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Women in Music - Kirsten Thien

Comedian Ellen Orchid

Author S. A. Cosby

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The Story of the New Branch

The big news in this issue of the newsletter is that the Library District is preparing to open a new branch library at the Family Partnership Center on North Hamilton Street. The Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library (SPDAR L) is scheduled to open in February.

For several years now, the Library District has been looking for ways to improve access to library services in Poughkeepsie’s Northside neighborhoods that are cut off from our two libraries due to the local traffic and transport availability. In early 2021, the Family Partnership informed the Library District of an opportunity to partner with the Library Action Committee of the original SPDARL and to create a full-service branch library to better serve Northside residents.

The Library District will honor M.S. Delaney, a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School who received national acclaim for her work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama, by retaining the name of the original SPDARL. In her role as Senior Librarian, M.S. Delaney helped pioneer the use of bibliotherapy, which she defined as “the treatment of patients through selected reading.”

T he original African Roots Library collection will be curated through a partnership between the Library Action Committee and the Library District and will offer opportunities to understand the African American experience both locally and across the diaspora.

Sadie Peterson Delaney was a very active member of the Smith Metropolitan AME Zion Church. In October 1915, the church’s newsletter noted she was serving our church as President of the J. W. Hood Literary Society, President of the General Claims Auxiliary No. 2, Leader of the Children’s Class, Sabbath School Teacher, and member of the Busy Bee Sewing Circle. Delaney was 30 years old when she left Poughkeepsie to study at the 135th Street Branch of the New York City library system, now the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem. She was active there when the intellectual, musical, and artistic activities of the Harlem Renaissance took place. Today, that library houses a collection of her letters, clippings and photographs. In 1923, Delaney assumed the post of chief Librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital Library in Tuskegee, Alabama, where her work in bibliotherapy received international attention.

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Meet the Authors

An Afternoon with Amor Towles
Sunday, March 19, 2:30 pm, Bardavon
Born and raised in the Boston area, Amor Towles graduated from Yale College and received an M.A. in English from Stanford University. His new novel, *The Lincoln Highway*, debuted at #1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list and was named #1 in *A Magazine of the Best Books of the Year*. M. R. Towles is a first novel, *Rules of Civility* (2011) was also a *New York Times* bestseller, as was his second, *A Gentleman in Moscow* (2016). This novel was optioned by *Entertainment One* and the British director Tom Harper to be made into a 6-8 hour miniseries starring Kenneth Branagh. Having worked as an investment professional for over twenty years, M. R. Towles now devotes himself full time to writing in Manhattan, where he lives with his wife and two children. Free tickets are available at Adriance Memorial Library or at the Bardavon Box Office.

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Books and Brew Book Club
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy’s Pub, 796 Main St
Contact Kira Thompson at (845) 485-3445 x3350 or kthompson@ppl.org for details. Registration required.
February 15: *Razorblade Tears* by S. A. Cosby
S. A. Cosby is an Anthony Award-winning writer from Southeastern Virginia. He is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Razorblade Tears* and *Blindspot Wasteland*, which won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, was named a best book of the year by NPR, *The Guardian,* and *Library Journal,* among others. W hen not writing, he is an avid hiker and chess player. Registration required.

February 27: *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich
It was 1953 and Thomas Wazhazhe is the night watchman at a factory near the Turtle Mountain Reservation. He is also a Chippewa council member trying to understand the consequences of a new ‘emancipation’ bill on its way to the floor of the United States Congress.

March 16: *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Path
This intensely emotional novel introduces readers to Esther, a brilliant, beautiful, talented, successful woman battling mental illness and societal pressures.

Explore Writing, Reading, & Poetry
Registration not required.
Exercise Your Writing
First Sundays, January 2, February 6, March 6, 2 pm, AD R
Exercise your writing in this workshop where you receive prompts, write, and then share with the group. Facilitated by Billy Herman.

Write, Write, and Re-Write
Third Saturdays, January 15, February 19, March 19, 10 am, ADR
Featured poet followed by open mic.

An Even Night of Poetry
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We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.
— Ernest Hemingway
Creating
Registration required.

Paper Crafting
Mondays, 7-8 pm, ADR
Bring a friend and play board games like SCRABBLE®, Mah Jongg, even cards!

Brain Games
First and Second Fridays, 10-11 am, ADR

Connecting
Registration not required unless indicated.

