September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!
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Registration for Programs & Events
Most programs require registration.

Please register at www.poklib.org ➤ Events ➤ Calendar or (845) 485-3445, x3707 for adult, x3320 for youth, x3321 para español. When registered for a virtual program, you will receive an event link via email. Some programs are recorded and available to view at www.youtube.com/poklib01

Fall Holiday Closures
Labor Day, Saturday, September 3 to Monday, September 5
Staff Development Day, Friday, September 23
Columbus Day, Monday, October 10
Veterans’ Day, Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving, early close, 5 pm, on Wednesday, November 23; closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25;
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
and Monday, December 26
New Year’s Eve, Saturday, December 31

Masks may be required based on local public health conditions.

Cancellation Notifications

There are times when the Library District needs to cancel a program due to weather or presenter/room conflicts. The Library District will post building closings and program cancellations at cancellations.com. Patrons can get immediate email notification of closings and cancellations by registering at cancellations.com.

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On the Cover: Peyton receives his first library card!

About

Adriance Memorial Library (ADR)
93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Mon-Thurs: 9 am - 9 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm  Sun: 2-5 pm
Free parking and easy access off Noxon Street
GPS locator: 22 Noxon Street

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

Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library (SPD), Family Partnership Center
29 N Hamilton Street, Room 224
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
The Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library is open during FPC construction!
New hours beginning Tuesday, September 6:
Mon-Fri: 1 pm - 5 pm
Sat: 10 am - 2 pm  Sun: Closed

Friends’ Book Store  x3423
141 Boardman Road, at rear of Library
Tues, Thur, Sat: 10 am - 4 pm

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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.
Adriance Honors

At the annual Adriance Honors gala, the Friends of PPLD will present awards to two longtime volunteers whose efforts have helped the Library District grow to new heights. You are invited to celebrate with us on **Monday, October 17 at Locust Grove**. The event begins at 5:30 pm under the auspices of Honorary Chair Frank Van Zanten. RSVP at (845) 485-3445 x3371 or poklib.org/adriance-honors.

**Our 2022 Honorees**

**Jerry Vittone** has volunteered for the Friends for over ten years, starting when the Book Store was located in an abandoned ice house. Jerry works each week in the warehouse, where he processes an average of three pallets’ worth of donated books each day alongside his well-deserving colleagues. A former auto mechanic, Jerry worked as a technician at IBM in Fishkill before retiring in 2007. He enjoys reading books about cars and local history, which he credits with helping him settle into Poughkeepsie after moving here from Pittsfield, MA as a teenager. He enjoys restoring classic cars and also volunteers at the VFW Auxiliary.

**Ruth Wally** worked as an early childhood educator before opening the Clock Man Gallery in the Poughkeepsie Plaza, which she ran with her late husband, Bruce, for 22 years. It was there that she began exhibiting work by local artists alongside fine clocks, antiques, and pottery. After retirement, Ruth volunteered to bring exhibitions to the Art Wall at the Boardman Road Branch Library shortly after its opening in 2015. A self-taught lover of art, she was also an early proponent of what is now the Poughkeepsie Book Festival and remains active at the Center for Lifetime Study at Marist College. Ruth is grateful to her friend and mentor Debbie Bein and all of the artists across the Hudson Valley who have volunteered to exhibit on the Art Wall over the years.

Day of the Dead: Bilingual Events

**Dia de Muertos: A Living Tradition**

**Sunday, October 30, 1-4 pm, Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory**

Learn about the Day of the Dead in history, gastronomy, music, and more. **In collaboration with Revolución Radio and Hudson River Housing. Registration required.**

**Living Day of the Dead the Oaxacan Way**

**Wednesday, November 2, 7-8:30 pm, Cocina Oaxaqueña (513 Main Street, Poughkeepsie)**

Enjoy the ancient tradition of the altar of the dead, tamales, bread of the dead, and chocolate, accompanied by a narrative of how Oaxacans celebrate their loved ones. **Registration required.**

From the Director

Changes. They happen and, we hope, are for the better. Over the summer, library staff worked on a Barriers to Service Report. As a result, the Library District has implemented the following changes, with more to come! Our hope is that what may have once been a library-use barrier to you may no longer exist.

**No more fines!** After careful analysis and discussion, the Board of Trustees voted in June to eliminate fines for overdue materials and unclaimed holds. Unreturned materials will continue to be billed to the borrowing patron and unpaid bills will continue to be referred to collections.

**Library Card Registration:** In recognition of the difficulties some parents or guardians may have in getting to the library to complete a library card registration form for younger patrons, we have introduced a limited-use card, which will be issued to youths under 18 without parental sign-off. This card may only have 3 items checked out at a time and may be upgraded to a full-use card when a guardian comes into the library and completes the full registration process.

