera Bread (712 Dutchess Turnpike)*

En un espacio cálido y comunitario aprendemos a tejer, compartimos proyectos y disfrutamos café con pan fresco. Más que una clase, es un refugio de creatividad y cultura: cada puntada une historias, cada ovillo abre puertas, y cada encuentro combate la soledad con amistad. **Abierto a todos, sin inscripción.**



Serie de arte latinoamericano

Explora el arte prehispánico

Lunes, 16 de marzo, 6:30 – 8 pm, ADR

Adéntrate en el simbolismo, la estética y la maestría técnica de las grandes civilizaciones prehispánicas. Descubre cómo el arte inca, maya, mexica y andino revelaba visiones del mundo, rituales y conocimientos científicos. Sesión perfecta para aquellos amantes de la historia que buscan comprender el legado cultural de nuestras raíces. **Requiere inscripción.**

Descubre el arte virreinal latinoamericano

Lunes, 20 de abril, 6:30 – 8 pm, ADR

Explora cómo, entre encuentros culturales y tensiones históricas, surgieron algunas de las obras más fascinantes del periodo colonial. Conocerás estilos, iconografías y artistas que dieron forma a un arte híbrido y profundamente simbólico. Ideal para comprender la riqueza visual y cultural de América Latina. **Requiere inscripción.**

Descubre el arte hispanoamericano en el MET

Sábado, 18 de abril, 10:30 am,
Museo Metropolitano de la Ciudad de Nueva York

Únete a una visita guiada al Museo Metropolitano de Nueva York para explorar tesoros de arte hispanoamericano. Obras maestras virreinales y piezas devocionales que revelan siglos de encuentro cultural. La actividad comienza a las 10:30 am. Transporte y gastos son responsabilidad exclusiva de cada participante. **Requiere inscripción.**



Despierta tu jardín en primavera

Sábado, 11 de abril,
11 am – 12:30 pm, ADR

Nuestros amigos de Poughkeepsie Farm Project enseñan a preparar la tierra para sembrar flores o vegetales, organizar el espacio del jardín y usar iniciadores de semillas. Los participantes aprenderán a germinar, cuidar y finalmente trasplantar al suelo para iniciar un jardín saludable. Se proporcionará tierra, semillas y macetas. **Requiere inscripción.**



Páginas que unen en la celebración del Día Internacional del Libro

Sábado, 11 de abril, 2 - 4 pm, ADR

Únete a nuestra comunidad hispana para una tarde dedicada a las historias que nos conectan. Habrá lecturas en voz alta, recomendaciones literarias, y declamaciones de poesía. Ven a descubrir nuevas voces, compartir tus autores favoritos y celebrar la magia de la lectura. **No requiere inscripción.**

Tu biblioteca electrónica en un clic

Miércoles, 10 am – 12 pm, ADR

Accede fácilmente a la biblioteca electrónica desde tu teléfono móvil. Descubre materiales digitales en cualquier momento y lugar. Con una aplicación o desde nuestro sitio web te enlazas para estudiar idiomas, obtener pases para museos y parques, practicar para el examen escrito de manejo, y más. **No requiere inscripción.**

11 de marzo: **Transparent Language**

25 de marzo: **MAP Passes**

15 de abril: **Practica para el examen escrito de manejo**



FESTIVAL DE LITERATURA
PARA NIÑOS
EN POUGHKEEPSIE

Sábado, 28 de marzo,
10-3, Falcon Hall, DCC

¡Conoce a más de 100 autores, ilustradores y personajes de cuentos; echa un vistazo a los libros a la venta!

Los visitantes del Festival del Libro menores de 17 años podrán recibir un vale, valorado en \$15.

poklib.org/bookfestival

No requiere inscripción. Para más información, contacta Youth Services en x3320.