Board Game Mondays
Mondays, 1-4 pm, ADR
Bring a friend and play board games like SCRABBLE®, Mah Jongg, even cards!

Art Play for Adults - Watercolor Painting on Wet Paper
Sunday, March 20, 2:30 pm, ADR
Come work on your paper craft with other paper lovers. Bring your own project and materials and/or use materials the library will provide.

History Near and Far
Registration required.

Exploring Your Family Tree
Friday, February 18, 3-4:30 pm, Virtual
In this introductory genealogy class, we explore a variety of resources available for researching family history. We provide a general overview of several free open-source websites, subscription databases available with your library card, and physical materials accessible in the Genealogy Room at Adriance.

Great Discoveries
Finding a Grant for Your Non-Profit
Friday, March 18, 3-4:30 pm, ADR
Want to take your grant-seeking skills to the next level? In this hands-on workshop, you’ll learn how to search the Foundation Center’s robust database, Foundation Directory Online, and discover grant opportunities that are a perfect match for your non-profit organization. Registration required.

FLIP Over Family Photos
Family photos are a wonderful record of precious memories. But if those photos are stashed in a shoebox, stored in a slide carousel, or falling out of a decaying photo album, it’s really tough to enjoy them. That’s when it’s time to call on the Library District’s FLIP (Family Lineage Image Preservation) workshops.

Since April 2019, staff member Jodie Sclafani has transferred 4,400 slides and photographs and 340 videos into digital format (stored on USB) for many happy patrons. “I have videos of my kids when they were little, but I couldn’t watch them because I don’t have a VHS player anymore. I took the tapes to the library and Jodie transferred them onto a thumb drive. I was absolutely thrilled to see those sweet holiday videos again!” commented one community member.

The Library District began offering this service to the community in 2019 for only the cost of the storage device ($4/USB). Jodie says, “people mostly bring old vacation photos, holiday and birthday photos/videos, and photos for specific family tree projects.” The Library District has a special scanner that can convert slides, negatives, and printed photos to digital format and the equipment necessary to convert a variety of video formats to digital. “It’s a lot of fun – I like doing it. People are very appreciative, and it’s great to help people reconnect to their family memories,” observed Jodie.

Extracting the Truth from the Trade: The Delano Family
Wednesday, March 9, 6:30-8 pm, ADR
This presentation by historian Shannon Butler explores the Delano family and their rise to fame and fortune as the result of their involvement in the opium trade in China. Butler offers insights on the Delanos’ experiences during the Opium Wars and what they did with their wealth when they returned to the U.S. Eventually, the fortune trickled down to Sara Delano Roosevelt and her son, 32nd President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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Burt Bacharach is considered one of the most important composers of 20th-century popular music. He wrote hundreds of pop songs from the late 1950s through the 1980s, of which 8 greatest songs, with some surprises.

Let’s Get Sustainable!

Select Tuesdays, 7 pm, BRD

In this monthly series, we learn to repurpose materials to make other, more environmentally-friendly products! Registration required.

How to Talk with Family and Friends About Beliefs Fueled by Misinformation

Select Saturdays, 2-3:30 pm, BRD

January 22: Having the Tough Conversation

January 29: Techniques for Navigating the Misinformation Landscape

Do you have someone in your life who shares misinformation online or in person? How do you respond? These programs will help you understand the misinformation landscape and give you tips for having productive conversations without a big showdown. Excerpts from several practical webinars produced by The News Literacy Project and AARP will be presented and discussed. Registration required. Hosted by PPLD staff, in honor of National News Literacy Week: January 25-28.

Holiday Book Sale a Grand Success

Thank you for your continued support!
Artificial Intelligence
Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow
Tuesdays, January 18-M arch 8, 2:30 pm, A D R
Registration required.
What to expect on this eight-week guided tour? JeanClaude Fouere offers an accessible overview of the development of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) and reflects on its promise and threat to human kind.
The tour will visit relevant topics in four class sessions with notes, selected videos, articles, and suggested reading. In the alternate weeks, we will watch four popular movies that document and fictionalize some of the topics presented during the seminars. The class format is designed to encourage discussion and sharing of views.
Our guest presenter, Jean-Claude Fouere, brings a lifetime of professional engagement with, and enthusiastic interest in, semiconductors. For twenty years he worked as an engineer and engineering manager, followed by another twenty years developing systems used in the manufacturing of semiconductors and marketing them in North America, Western Europe and Southeast Asia. He is currently active with the World Affairs Council and Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) of Dutchess County. Jean-Claude has a dual Master of Science degree in Physics Engineering (I.N.S.A., France) and in Optical Engineering (I. of Rochester, NY-V.)