**Early Childhood Programs:** With the pandemic more under control, we dropped the registration requirement for early childhood programs. We may still ask for participants to provide contact information upon arrival, so we can conduct contact tracing if need be. Programs that use consumables (like those that have a craft) will still require registration so staff can be prepared with enough supplies.

**Log In!** Library District patrons will have a richer experience if they log in to their library account when searching the online catalog, or search any of our streaming or download services.

For the Library District, these changes are pretty big. Bear with us as we implement them! This issue of The Rotunda has more of the great programs your public library staff have created and curated. Enjoy them as we move into the “pumpkin spice” season!

**A reminder!** The Library District’s annual budget vote and trustee election will be held on General Election Day (November 8) and on the General Election ballot.

— **Tom Lawrence**

Voting Information

Early voting is open from **October 29 - November 6.**

Election Day is **November 8.** The Boardman Road Branch Library is an early voting site. No Poughkeepsie library location will be a polling site on November 8. Please visit elections.dutchessny.gov for more information.
Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Did you know that the Library District serves approximately 75,000 people, roughly 38,000 of whom have a library card?

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the Library District would like to get library cards into the hands of those who don’t have them. We ask you to ask your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and partners if they have a library card. If not, below is a list of benefits you can use to encourage them to sign up for one.

A Poughkeepsie Public Library District resident library card provides access to:

• A wide variety of programming for children, teens, and adults.
• Exclusive online resources such as Value Line for investment research, NewsBank and Black Life in America for historic newspapers, and Mango to learn new languages.
• Over 206,000 books, movies, audiobooks, and CDs across our three locations!
• Thousands of e-books, audiobooks, movies, and comics available anytime online!
• Borrow museum, attractions, and parks passes (MAP Passes) that provide free or reduced admission cost to over 40 destinations.
• The Library of Things including Orion StarBlast telescopes, Go-Pro Camera, Wi-Fi Hotspot, and more.

Thank you for helping us promote all the benefits of having a library card. Together, we build a community of library lovers.

Black Life in America

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District has acquired access to a new online database, Black Life in America: The Experience and Impact of African Americans as Recorded by the News Media, 1704 to Today. Black Life in America is a credible resource database for community members to utilize in their research, whether for academic or personal purposes. Along with the opening of our Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library, these resources aid in the direction the Library District is taking to better represent its community members.

“This primary source collection offers an expansive window into centuries of African American history, culture and daily life—as well as the ways the dominant culture has portrayed and perceived people of African descent. The content in this database is sourced from more than 19,000 American and global news sources, including over 400 current and historical Black publications. This source covers a timeline from the early 18th century to the present day. An easy-to-use online resource—updated daily—for every institution working toward social justice and racial equity.”

Please note: Due to service updates, PPLD no longer promotes LibraryElf for hold/pickup notifications. We encourage patrons to use poklib.org My Account. Please update contact information there or at the check-out desk.

PPLD Welcomes New Head of Borrower and Technical Services, Crystal Middleton!

Here is her fresh take on her new appointment:

Q: Can you describe your new position in your own words?
A: I work with an amazing team of people who serve the community at three library branches and Rover the Roaming Library bookmobile. We help people find and access library materials including books, movies, music, and more.

Q: What are your goals for your department and/or position?
A: We want everyone to feel welcome and be able to find what they need with clarity and ease.

Q: What’s something people might not know about you?
A: I am also a yoga teacher and have been practicing and teaching for nearly 20 years.

Save the Date!

The 2023 Poughkeepsie Book Festival will take place on Saturday, April 1 in Dutchess Community College’s Falcon Hall from 10 am - 3 pm. For more information, email bookfestival@poklib.org.
The Big Read

Think back to when you were young, to the books you embraced as you came to define yourself as a reader. For many of us, staking out space in the corner of a library or reading with a flashlight under the covers, reading provided an escape from the real world into adventures that test the limits of possibility.

This year, the Big Read centers on short stories, the kind that invite us to explore new and fantastical worlds—some very much like ours, some radically different. Fitting the “spooky season” peaking at Halloween, many of these stories dip into genres like gothic horror, science fiction, and fantasy—precisely the kind of stories that turn many children into readers.

The 2022 Big Read flagship title is *Pretty Monsters* by Kelly Link, a prolific short story writer and founding co-publisher of Small Beer Press. Link’s work crosses genre and literary fiction, striking a rare balance between the respectability of traditional publishers and the rebelliousness of popular favorites like Stephen King and Shirley Jackson.