Teen

Registration is required except where noted. Programs are held in the Teen Room at Adriance Memorial Library unless otherwise noted and are for ages 12-18. **Closed Sunday, April 5.**

Young Adventurers Guild: D&D Club *Saturdays, 1-4:30 pm, BRD*

Want to play D&D or learn how? Join the club and have fun with D&D! We have everything you need: a Dungeon Master, adventures, maps, and minis. Snacks, drinks, and dice are provided. Roll up a new character or play a pre-generated one. All you need is your imagination! For ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

All-Ages Chess Club *Mondays, March 2 – April 13, 5–7 pm, BRD*

Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages and skill levels welcome. **No registration required.**

Drop-In Teen Gaming *Mondays, March 2 – April 13, 5-8 pm, ADR*

Visit the Teen Room to play games on our Nintendo Switch! Up to four players at a time; please bring positivity and kindness to our gaming community. **No registration required.**

Anime Movie Nights *Tuesdays, March 3 – April 14, 5-6 pm, ADR* **No registration required.**

Candle Making *Thursday, March 5, 4-5 pm, ADR*

Make a candle using our scents, dried flowers, and candle-making supplies. Seats are limited. **Registration required.**

Teen Crochet Blanket *(see right)* *Monday, March 9, April 13, 5-7 pm, ADR*

Once a month until June, we will meet up and create blankets. Any skills are welcome! Bring your excitement and enjoy the company of your peers. For ages 12-18. Seating is limited. **Registration required.**

Teen Cooking *Thursdays, 4-6 pm, ADR*

March 12: No-Boil Mac and Cheese
April 16: Orzo Salad

We'll make simple, delicious dishes you can easily recreate at home for yourself, your family, or your friends. Why not pick up some new cooking skills along the way? For ages 12-18. **Registration required.**

Teen LEGO Builders *Tuesday, March 17, 5-6 pm, ADR*

This month we'll meet to build LEGO sets and/or create our own LEGO builds. Try out LEGOTechnic Creator Expert, and LEGO Idea sets. **Registration required.**

Spring Painted Totes *Thursday, March 19, 4-5 pm, ADR*

Unleash your creativity and welcome spring with a fun tote bag painting workshop! Teens ages 12–18 are invited to design and paint their own canvas tote bags using a variety of colorful paints and stencils. All materials will be provided. Take home a unique, eco-friendly bag perfect for books, school, or everyday use. No experience necessary—just bring your imagination! **Registration required.**

Anime / Manga Club

Wednesdays, 5-6 pm, ADR

March 25: Dragon Goes House-Hunting

April 29: I'm in Love with the Villainess

Monthly, we'll watch a couple of episodes of a selected anime series and then discuss its corresponding manga. It's a great way to connect with fellow fans, share recommendations, and enjoy some fantastic stories together. Everyone is welcome. **Registration required.**

Mason Jar Herb Garden

Thursday, March 26, 4-5 pm, ADR

Get your hands dirty and grow something fresh! Teens ages 12–18 are invited to create their own herb gardens using mason jars. Learn the basics of planting, discover the uses of popular herbs, and take home a living garden to nurture. All supplies provided. No experience needed.

Registration required.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Thursday, April 2, 4-5 pm, ADR

Get creative and celebrate nature with this relaxing craft program just for teens! Participants will design and assemble their own pressed flower bookmarks using real dried flowers, cardstock, and simple tools. Learn a bit about flower pressing while creating a unique, functional piece of art—perfect for personal use or as a gift. All materials will be provided. **Registration required.**

Beaded Curtains

Thursday, April 9, 4-6 pm, ADR

Create a fun, creative image using pony beads as room decor. This is a drop-in program. **No registration required.**



Attention: Chess Enthusiasts!

Please be aware that starting in May, the All-Ages Chess Club will be moved to Tuesdays from 6-8 pm.

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist

Thursday, April 2, 7-8 pm, BRD

Everyone has at least one book in them, but if freeing that book feels like a challenge, you've come to the right place. We'll go over tools and techniques, the basic blueprint all stories follow, and offer encouragement to help you get started writing creative narrative work. Learn skills applicable to all genres and narrative prose. Teens and adults welcome. **Registration required.**

Early Childhood



PPLD supports early literacy through high-quality programs and resources. We'll help you find the answers you need as you raise the next generation of citizens. For these programs, children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. *Registration is not required, except where noted. Closed on Sunday, April 5.*

At Adriance

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, March 3 – April 14, 10-10:50 am

A story time for two-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music, followed by play time.