January 18: Introduction to A.I.


February 8: The Human Face of Big Data, 54 min. With the rapid emergence of digital devices, an unstoppable invisible force is changing human lives in ways from the microscopic to the gargantuan.


February 22: Robot and Frank. PG-13, 1 hour 25 min. Frank's grown children are worried that he can no longer care for himself and decide to give him a walking, talking robot programmed to look after him.


M arch 8: Het. R, 2 hours 6 min. Theodore, a complex, soulful man, becomes intrigued with Samantha, an advanced operating system which promises to be an intuitive and unique entity in its own right. Their relationship deepens into an eventual love for each other.

Your Health and Safety

Walking Club
Walkway Over the Hudson
Poughkeepsie Side
Wednesdays, March 16-23, 10-11 am
Please bring water and wear sneakers or walking shoes. Light rain (if it is not too cold) or shine. Park at Parker Ave parking lot and meet at the entrance to Walkway.

Walkway Over the Hudson
Morgan Lake
W ednesdays, March 16-23, 10-11 am
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Walking Club Registration required.

Walkway Over the Hudson Registration required.
Public Computer Center

The Public Computer Center offers drop-in lab time and free classes to address all your technology needs. Registration is required for all classes. All classes are at Adriance except Computer Lab on Thursdays afternoons.

**Personal Assistance**

**Computer Lab (Drop-in)**
- Mondays: 11 AM-1 pm, ADR
- Tuesdays: 6-8 pm, ADR
- Thursdays: 1-3 pm, BRD

Receive individualized help with basic computer skills, email accounts, job searches, job applications, formatting resumes, filing for unemployment, creating and editing Microsoft Office documents, and more.

**Teen Geeks (Drop-in)**
- Saturdays: 9 AM-1 pm, ADR

Students available to answer your technology questions and help you feel more comfortable with your device.

**Technology**

All are two hours and in-person

**Creating a Website**
- Wednesday, January 12, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Using a Smartphone**
- Wednesday, January 19, 1:30 pm
- Saturday, January 22, 1:30 pm

**Windows 10**
- Wednesday, January 26, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Tinkercad 3D Printing Workshop**
- Wednesday, March 16, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: Introduction to 3D Printing Services

**Navigating the Medicare Website**
- Wednesdays, January 26, March 23, 9:30 am
Led by staff from the Dutchess County Office for the Aging

**Computer and Tablet Buying Help and Tips**
- Tuesday, February 1, 1:30 pm

**Introduction to 3D Printing Services**
- Wednesday, February 2, 10:30 am
Tuesday, February 22, 10:30 am

**Microsoft Office**

All are 90 minutes and require completion of online lessons prior to in-person class

**Word 101**
- Monday, January 10, 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 pm
- Monday, March 21, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Word 102**
- Monday, January 24, 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 26, 6:30 pm
- Monday, March 28, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent

**Word 103**
- Wednesday, February 2, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 & 102 or equivalent

**Word Mail Merge**
- Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 & 102 or equivalent

**Excel 101**
- Tuesday, January 15, 1:30 pm
- Monday, February 7, 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Excel 102**
- Monday, February 14, 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 16, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Excel 101 or equivalent

**Excel 103**
- Monday, February 28, 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Excel 101 & 102 or equivalent

**Excel Tables**
- Monday, March 14, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: Excel 101 & 102 or equivalent

**Excel Functions**
- Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Excel 101 & 102 or equivalent

**Excel 201**
- Monday, January 31, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**AARP Tax-Aid Program**

At time of publication, the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program staff was still developing the protocols and schedules for offering tax preparation service for low- to middle-income individuals. Call 2-1-1 or (800) 899-1479 for further information on this service.