“You don’t pick up a ghost story because you think it’s going to be important. You pick it up because you think it’s going to make you feel a certain way,” Link said in a 2018 interview on her MacArthur Fellowship. “It’s going to maybe give you shivers down your back, or it’s going to raise your hair a little bit, or it’s going to make you feel mildly creeped out.”

Kelly Link will present an author talk at Boardman Road Branch Library on Saturday, November 12 at 2:30 pm.

Leading up to Link’s talk, the Big Read comprises a festival of events designed to enhance readers’ understanding and enjoyment of the book. A concert of horror movie music, a mini-festival of scary short films, graveyard tours, and lectures on influential figures from Edgar Allan Poe to Buffy the Vampire Slayer await you!

For the full slate, visit poklib.org/events/big-read.

Rover Visits!

Rover the Roaming Library isn’t just for kids! The Library District rolls carts of books and DVDs that appeal to adults onto the bookmobile when we’re headed to certain locations. Rover will stop at the Poughkeepsie Senior Friendship Center, Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center, and Arlington Farmers’ Market. Sign up for a library card, borrow materials, or learn about the free services and programs the Library District offers. Anyone can visit Rover during these stops.

**Office for the Aging** Select Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm, 114 Delafield Street
September 13, October 4, November 1, December 6

**Town Senior of Poughkeepsie Center**
Select Tuesdays, 11-12:30 pm, 14 Abe’s Way
September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20

**Arlington Farmers’ Market**
Weekly, Thursdays, 2-6 pm, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 25, October 6, 13, 20, 27

Vassar Campus, lawn near tennis courts and North Parking Lot, 123 Raymond Avenue
Books, Writing, & More

The Wizardry of Oz with Dr. Elliot Engel
Saturday, October 1, 2 pm, Virtual

Dr. Elliot Engel returns to the Library District’s virtual stage to share a lighthearted talk on *The Wizard of Oz* for audiences young and old. Dr. Engel reveals the life of L. Frank Baum and the reasons for the enduring fame of his classic American fairy tale. Registration required.

Meet the Authors

Bradford Pearson
Saturday, September 24, 2:30 pm, BRD


Beverly Donofrio
Thursday, November 10, 7 pm, BRD

Beverly Donofrio is most famous for her memoir *Riding in Cars with Boys*, which was made into a movie starring Drew Barrymore as Beverly. Since then, she has written two more memoirs, *Looking for Mary* and *Astonished: A Story of Evil, Blessings, Grace, and Solace*. Her children’s books include *Mary and the Mouse*, *the Mouse and Mary*, and *Thank You, Lucky Stars*. Come be inspired by this woman’s courageous life journey. Registration required.

Aki Ashe
Saturday, November 19, 2:30 pm, BRD

Aki Ashe is an author, educator, and investor. His written works include *The Power of Dressing*, *The Power of Perception*, and *A Coloring Book*. He has conducted several business seminars at universities, and has worked in the menswear and publishing industries. For the last several years, Aki Ashe has been mentoring and teaching high school and college students throughout New York City about the importance of dressing for success and entrepreneurship. Registration required.

Writing Workshops

Exercise Your Writing
Monthly, First Sundays, October 2, November 6, December 4, 2 pm, ADR

Exercise your writing in this workshop where you receive prompts, write, and then share with the group. Facilitated by Bill Herman. No registration required.

Write, Write, and Rewrite
Monthly, Third Saturdays, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, 10 am, ADR

Bring copies of your work(s) in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres. No registration required.
What’s Your Story? Write It, Learn It, Tell It
Thursday, November 3, 7 pm, ADR
In this interactive “playshop,” we’ll explore techniques that lead to highly effective storytelling. Through the fusion of imagination and structure, you’ll discover ways to shape your story and deliver it with confidence. Presenter Brent Sverdloff teaches language and communication courses at colleges in the Hudson Valley. Brent is also the author of a published collection of interviews, Off Book: Memorization Secrets from Performing Artists. Books will be available for sale. Registration required.

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist
Tuesday, October 18, 6 pm, BRD or Saturday, October 22, 11:15 am, SPD
Want to try writing a story, but not sure where to start? Want some tips for cool writer resources? 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. This course applies to all genres. Hosted by staff in preparation for NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). Teens and adults welcome. Registration required.