Baby and Me

Wednesday, March 4 – April 15, 10-10:50 am

Join us weekly for Baby and Me! We will explore the joys of songs, rhymes and movement you can practice at home to keep building early literacy and motor skills. Come early or stay late to play and socialize with other babies and caregivers! For children who are pre-walkers or crawlers. Siblings are welcome. For 0-24 months.

Music & Movement

Thursdays, March 5 – April 16, 10-10:50 am

Get ready for a wigglin', gigglin', toe-tappin', hand clappin' time! We'll dance, sing, play instruments, and end with interactive play. For children ages 2-5.

Bilingual Family Story Time

Thursday, March 19, April 9, 1:30–2:30 pm

Join us for an interactive session in English and Spanish with stories, songs, and crafts! This program will provide a fun and educational cultural exchange regardless of fluency. For families with children aged 1-5 years old.

Sensory Lab

Fridays, March 6 – April 17, 10-11 am

Enhance fine motor skills through sensory exploration and play. For children ages 18 months to 5 years. Dress for the mess!

At Boardman Road

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, March 2 – April 13, 10-10:45 am

Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For 0-18 months.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, March 3 – April 14, 10-10:30 am

Stories, songs, action rhymes, and small crafts for ages 3-5. Parents and siblings welcome.

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesday, March 4 – April 15, 10-10:45 am

This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For ages 18-24 months.

Toddler Time for Two-Year-Olds

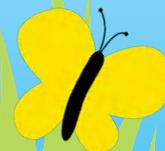
Thursdays, March 5 – April 16, 10-10:30 am

A story time for two-year-olds featuring books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, March 5 – April 16, 10:45-11:30 am

Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for walkers up to age 5.



Give Your Child a Head Start!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Fuel your child's imagination and prepare them for school with the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** challenge. This free, self-paced program encourages families to read 1,000 books together before the first day of kindergarten.

How it works:

Register: Visit the children's department at Adriance to sign up.

Track Progress: Color a bear on your log for every book read. Yes, repeats count!

Earn Rewards: Visit the library every 100 books for stickers and stamps.



Celebrate: Reach 1,000 books to earn a certificate and a spot on the Wall of Fame!

Start this rewarding journey today and foster a lifelong love of reading! To learn more, visit poklib.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten, call x3320, or visit the children's desk.



Spark Learning with Early Literacy Backpacks!

Empower your child's journey toward school readiness with Early Literacy Backpacks from PPLD. These curated kits are designed to turn parents into their child's first teacher by making reading at home interactive and fun. Each bag contains 5-6 books, an educational toy, and a literacy tip tailored for specific developmental stages, including infant, toddler, or preschool levels.



Adult library cardholders (18+) with no fines can check these out at Adriance, Boardman Road, or Sadie Peterson Delaney. Enjoy the materials for three weeks before returning them directly to the original borrowing location. Visit your local branch today to grab an adventure for your little learner! Learn more at poklib.org/early-literacy-backpacks.

Adventure Awaits with PPLD MAP Passes!

Turn your library card into a passport for family fun! The Library District offers MAP Passes providing free or reduced admission to over 40 destinations, many of which are family-friendly.

Top Picks for Kids:

Hands-on Fun: Spark curiosity at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum.

Wild Encounters: Visit the animals at Trevor Zoo.

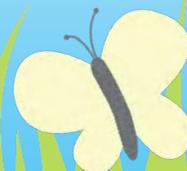
Storybook Magic: Step into the world of picture books at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art.

Epic Discoveries: See the blue whale at the American Museum of Natural History.



How to Start: Poughkeepsie residents can log in with their PPLD card to reserve a pass up to 60 days in advance. Many are printable, making it easy to get on your way! Visit poklib.org/books-more/map-pass to learn more.