**NEW: Learning Online**

- Creating a Website
  - Tuesday, January 11, 3:30 pm
  - Wednesday, March 23, 1:30 pm
  - Saturday, March 26, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

- PC Basics Workshop – Mouse & Keyboard
  - Tuesday, January 18, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, March 30, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

- Internet 102
  - Tuesday, March 29, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

- Microsoft Office
  - Tuesday, February 1, 10:30 am
- Wednesday, January 19, 1:30 pm
- Monday, March 21, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

- Internet 101
  - Tuesday, March 29, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 & 102 or equivalent

- Online Security and Common Scams
  - Tuesday, February 8, 10:30 am
Wednesday, February 16, 10:30 am
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

- Introduction to Gmail
  - Wednesday, February 9, 9:30 am
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

- Computer Buying Tips
  - Saturday, March 19, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

- Selling Online
  - Tuesday, February 15, 10:30 am
Wednesday, February 23, 10:30 am
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

- PowerPoint 101
  - Monday, January 31, 2:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

- Introduction to Ancestry.com
  - Saturday, February 19, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

- Introduction to Google Drive & Docs
  - Saturday, March 19, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

- PDFs: Learning Online
- Excel 103
- Word Mail Merge
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- Using the Library in Your Job Search

**PCC Patron Comments**

"Thanks a lot. You made all information easily accessible and understandable. Very useful course. Looking forward to using info." - Excel

"I particularly liked the pace of this workshop. We could absorb and understand the information presented." - Computer Buying Tips

"Presenter made understanding the terminology very easy...I have been putting off getting another laptop because I have not felt confident in knowledge of terms. Now I will go and not let salesperson tell me what I need, I will tell them!! I thank you so much for this program!" - Computer Buying Tips

"The instructor was informative, flexible, and a great communicator!" - Creating a Website

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Programas presenciales y virtuales en español

Información e inscripciones con Elva Margarita al (845) 485-3445 x3321 o ecortaton@poklib.org. Los programas virtuales requieren inscripción previa. Al inscribirse recibe un correo electrónico con el enlace a la sesión en Zoom.

Club de lectura en bolsa
¡Forma tu propio club de lectura Invita a tu familia, y amigos y formá tu propio club de lectura. La Biblioteca Pública de Poughkeepsie tiene disponibles paquetes con copias de libros en español de Isabel Allende, como son: La Casa de los Espíritus, Paula y Mujeres del Alma Mía.
Para más información de cómo formar tu propio club, y cómo obtener en préstamo cualquiera de los paquetes de libros, contacta a Elva Margarita Cortonat al (845) 485-3445 x3321.

Club de lectura en bolsa

Del libro a la pantalla
Sábado, 12-2 pm, A D R
¡Cine en la biblioteca! Ven y goza de una película que fue adaptada de un libro. La película se transmite con doblaje en español, con subtítulos en inglés disponibles. R equiere inscripción. Cupo limitado
29 de enero: En el tiempo de las mariposas
26 de febrero: Como agua para agua chocolate
La Biblioteca Casa de los Espíritus, Paula y Mujeres del Alma Mía. Compasión y agradecimiento
El Pájaro, Maira Díaz, presenta una obra de teatro sobre las mariposas. La obra se transmite con doblaje en español, con subtítulos en inglés disponibles. R equiere inscripción. Cupo limitado
26 de febrero: Como agua para agua chocolate
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Tertulia literaria y algo más
Sábado, 3-4:30 pm, A D R
Difruta de una buena charla intercambiando tus puntos de vista de la lectura del libro y la puesta de este en la pantalla. R equiere inscripción. Cupo limitado
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Asistencia

M artes y jueves de 9:10:30 am, A D R, del 11 de enero al 24 de marzo
Obtén ayuda individual en computación básica, correo electrónico, llenado de formas en línea para desempleo, creación y edición de documentos en Word y Excel y asistencia con el manejo del celular.

Soluciones en español: Mostrador de Referencia en español
M artes y jueves, 11 am-1 pm, A D R
¿R equieres asistencia en español? La biblioteca cuenta con un Mostrador de Referencia en español para asistirte en la búsqueda de información, apoyo en llenado de formas simples y servicios notariales.

Serie: Buscando la felicidad
Jueves, 6-8 pm, Virtual
Un equipo de expertos te ayuda a encontrar la felicidad, potenciando tu autoestima, conocéndote a ti mismo. Solo adultos.
R equiere inscripción para obtener el enlace a Zoom.
Fechas de sesiones
3 de febrero: Compasión y agradecimiento
10 de febrero: Autocompasión
17 de febrero: Disciplinar la mente

La Ventana de Johari
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Iris Hernández, doctora en patrimonio cultural, conversa sobre los orígenes de la afroamericandad en la mujer latina. R equiere inscripción para obtener el enlace a Zoom.