An Evening of Poetry
Monthly, Third Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR
Featured poet followed by open mic. No registration required.
September 15: Molly McGlennen
October 20: Ron Sprague
November 17: Hattie Johnson
December 15: Jeremiah Burns

Book Clubs
Books & Brews Book Club
Monthly, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy’s Pub, 796 Main Street. Contact Kira Thompson at (845) 485-3445 x3350, or kthompson@poklib.org for details. No registration required.
September 21: The Reign of Wolf 21 by Rick McIntyre
In this compelling page-turner, Rick McIntyre profiles one of Yellowstone’s most revered alpha males, Wolf 21, leader of the Druid Peak Pack.
October 19: Dracula by Bram Stoker
A junior solicitor travels to Transylvania to meet with an important client, the mysterious Count Dracula.
November 16: You’ll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey by Amber Ruffin & Lacey Lamar
Performer Amber Ruffin writes with her sister Lacey Lamar with humor and heart to share absurd anecdotes about everyday experiences of racism.
December 14: The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley
11-year-old Flavia, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is propelled into a mystery when a man is found murdered on the grounds of her family’s mansion and Flavia’s father becomes the main suspect.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual. Join us for our virtual graphic novel book club for teens and adults! Registration required.
September 8: Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman
Neil Gaiman and Eisner Award-winning comics legend P. Craig Russell breathe new life into the ancient Norse stories in this comicbook adaptation of the hit novel Norse Mythology.
October 13: Remina by Junji Ito
An unknown planet emerges from inside a wormhole, and its discoverer, Dr. Oguro, christens the body “Remina” after his own daughter.
November 17: God Country, Vol. 1 by Donny Cates
In God Country, readers meet Emmett Quinlan, an old widower rattled by dementia.
December 8: Fire on the Water by Scott MacGregor
A novel based on a true tale of heroism and invention in the tunnels beneath Lake Erie in 1916. This original graphic novel imagines the lives of blue-collar workers involved in the real-life Lake Erie tunnel disaster of 1916 in Cleveland.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
Arts & Entertainment

Gallery Exhibits
MARY WOJTECKI ROTUNDA
GALLERY, ADRIANCE

Hispanic Heritage Exhibit
September 1 - November 13
Image: Julia Santos Solomon (detail)

Thomas Barrett Collection
November 15 - December 31
Artwork and artifacts from the Thomas Barrett Collection will also be on view in several locations throughout the Adriance Memorial Library.

Boardman Gallery

Paola Bari and Lorna Thompson
August 31 - November 1
Artist Talk: October 3, 6 pm, BRD

Kathy LaLonde
Expressions of Meditations
November 1 - January 4

Ground Floor, Adriance

Hispanic Heritage Display
September 1 - October 9
Image: Mariela Ferrer (detail)

Community Tiny Art Show
See listing on this page
October 11 - November 10

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

Community Tiny Art Show
Thursday, September 8, or Monday, September 19, 6:30-8:30 pm, ADR
Come join your community to paint or collage on tiny canvases! You will leave your finished piece at the library for a community art show in the Ground Floor Cases from October 11 - November 10. Artwork may be picked up November 10 and onward. Please only sign up for one session. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Closing Reception for the Community Tiny Art Show
Thursday, November 10, 4-6 pm, ADR
Come meet others who participated in the art show, artists can pick up their work during this time. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required.

In Concert

Spero Plays Nyro
Saturday, September 17, 2:30 pm, BRD
In this heartfelt and moving tribute to Laura Nyro, Christine Spero and her group take the listener on an unforgettable journey through some of Laura’s most memorable songs. The exquisite arrangements are true to Laura’s originals but with sweet and creative touches that are beautifully interpreted in the group’s own distinct style. Registration required.

Billy Joel Tribute Concert by the Chain Gang
Saturday, October 15, 2:30 pm, BRD
The Chain Gang is a Hudson Valley band playing classic rock, pop, and dance since 1999. Their Billy Joel tribute show replicates the original arrangements so the audience gets immersed in the experience. Registration required.

Movie Nights in Arlington
Select Fridays, Garden Art Space next to Crafted Kup on Raymond Avenue. Movies start at dark. No registration required.
Spend a fall night outside under the stars while we watch some classic films. All ages are welcome! Bring your own chairs and blankets. No alcohol permitted. Come early to enjoy pre-show activities and check out Rover the Roaming Library! In the event of inclement weather, the movies will be moved indoors to the community room at the Arlington Reformed Church (22 Raymond Avenue). Registration required.

