Let’s Celebrate Together!

National Library Week celebrates everything that libraries are – books, story times, discovery, crafts, community, and more! Stop by your local library during National Library Week, April 5-10, and make memories with us.

**Library Lovers**
If there are some budding artists in your home, be sure to pick up a ‘Library Lover’ coloring page, or print some out at home: poklib.org/national-library-week-coloring-pages/ Then grab the crayons, colored pencils, or markers and make a masterpiece. Share the love by posting your art on the front door, the mailbox, your car, or online! Tell the neighborhood how much your library means to you. (Thank you – we love you too!)

**Library Scavenger Hunt**
For adults and adventuresome kids, why not join the Library Scavenger Hunt at either (or both) library locations! Pick up a Scavenger Hunt guide at the check-out desk April 5-10. There are clues, challenges, and puzzles to solve that will take you to all corners of the library. Work your way through the Hunt, sign your name and phone number, and drop it in the Scavenger Hunt box near the Circulation Desk by 5 pm on April 10. One winning submission will be pulled at each library on Monday, April 12.

**International Story Time and Hatching Chicks**
Don’t miss the April 6 International Children’s Book Day Celebration Story Time at Adriance Memorial Library. We’ll be spotlighting some extraordinary books from around the world for children in grades K-3.

The library will also be hatching our own set of chicks this spring – we’ll set up the incubator on the second floor and kids can visit the eggs while we wait for the first sign of fuzzy yellow feathers. What fun!

**Earth Day**
The public libraries of Dutchess County are celebrating Earth Day (April 22) with seed packet giveaways and a month of special programs celebrating our Earth. The Poughkeepsie Public Library District is collaborating with Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls for a fun day of fresh air and fun.

**Library in the Park!**
Saturday, April 24, 10 am-3:30 pm, Bowdoin Park, Pavilion 5, Wappingers Falls

Rover the Roving Library will be parked and open for visitors. Stop by and pick up a free seed packet (while supplies last), see the new bookmobile, and meet our mascot Rover!

11 am and 11:30 am: **Tree Hugger Story Times**
Enjoy some fun nature-themed books in the great outdoors! All ages welcome.

12-1:30 pm: **Owl About Taking Care of the Earth!**
Get ready to dissect an owl pellet and figure out what rodent bones lie inside – a mole, mouse, vole, or shrew? Put the skeleton back together and discover exactly what owls eat as you conduct hands-on research like a real ornithologist!

2:30-3:30 pm: **Tree Hugger Nature Hike**
A guided walk focused on observing and identifying trees, shrubs, and other plants with Joyce deVries Tomaselli of CCEDC. Learn about native and invasive plants and discover early spring flowers. All ages welcome.
Children's Programs (Grades K-6)

These programs require registration. Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 x3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register.

At Adriance

International Children’s Book Day Celebration

Story Time

Tuesday, April 6, 4-4:45 pm

Since 1967, International Children’s Book Day has been celebrated on or around Hans Christian Andersen’s birthday (April 2) to inspire a love of reading. Listen to a few stories from the Outstanding International Books list and make a craft based on the stories. Grades K-3.

What’s Hatching at the Library

Thursday, April 8, 4-4:45 pm

Learn about the journey from egg to chicken and help hatch our own chicks. Grades K-3.

Jelly Bean STEM Structures

Monday, April 12, 4-4:45 pm

Build your own jelly bean structures! Grades 1-6.

DIY Lollipop Bouquet

Thursday, April 15, 4-4:45 pm

Celebrate spring with a colorful and delicious lollipop bouquet! Grades 4-7.

Celebrate National Poetry Month

Tuesday, April 20, 4-4:45 pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month with some fun poetry activities including acrostics, paint chip poetry, and ice cream poetry. Grades 2-6.

Play-Doh World

Thursday, April 22, 4-4:45 pm

Learn about the different layers of our Earth, then make a layered Earth out of play-doh! Grades 2-6.

STEM Racing with Sphero Minis

Tuesday, April 27, 4-4:45 pm

Come try your hand at racing our brand new Sphero Minis! Use an iPad just like a game controller to race your Sphero through our obstacle course and see who comes in first place! Grades 3-6.

Mexican Folk Art Birds

Thursday, April 29, 4-4:45 pm

In anticipation of the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration (May 5), we’ll be celebrating Mexican culture by sculpting a popular folk art figure. Grades 1-5.