Serie: ¿Tomémonos un chocolate juntos!
Jueves, 6-8 pm, Virtual
Gloria Urrego, profesional en Desarrollo Familiar, nos invita a charlar y tomar una taza de chocolate, entre mujeres, nos hagamos consentientes de que no estamos solas, que hay otras mujeres con propias vivencias, conocimientos y experiencias que puedan escucharte, acompañarte y apoyarte. R equiere inscripción para obtener el enlace a Zoom.
Fechas y temas
3 de marzo: La importancia de las redes de apoyo “Gracias a mi círculo de mujeres fuertes que siempre me levantan...” M ichelle Obama en su libro “M i historia”
10 de marzo: Empoderamiento M ujer, hguera, hogar; lo que significamos en nuestra casa y para nuestra familia.
17 de marzo: Hazlo, y si te da miedo hacerlo, hazlo con miedo
La importancia de pasar de la intención a la acción.
24 de marzo: No se renuncia a los derechos Somos las responsables, de nada valen los derechos logrados con las leyes y sentencias, si las mujeres no hacemos uso de ellos.

Luces, cámara ¡dicsusión!
L unes, 6-8 pm, Virtual
Si disfrutas de la emoción del cine y sus diferentes géneros, te invitamos a que te unas al grupo y charlemos de una película, la cual verás en la comodidad de tu hogar. Solo necesitas tener una cuenta de Kanopy y de N etflix. La reunión es virtual a través de Zoom. Se requiere inscripción.
31 de enero: La Historia Oficial
7 de febrero: La Negrada
28 de marzo: Sueño en un idioma
14 de marzo: Ladies First

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“El Arte de Hacer Preguntas”: Análisis del Libro
M artes 8 de marzo, 6-8 pm, A D R

Serie: Buenos Aires, por el amor de mi vida
Jueves, 24 de marzo
Con la historia de dos mujeres que se enamoran en Buenos Aires, escucha a una experta en el manejo del celular.

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10 de marzo: Empoderamiento M ujer, hguera, hogar; lo que significamos en nuestra casa y para nuestra familia.
17 de marzo: Hazlo, y si te da miedo hacerlo, hazlo con miedo
La importancia de pasar de la intención a la acción.
24 de marzo: No se renuncia a los derechos Somos las responsables, de nada valen los derechos logrados con las leyes y sentencias, si las mujeres no hacemos uso de ellos.

Luces, cámara ¡dicsusión!
L unes, 6-8 pm, Virtual
Si disfrutas de la emoción del cine y sus diferentes géneros, te invitamos a que te unas al grupo y charlemos de una película, la cual verás en la comodidad de tu hogar. Solo necesitas tener una cuenta de Kanopy y de N etflix. La reunión es virtual a través de Zoom. Se requiere inscripción.
31 de enero: La Historia Oficial
7 de febrero: La Negrada
28 de marzo: Sueño en un idioma
14 de marzo: Ladies First
**Teen Scene**

Teen programs for ages 12-18 require registration unless otherwise noted. To register, go to poklib.org > Events > Calendar or call (845) 485-3445 x3320.

**Teen Room Hours:** Monday-Tuesday: 2-8 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 2-5 pm. Teen programs are at Adriance. Masks are required and stay socially distant.

### January

#### January 11: **VR Experience**

Enter the exciting world of virtual reality and try different video games using our VR headsets.

#### January 18: **3-D Printing**

You design it, we will print it.

#### January 25: **Comfort Food-Calzones**

Stuff your calzone with your favorite ingredients. 

#### February 1: **Anime-Manga-Sports Trivia**

Download the Kahoot app and play trivia with your friends. Prizes for winners.

#### February 8: **VR Experience**

February 15: **Dip into Chocolate for Valentine’s Day**

Dip all sorts of good things into melted chocolate. Take them home and share with friends and family!

February 22: **Flowers Paint and Sip**

Paint some huge flowers in the style of Georgia O’Keeffe to celebrate spring! Canvas and paints supplied.

**March**

March 1: **Peanut Butter Cookies**

Make some homemade cookies for National Peanut Butter Cookies. You design it, we will print it.

March 8: **Butter Lover’s Day**

Make some homemade cookies for National Peanut Butter Cookies and then we’ll read the first volume of the series. For Grades 6-12.