Paper Crafting  
_Monthly, Fourth Thursdays, September 22, October 27, December 22, 6:30 pm, ADR_  
Come work on your paper craft with us! Bring your own project and materials and/or use materials the library will provide. **Registration required.**

Open Mic Night  
_Monthly, Second Wednesdays_  
_September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, 7 pm, ADR_  
Step out and share your talent—spoken word, singing, playing an instrument, comedy—or just come and watch! Your hosts are Debora Shon and Mary Pazienza. **No registration required.**

Trivia Tuesdays  
_Select Tuesdays, 7 pm, Virtual_  
Join us for live trivia from the comfort of your home. You must have two internet-connected devices. You will receive login instructions via email. **Registration required.**

_**September 27:** Science  
**October 25:** Horror Movies  
**November 22:** Classic Literature  
**December 20:** Doctor Who_

Brain Games  
_Monthly, First and Second Fridays, 10-11 am, ADR_  
These classes are designed for beginners. A playing card will be provided. Players must sign up by September 19 in order to play. Players encouraged to attend all classes. **Registration required.**

Brain Games for Seniors: Office For the Aging  
_Select Thursdays, 12:30-2 pm, 114 Delafield Street_  
_September 8, 22, October 13, 27, November 3, 17; December 15, 29_  
For seniors age 60+. Masks not required. **Registration required for each date.**

_Free lunch (served at 11:30 am) is also available and can be reserved by calling Cindy at Office For the Aging at (845) 486-2564 at least 24 hours in advance._

Brain Games for Seniors: Town Senior Center  
_Select Tuesdays, 11 am - 12:30 pm, 14 Abe’s Way_  
_September 6, 27, October 11, 25, November 8, 22, December 13, 27_  
This is a new location. Ages 55+. Lunch is not served at this location. **Registration required for each date.**

Lunch & Learn  
_Thursday, October 6, 12 pm, Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center, 14 Abe’s Way_  
Library staff will give an informative session about the Library District’s amenities and the versatile wonders behind your library card. A free sandwich lunch will be served. **Registration required.** Please contact Linda Edgar, TOP Senior Center Director, at (845) 462-0265. For seniors age 55+.

Fiber Friends Stitch & Chit Chat  
_Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Virtual_  
You will need a device with a camera and internet connection to join the group. **Registration required, including e-mail address.** Prior to the meeting, you will receive a link to join your fellow fiber crafters.

Stitch Your Heart Out  
_Fridays, 10 am, BRD_

Pick Up Stitches  
_Saturdays, 10 am, BRD_

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
Green Living

Let's Get Sustainable! Crafts for Adults
Select Tuesdays, 7 pm, BRD
Join us in this monthly series of programs where we will learn to repurpose materials to make other, more environmentally-friendly products! Registration required.

**September 6:** DIY Magazine Envelopes
Reuse old magazine pages and turn them into unique envelopes. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own magazines.

**October 11:** Tin Can Pumpkins
Turn tin cans into cute pumpkin decorations! Bring a couple of clean and dry tin cans. All other materials will be provided.

**November 15:** CD Coasters
Make coasters out of old CDs! Bring a few CDs that you no longer use. All other materials will be provided.

**December 13:** Mini Hanging Lanterns
Using cardboard toilet paper tubes, make a cheery string of mini lanterns. Please bring at least 5 cardboard toilet paper tubes. All other materials will be provided.

Stop the Spotted Lanternfly!
*Monday, September 12, 7 pm, Virtual*

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive pest that could impact New York’s forests as well as the agricultural and tourism industries. In this virtual workshop, learn how to identify, destroy, and report SLF infestations. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County in partnership with Lower Hudson PRISM. Registration required.

A View from the Clean Energy Future
*Thursday, September 22, 7 pm, BRD and Virtual*

We are at the beginning of an energy transition away from highly polluting energy sources to cleaner and safer ones. What will that change look like for the average household and larger communities? Sean Dague will present an overview of what we know about the clean energy transition. He’ll share his personal experiences about electrifying his home and what he’s learned about this transition’s impact on the policy landscape. Attendees will get both an overview of the whole landscape of clean energy, and concrete steps they can take in their own lives. Registration required.

Overwintering: How to Save Your Favorite Tender Garden Plants During Winter
*Wednesday, September 28, 7 pm, Virtual*

Autumn can be a bittersweet experience for home gardeners, who wonder how they can preserve annuals, tropica, and tender perennials that won’t survive the winter frosts and freezes. Learn which can be overwintered as houseplants, stored in their dormant state, propagated from stem cuttings, or regrown from seed, tubers, and corms. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County. Registration required.

Hiking Club
*Select Sundays, 9 am, weather permitting and subject to change*

Join us and explore some great local hiking spots! Please bring your own water/snacks and wear proper clothing/footwear. Be prepared to navigate rough and muddy terrain and hills. Weather permitting. All hikers are now required to have a signed waiver on file before they are able to join our hikes. Contact Karen Blovat at kblovat@poklib.org for more info after signing up. Registration required.