Learn more about MAP Pass destinations for adults on page 13!



Dolly Parton Imagination Library going strong! See next page!

Children

At Adriance

These programs require registration unless otherwise noted. Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 X 3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register.

Kids' Chess Club

Tuesdays, March 3 – April 14, 6–8 pm

Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us biweekly for meetings—the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. Recommended for up to age 12. **No registration required.**

Drop-In Storytime

Wednesdays, March 4 – April 15, 4-4:30 pm

Snuggle up in the Story Nook and listen to your next favorite story! Recommended for ages 4 and up. **No registration required.**

Drop-In Craft

Monday, March 30, 2-3 pm

Thursday, April 2, 2-3 pm

Drop in select days during spring break and create fun crafts and projects! While supplies last. For ages 5-11. **No registration required.**

Kids' Art Studio

Tuesday, April 14, 4-5 pm

Join us for an unstructured art studio for kids! Choose an art project to work on from a selection of supplies. This is a drop off program but parents are welcome to wait in the Children's Room. Ages 8-11.

At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Make a Wind Chime

Monday, March 9, 4-5 pm

Make a wind chime for the windy month of March. For ages 6-11.

K-2 Stories & Crafts

Wednesday, March 25, 4-5 pm

Join us as we share some of our favorite picture books and make a special craft afterwards.

Paint a Bird House

Thursday, April 2, 4-5 pm

Assemble and paint your own wooden bird house. For ages 5-11.

Splish Splash Bath Salts

Monday, April 6, 4-5 pm

Make kid-friendly bath salts in a decorative jar. For ages 6-11.

Zentangles!

Wednesday, April 15, 4-5 pm

Join us for this quiet, meditative, creative activity. Together, we will learn how to create Zentangle-style artwork. For ages 6-11.

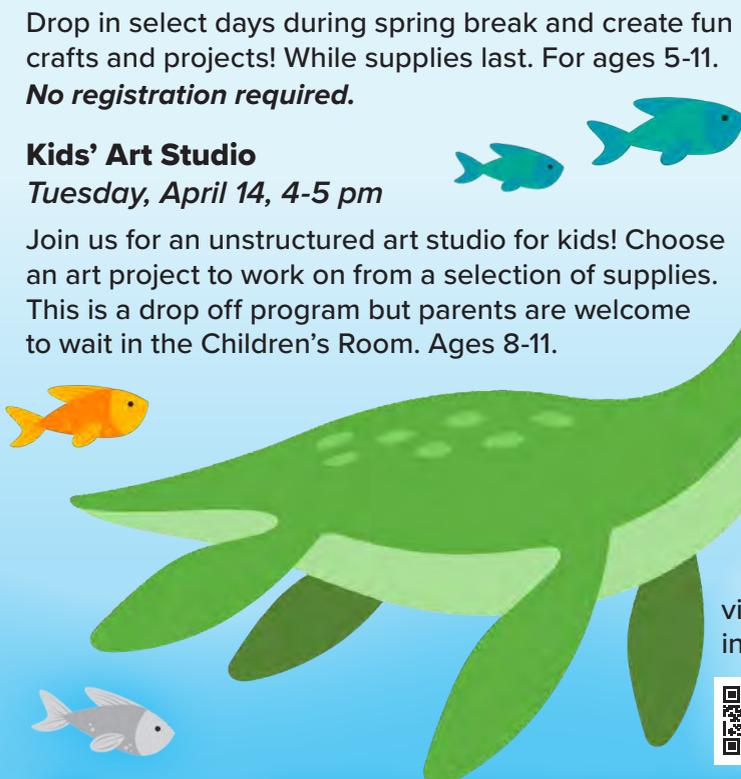
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Going Strong

Together with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, we're making it easier to bring the joy of reading to your home! DPIL mails free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to registered children (who must reside in the City or Town of Poughkeepsie; recipient address is verified in Dutchess County Parcel Access) every month from birth up to their fifth birthday.

Is your child eligible to participate? To learn more, visit poklib.org/youth/dolly-parton. For more information, contact dolly@poklib.org.