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### Special Events

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Learn interviewing tips, communication skills, developmental stages of babies and toddlers, safety, first aid tips, and feeding and caring for children, including diaper changing. In addition, babysitters will learn steps he or she can take to decrease the spread of COVID-19 virus as suggested by the CDC. Bring a bag lunch. For tweens and teens, ages 10-18.

#### Invitation to Teen Artists

Art Exhibit: April 18-May 1

Celebration and Prizes: Monday, April 25, 6-7 pm

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### Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Required Certificate: All volunteers, including teens, must be certified in the NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. The online training takes 15-30 minutes to complete. Contact Angela Panzer at x3309 or Children’s Desk at x3320 for information.

#### Teen Room Volunteer

Monday-Tuesday: 3-5 pm

Teens, ages 13-18, would help with book displays, craft activities, and keeping our collection organized.

#### Teen Homework Tutors

Monday-Tuesday: 3-7 pm

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### Boardroom Road

**Story times are weekly series.**

#### Preschool Story Time

Mondays, January 3-March 14, 10:10-10:30 am (No class Jan 17 and Feb 21)

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

#### Baby Rhyme Time

Mondays, January 3-March 14, 11-11:30 am

Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Ages birth to 18 months.

#### Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, January 5-March 16, 10:30-10:40 am

The 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.

#### Preschool Learning Center After Hours

**Animals in Winter**

Wednesday, January 26, 4-4:45 pm

We’ll have a story time about animals in winter followed by 20 minutes of play in the PLC. For ages 3-5.

**Valentine’s Day**

Wednesday, February 9, 4-4:45 pm

Love is in the air! Join us for 30 minutes of story time followed by 20 minutes of play in the PLC. Featuring a Valentine’s Day craft. For ages 3-5.

### 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. Registration is required.

#### Programs at Adriance

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

**PLC - Preschool Learning Center Story Time**

Monday, January 3-March 14, 10-11:30 am (No class Jan 17 and Feb 21)

Wednesday, January 5-March 16, 12:30-2 pm

Books, flannel board stories, and music for children ages 3-5 followed by guided play. Please register your child for only one session.

#### Toddler Time

Tuesdays, January 4-March 15, 10-10:20 am

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

#### Romp & Read

Wednesdays, January 5-March 16, 10:30-10:50 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.

#### Music & Movement

Tuesdays, January 6-March 17, 10-10:30 am

Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for children ages 3-5.

#### Sensory Lab

Fridays, January 7-March 18, 10-11 am

Enhance fine motor skills through sensory play and exploration. For children ages 18 months to 5 years.

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At Adriance

Around the World at Adriance: Italy
W Wednesday, January 5, 4-4:45 pm
Did you know National Spaghetti Day is January 4? We'll celebrate spaghetti and Italy by listening to the story of Strega Nona, creating pasta art, and playing a game popular with Italian children! Grades 1-4.

Three King's Day Bi-lingual Story Time
Thursday, January 6, 4-4:45 pm
Come celebrate Three King's Day! We'll have stories, crafts and of course we can't have a fiesta without a piñata! Grades K-6.

Dog Man Graphic Novel Book Bash
Tuesday, January 18, 4-4:45 pm
Do you love the Dog Man books? Bring your best friend, a book or a pair of plaid shoes and join us at Adriance! Grades K-6.

Snowman Story Time!
Tuesday, January 20, 4-4:45 pm
Listen to some snowman stories, and then create a tea light snowman to take home! Grades K-5.

Spa Projects You Can Make and Share
Tuesday, February 8, 4-4:45 pm
Make special self-care gifts to pamper yourself or give them to a loved one on Valentine's Day! Grades 1-6.

Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating
Monday, February 14, 4-4:45 pm
Decorate Valentine's Day themed cookies to take home for yourself or give as a gift! Grades K-5.

Strega Nona: Mothering Heights
Thursday, January 27, 4-4:45 pm
What can you build using only cardboard boxes, tape, scissors and your imagination? Stay for 10 minutes or 2 hours - it's up to you. 0 pen to all ages.

Sphero Battlebot Challenge! Grades 3-6.

Anime and Manga Book Club

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Thursday, January 27, 5-6 pm
Join us in celebration of manga and anime! We'll watch an episode of a new anime series and then we'll read the first volume of the series. For Grades 6-12.

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Multi-Session Programs

Girls Who Code
Tuesday, January 11 and February 8, 4-5 pm
Explore the exciting field of tech. You will learn to write the code behind video games and have a blast doing it! For Grades 3-5.