**September 18:** FDR National Historic Site
Meet in the back left corner of the main parking lot located at 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY. Hike will be approximately 3 miles with some elevation change.

**October 16:** Vanderbilt National Historic Site
Meet in the main parking area located at 119 Vanderbilt Park Road, Hyde Park, NY, 12538. Hike will be approximately 3 miles with some hills and uneven paths.
Health & Well-being

Keeping Children Safe: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse
Select Tuesdays, 10-11 am or 5-6 pm, Virtual
September 6, 20; October 4, 18; November 1, 22
Learn the signs a child will show when they are being abused and what you can do to stop it. Please note: this is not the NYS Mandated Reporter training course. Presented by Rick Keller-Coffey, Community Education Facilitator for the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Registration required.

Meditation Workshop: Freedom from the Past
Thursday, September 29, 7 pm, ADR
This meditative workshop will help you overcome your hurt and help you focus on being a solution seeker instead of a fault finder. This workshop will be conducted by Champa Patel, who has been practicing Rajayoga meditation with Brahma Kumaris for 25 years. Registration required.

Narcan Training
Monthly, Select Tuesdays, Virtual. September 27, 12-1 pm; October 18, 5-6 pm; November 15, 12-1 pm; or December 13, 6-7 pm
The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health offers four one-hour online training sessions to explain how/when to administer Narcan. There is no age minimum for the training, but only those 18+ may receive a free Narcan kit. Kits will be available from Martha Farrell at Adriance Memorial Library. Registration required.

Defensive Driving
Saturday, October 8 or December 10, 9:30-3:30 pm, BRD
Completing the course may provide a 10% discount on your auto insurance and the elimination of up to 4 points from your NYS license. Cost: $30/person, cash (exact change), or check. No credit cards accepted. Pay the day of the class. Instructor is Staci Cussick. Bring your own lunch and pen. Registration required.

Shred Free Day @ Your Library
Friday, October 28, 9-11 am, BRD
Offered by Legal Shred. Paper shredding only. Please limit three kitchen-size garbage bags per person. Papers can be in boxes, paper bags, or plastic bags. No registration required.

Financial Health Workshops from Chase Financial Institution

Know Your Medicare Options
Saturday September 10 or October 1, 10 am, ADR
Learn with greater clarity what Medicare is, how and when to sign up, and why it is important to review your options every year. Learn the difference between services. Presented by Debora DeLucia, a local Independent Medicare Consultant. Her mission is to learn about each individual’s situation and find the best plans available, free of charge. Registration required.

Your Financial Journey
Thursday, October 6, 6:30 pm, ADR
Learn how your money can help you reach your goals. Create a roadmap for your financial future and explore how a savings and budget plan can support your financial journey. Registration required.

Money Smart for Adults
Thursday, October 13, 6:30 pm, ADR
This workshop will focus on credit by filling out a financial toolbox. This workshop will help you build your financial skills and provide you with resources to help you manage your finances with confidence. Registration required.

Felting Workshop
Sunday, November 13, 2:30 pm, ADR
Felting is a fiber art that uses natural materials, such as wool, and special tools to create unique objects both fun and functional. Many who try it consider it therapeutic. Take a stab at this beginner class! You’ll love it and leave with a useful table coaster or one-of-a-kind wall art. Registration required.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
History & Current Events

Great Decisions
Select Mondays, 7 pm, BRD
Discussions facilitated by scholars and members of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Registration required.

September 12: Changing Demographics with Karen Nichols
The remarkable demographic changes of the 20th century have resulted in far-reaching consequences all over the globe.

October 17: The Quad Alliance with Malia DuMont
The US has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. How effective will this alliance be?

October 24: Sri Lanka in Crisis with Shantha Thangiah
Increased political, economic, and humanitarian crises led to public outcry and protests. Similarly, many other developing countries are currently facing poor governance, heavy foreign debt, and an increased cost of energy.

November 14: Industrial Policy with Matt Murray
Explore questions of mistrust in the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic. How can the US deal with trade and the economy?

Local History

Coming Soon: Local History Show & Tell!
Bring in your local items and artifacts to show and see what others have hidden away in their homes! Stay tuned for more details! Visit poklib.org/learn/local-history-genealogy for updates and other discoveries!

Walking Tours with Shannon Butler
Join Historian Shannon Butler on a walk through some of Poughkeepsie’s historic places. We’ll visit with some of the most fascinating characters in local history and discuss the places we explore. These will be outdoor events with lots of walking, so dress accordingly with appropriate footwear.

Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery
Saturday, September 10, October 22, November 5, 2 pm, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Registration required.
Made possible through a partnership with the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Academy Street Historic District
Saturday, September 24, 2 pm. Meet at Christ Episcopal Church Bell Tower. Registration required.