Star Wars Day Celebration

Tuesday, May 4, 4-4:45 pm

May the 4th be with you! Celebrate Star Wars day by performing Jedi and Sith challenges with us. Character dress-up is encouraged! Grades K-5.

Glass Gem Sun Catcher

Thursday, May 6, 4-4:45 pm

Here comes the sun! Celebrate spring by making a glass gem sun catcher! Grades K-5.

Spring Time Butterfly Board

What is your favorite thing about spring? Write it on a butterfly and we will add it to our bulletin board! Grades K-5.

Family Fort Night

Thursday, May 13, 5:30-7 pm

Celebrate National Family Reading Month with local storyteller Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi! Build a blanket fort with the family and enjoy some nighttime reading. End the night with a to-go S’mores bar! Come in your favorite PJ’s and bring extra blankets/pillows to spruce up your fort. Grades K-5.

Cook Up a Story: No More Cookies

Wednesday, April 28, 4-4:45 pm, Virtual

Listen to the story No More Cookies and then head to the kitchen to make Magic Monkey Bananas. Grades K-3.

Battle of the Books is Back!

Hey kids – do you like reading and trivia games? If so, check out our Battle of the Books program! The Poughkeepsie Public Library District is now recruiting students in grades 3-8 to compete in the Mid-Hudson Library System’s annual Battle of the Books competition, held virtually this year. Our team spends the summer reading six terrific books, practicing book-related trivia for the battle, and having lots of fun! The competition may be intense, but the team enjoys the entire experience!

The Battle of the Books is a nationally recognized literature contest in which students answer trivia questions based on specific titles that they have read. Young people are introduced to great literature, build a strong team as they get to know their teammates, and then compete with teams from other local libraries.

For more information about this program, contact Youth Services Librarian Jolie Hamer-Conroy at Adriance Memorial Library at (845) 485-3445 x3364 or jhamer-conroy@poklib.org.

Titles we’ll be reading this summer:

- All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor
- Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova
- Blended by Sharon M. Draper
- Freakling by Lana Krumwiede
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
- Ungifted by Gordon Korman

Cool Stuff

Locations & Hours

Adriance Memorial Library
93 Market St, Poughkeepsie
Mon-Thurs: 9 am-9 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am-3 pm
Sun: Closed

Boardman Road Branch Library
141 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie
Mon-Thurs: 9 am-9 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am-3 pm
Sun: Closed

Which Early Learning Program is Right for my Child?

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Early Childhood (Birth-Preschool)  

The Library District 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. For the Spring 2021 session, registration will be required.

**Programs at Adriance**

Free parking and easy access available from the Noxon Street Parking Lot (GPS Locator: 22 Noxon Street). Story times are weekly series.

**Songs and Stories:**  
**Bilingual Story Time**  
*Mondays, April 5-May 17, 10-10:30 am*  
Books, flannel board stories, and music enhanced with Spanish vocabulary for ages 2-5.

**Canciones y Cuentos**  
*Lunes, 5 de Abril al 17 de Mayo, 10-10:30 am*  
Libros, historias sobre el fieltro y el tablero de música con la introducción de vocabulario en español para niños de 2 a 5 años.

**Toddler Time**  
*Tuesdays, April 6-May 18, 10-10:30 am*  
A story time for two-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

**Romp & Read**  
*Wednesdays, April 7-May 19, 10-10:30 am*  
This story time for infants, older babies, and their caregivers features songs, rhymes, bounces, and books, and highlights early literacy development for little ones. For ages birth-24 months.

**PLC-Preschool Learning Center Story Time**  
*Fridays, April 9-May 21, 10-11:30 am*  
Books, flannel board stories, and music for children ages 3-5 followed by guided play.

**Programs at Boardman Rd**

Story times are weekly series.

**Preschool Story Time**  
*Mondays, April 5-May 17, 10-10:30 am*  
Stories, songs, action rhymes, and a small craft for 3-5 year olds. Parents and siblings welcome.

**Baby Rhyme & Play Time**  
*Tuesdays, April 6-May 18, 10-10:30 am*  
Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For birth to 18 months.

**Walk & Wiggle**  
*Wednesdays, April 7-May 19, 10-10:30 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**  
*Thursdays, April 8-May 20, 10-10:30 am*  
A story time for two-year-olds featuring books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

**PLC After Hours**

**Spring Flowers**  
*Wednesday, May 12, 4-4:30 pm*  
Join us for 30 minutes of story time followed by a take-home spring flower craft. For PreK.