This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of PPLD and NY Department of Education.



At SPD

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Creatures of Loch Ness Scavenger Hunt March 6 – May 1, SPD

Can you find all 10 mythical and definitely-real animals hiding out in the SPD? **No registration required — just grab a sheet!**

Gale in Context: Elementary — An awesome free research source for kids!

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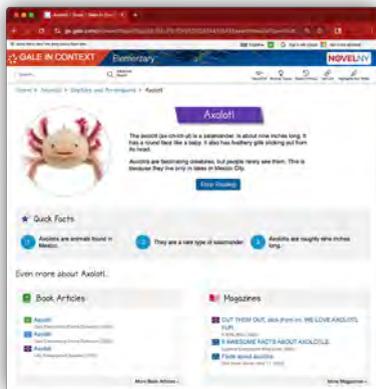
a great, safe source for kids to learn more about a topic of their choice.

Whether for school projects or simple curiosity, kids can search

a variety of **scientific** (examples: carnivorous plants, solar energy, cloning, health, axolotls); **historical** (examples: ancient societies, US presidents, historical figures); **social** (examples: civics, pop stars, authors, emotions, social skills); and **arts-related** topics (examples: guitar, anime, ceramics, Van Gogh, Taylor Swift, *Hamilton*).

Read about the topic of interest on the website and explore linked sources to take your research further. This service is complete with formatted citations, photographs, and recent news articles related to the topic. Gale in Context: Elementary is an empowering experience that makes research fun and accessible. This is part of NovelNY, which provides free online resources to all New York residents.

Visit tinyurl.com/ppldgalekids or scan the QR code for access!



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POUGHKEEPSIE CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 28, 10-3,
Falcon Hall, DCC

Meet more than 100 authors,
illustrators, and storybook
characters; check out the books
for sale, and more!

Visitors to the Book Festival
under the age of 17 will be
able to receive a voucher,
valued at \$15.



The Book Festival
has grown in
popularity over the
past several years,
with a whopping 2,305
people attending in
2025.



Thank you for being a
part of this growth.
We hope to see
you there!



poklib.org/bookfestival

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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BOOK FESTIVAL**

See page 3 for details!



Friends News

The Friends of PPLD is an independent entity organized to support the Library District.

Visit the Friends' Book Store:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423

Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore



Mystery Mondays Book Club Mondays, 11 am, BRD

March 30: *Death in Brittany* by
Jean-Luc Bannalec



April 27: *The Devotion of Suspect X*
by Keigo Higashino

Mah Jongg Tournament

Saturday, May 16, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, BRD

Enjoy lunch, a prize drawing, and fun at this Friends of PPLD Fundraiser and Friendraiser!

\$55 per person. **Registration required.**

For more information and to register, call Barbara Lynch at 845-546-4734 or email bslynch56@msn.com.

Book Store Volunteers Needed

Visit the Book Store to learn more!

Purchase high-quality books while supporting PPLD!

Browse books from popular authors as well as antique books and rare editions.

Most books are \$2 or less! We have books for all ages and across all genres.

Gift certificates and PPLD swag are also available for purchase.

The Friends' Book Store raised over \$149,000 in 2025 to support PPLD's programs and services.

Support the Friends in your spring cleaning!

We accept donations in good condition, including **books** (hardcover and paperback); **CDs, DVDs, LPs**, and **audiobooks** (on CD); and special collections (**antiquarian, comics**, etc. — please contact us to discuss your collection).

We do not accept puzzles, board games, encyclopedias, condensed books (except large print), magazines, journals, books with any underlining or highlighting, books in poor condition, tapes of any kind, textbooks over 15 years old, or outdated travel guides.

Cardboard boxes of neatly stacked books can be dropped off in two locations:

- **Book Store Donation Pod, BRD** (rear of building)
Monday–Friday, 9 am – 1 pm
- **Adriance Parking Lot** (GPS Locator: 22 Noxon Street)
Saturday, 10 am – 12 pm

For more details, see poklib.org/friends/donations.