Author Talks

Mothball Fleet of the Hudson by Tony Musso
Thursday, September 15, 2:30-4 pm, BRD
During World War II, the US Navy increased its fleet to nearly 7,000 ships. Later, from 1946-1971, up to 189 vessels that saw action around the globe during WWII were anchored at Jones Point in Rockland County with a designated crew to perform routine maintenance. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration required.

Unexpected Bravery: Women and Children of the Civil War by A.J. Schenkman
Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 pm, BRD
The Civil War divided the US from 1861-1865. Explore the little-known history of the numerous women and children who fought to make a difference in the epic struggle. A.J. Schenkman is the author of several regional history books, and has written for many magazines and academic journals. Registration required.
Haunted Happenings

Local History: Historic Murders in Dutchess County
Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 pm, BRD
Historian Shannon Butler will discuss some of Dutchess County’s most gruesome murders from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. Using court records, early newspaper articles, and pamphlets, we’ll examine several killers including one of the first female serial killers, the horrible murder of a Poughkeepsie businessman in his own home, and several more bloody acts. Registration required.

Haunted Objects
Wednesday October 19, 6:30 pm, ADR
Paranormal investigator Barry Pirro has investigated hundreds of haunted houses, businesses, and historic sites. He has also been a consultant for paranormal TV shows Ghost Adventures, Ghost Nation, Kindred Spirits, and Paranormal Survivor. Join Barry as he shares chilling stories of haunted objects. Hear stories of haunted paintings, jewelry, dolls, furniture, and musical instruments. Participants will also have a chance to ask Barry questions about his experiences and to share their own true ghost stories. Registration required.

The Films of Alfred Hitchcock
Tuesday, October 18, 7 pm, Virtual
Alfred Hitchcock is probably the most famous and influential film director who ever lived. For five decades, he made 54 films, first in England, then in Hollywood, including classics like Rebecca, Rear Window, and Psycho. Presenter Brian Rose looks at Hitchcock’s achievements as “the master of suspense,” and through dozens of film clips, examines his extraordinary creativity as one of the 20th century’s greatest filmmakers. Registration required.

Autumn at Adriance!
Saturday, October 29, 1-3 pm, ADR
Join us for some festive family fun as we celebrate the autumn season together. There’ll be entertainment, crafts, goodies, games, and all of your fall favorite things! Come dressed in your coziest knits, or in your most ghoulish garments, it’ll be a really gourd time!

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
Public Computer Center

The Public Computer Center offers drop-in lab time and free classes to address all your technology needs. All events are 90 minutes and in person at Adriance unless otherwise noted. Registration is required for all classes.

**Personal Assistance**

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

Receive individualized help with basic computer skills, email, job searches and 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 tech questions and help you feel more comfortable with your device.

**Basics**

**PC Basics**
- Wednesday, September 14, 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, November 1, 3:30 pm

**Mouse & Keyboard**
- Wednesday, September 21, 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, November 8, 3:30 pm

Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Basic Email**
- Wednesday, September 28, 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, November 15, 3:30 pm

Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Internet 101**
- Wednesday, October 5, 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, November 29, 3:30 pm

Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Internet 102**
- Wednesday, October 12, 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 6, 3:30 pm

Prerequisite: basic computer skills

**Internet 103**
- Wednesday, October 19, 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 13, 3:30 pm

Prerequisite: Internet 101 & 102 or equivalent

**Technology**

**Creating a Website**
- Tuesday, October 4, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 14, 1:30 pm
- Saturday, December 17, 1:30 pm

Prereq: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Using a Smartphone**
- Tuesday, October 25, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 26, 3:30 pm

**Windows 10**
- Tuesday, September 27, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 30, 1:30 pm

Prereq: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Intro to 3D Printing Services**
- Saturday, October 15, 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 20, 3:30 pm

**3D Printing Workshop**
- Tuesday, October 18, 3:30 pm

Prereq: Intro to 3D Printing Services

**Selling Online**
- Saturday, September 24, 1:30 pm

Prereq: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Online Security and Common Scams**
- Wednesday, November 2, 3:30 pm

Prereq: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Computer and Tablet Buying: Help & Tips**
- Saturday, November 12, 1:30 pm

**Navigating the Medicare Website** *(90 minutes unless indicated)*
- Wednesday, September 28, 9:30 am; Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 pm, BRD (1 hour);
- Wednesday, October 26, 9:30 am; or Wednesday, December 28, 9:30 am

Led by staff from Dutchess County Office For the Aging. Now available in Spanish, see page 16

**Intro to Gmail**
- Thursday, December 8, 10:30 am

**Using the Library in Your Job Search**
- Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, December 17, 11 am

**Technology from Home**

Virtual classes. Internet access and a device to connect to Zoom are required.