Sphero Mini Battlebot Challenge
Thursday, March 24, 5-6 pm
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Lego Builders Club
Tuesday, January 25, 4-4:45 pm
Tuesday, February 17, 4-4:45 pm
Every month we'll have challenges inspired by either the TV show Lego Masters, the Lego idea book, or from Lego Technic sets. Can you complete our Lego challenge? Grades 3-6.

Pokémon Club
Monday, March 7, 4-4:45 pm
Discuss everything Pokémon. Try a scavenger hunt and make a quick Pokémon craft. Grades K-5.

Springtime Paper Crafts

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Bakers vs. Fakers:
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Alison Francis assumed the role of PPLD's Youth Outreach Coordinator in May of this year. Because of COVID, some of our connections to local schools and organizations were sort of asleep. I am working to re-invigorate the Library District's engagement with our schools, day cares, and neighborhoods,“ commented Alison. In place of in-person school visits in June, the PPLD Youth Services staff created several videos and offered virtual classroom visits to promote the Summer Reading Program and remind Poughkeepsie children that the library is open all summer with lots to offer. The staff also offered a series of programs at the Greenville Summer Camp and a series of bi-lingual programs for unaccompanied minors at the Poughkeepsie Children's Home.

In September, PPLD worked closely with the City Schools to encourage students to sign up for Library Cards. Alison also created a 'welcome to the library' video that several schools used in their back to school programs. Alison adds, “I definitely seeing growth in the partnership between schools and the Library District; two schools are scheduled to host outdoor Story Walks in the Spring, the High School will host the Book Festival in April, and the school librarians are asking for school visits, buying for library visits, and more videos. It’s very exciting!”

Registration is required, see page 2 for details.

At Boardman Road

Baby Yoda Melty-Bead Keychain
Wednesday, January 12, 4-4:45 pm
Make a Baby Yoda keychain from Perler beads that can be melted together. Grades K-5.

Lanyard Keychains
Tuesday, January 25, 4-4:45 pm
Learn to make lanyard keychains! Grades 3-6.

Lite Brite Star Constellations
Wednesday, February 2, 4-4:45 pm
Use Lite Brite to learn about the stars that can be seen in the nighttime sky. Grades K-6.

Yoga and Mindfulness for Kids!
Wednesday, February 16, 4-4:45 pm
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**Mystery Mondays**

**Murder: A Family Affair**

Monthly, select Mondays, 11 am, BRD and Virtual Discussions are led by Eleanor Jharwalt and Suzanne Christensen. Registration required.

**January 31:** *The Spellman Files* by Lisa Lutz
Boundaries are challenging for Izzy Spellman, a private investigator in the Spellman clan's San Francisco firm and a member of a family who loves to spy on each other.

**February 28:** *Dance of Death* by Douglas Preston and Lee Child
Hot on the trail of a killer in Manhattan, FBI Special Agent Pendergast must face his most brilliant and dangerous enemy: his own brother.

**March 28:** *Designated Daughters* by Margaret Maron
Judge Knott and her husband Deputy Sheriff Bryant investigate possible foul play in the death of Knott's Aunt Rachel in hospice.

**Friends’ Online Store**

Titles listed online are typically older, unique, collectible, or signed by authors. Search for something special, or view the collection by clicking “list this seller’s books” from the left side menu. [http://bit.ly/Friends_PPLD_AbeBooks](http://bit.ly/Friends_PPLD_AbeBooks)

**From the Friends’ President - Liz Murphy**

As my presidency comes to an end and I look back on the last three years, I am happy to say we made it through many challenges! The Friends had to adjust our operations in multiple ways, but with help from Board members and volunteers, we adapted successfully. Even though our Book Store had to be closed for 3.5 months in 2020 due to COVID, we reopened successfully with many volunteers coming back and the community supporting us in every way.

In addition to our thriving Book Store and very successful Holiday Book Sales, we also participated with the Library in many community activities, such as the Hoe Down Block Party, Earth Day, Halloween on the Hill, Arlington Street Fair, the Big Read, and Movie Nights, as well as our annual PPLD Staff Recognition which honors Library staff for milestones of service.

I’d like to thank all the Friends who supported me over these past three years and to extend my good wishes to the new Friends’ president and the Board.

**Art Exhibits in Friends’ Bookstore**

- **Gregory Arnett:** January 8 - February 24
- **Mernie Buchanan:** March 5 - April 30