**Selling Online**
- Thursday, September 22, 10:30 am

Prereq: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Computer and Tablet Buying: Help & Tips**
- Thursday, November 10, 10:30 am

**Intro to 3D Printing Services**
- Thursday, October 13, 10:30 am

**Intro to Ancestry.com**
- Saturday, September 17, 11 am

**Intro to Google Drive & Docs**
- Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 pm
- Monday, October 24, 3 pm
- Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 pm

Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

**Using the Library in Your Job Search**
- Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, December 17, 11 am

**Intro to Gmail**
- Thursday, December 8, 10:30 am

Prereq: Internet 101 or equivalent
### Microsoft Office

#### Word 101
- Monday, September 12, 3 pm
- Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 pm
- Monday, October 31, 3 pm
- Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 pm
- Monday, December 19, 3 pm
- Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 pm
- Prereq: basic computer skills

#### Word 102
- Monday, September 26, 3 pm
- Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 pm
- Monday, November 14, 3 pm
- Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 pm
- Prereq: Word 101 or equiv

#### Word 103
- Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 pm
- Prereq: Word 101 & 102 or equiv

#### Excel 101
- Monday, September 19, 3 pm
- Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 pm
- Monday, November 7, 3 pm
- Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 pm
- Prerequisite: basic computer skills

#### Excel 102
- Monday, October 3, 3 pm
- Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 pm
- Monday, November 28, 3 pm
- Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 pm
- Prerequisite: Excel 101 or equivalent

#### Excel 103
- Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 pm
- Prerequisite: Excel 101 and 102 or equivalent

#### Excel Tables
- Wednesday, October 17, 3 pm
- Prerequisite: Excel 101 and 102 or equivalent

#### Excel Functions
- Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 pm
- Prerequisite: Excel 101 and 102 or equivalent

#### PowerPoint 101
- Saturday, October 15, 11 am
- Monday, December 5, 3 pm
- Prerequisite: basic computer skills

#### DIY with Microsoft Publisher
- Saturday, November 19, 11 am
- Monday, December 12, 3 pm
- Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent

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### What PCC Patrons Are Saying

- “I completely enjoyed this class and I can't wait to take Excel 102.” (Excel 101)
- “Good beginner's class for Ancestry.com.” (Intro to Ancestry.com)
- “This class has eased my former computer anxiety.” (Internet 102)
- “Betty was very helpful and knowledgeable. I can use the computer for several things, but have never had a class in the basics. This is just what I need. Thank you.” (PC Basics)

### Free Music Streaming on Freegal

Did you know that your PPLD library card gives you access to free music streaming? Prices for streaming services like Spotify and Apple Music can really add up over time, but your library card could save you hundreds of dollars annually.

Freegal is a free music service that allows Poughkeepsie Public Library District card holders access to over 16 million songs, with music from over 100 countries, including Sony Music’s catalog of legendary artists and over 40,000 music videos. There are over 200 different genres to browse through, and you can curate playlists and download them onto your device to take with you anywhere you go. What’s the difference between Freegal and Spotify or Apple Music? It's free! There’s no email, credit card, or phone number required to sign up; that means no ads and no commercials. All you’ll need is your library card number and PIN to access this service.

Start your free music streaming venture in bliss by visiting our website at poklib.org. Go to Books & More, then click e-Library, and scroll down to Freegal. If you run into any issues trying to access this service, please give our circulation desk a call or stop by on your next visit! In fact, September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, encourage your friends and family to sign-up for a library card so that everyone can enjoy. Happy streaming!

### Your library card also gives you free access to:

- **LearnItLive** live classes mostly focused on health and wellness
- **Coursera** open online course provider
- **Mango** learn a language
- **Great Courses** learn from distinguished professors from home
- **Creativebug** unlimited online craft classes
- **ArtistWorks** online music courses—learn to play an instrument!
- **Qello** live concert streaming
- **Medici.tv** the world’s leading classical music channel
- **Hoopla** streaming audiobooks, music, video, and ebooks
- **Kanopy** stream thousands of films for free
- **Libby** free ebooks and audiobooks from your library
Programas en español

Información e inscripciones con Elva Margarita al (845) 485-3445 x3321 o ecorbaton@poklib.org. Todos los programas presenciales y virtuales requieren inscripción. En los programas virtuales, una vez que te registres, recibirás un correo de confirmación con enlace a Zoom para que te unas a la reunión.

Asistencia Tecnológica Individual

Martes y jueves, 9-10 am, del 8 de septiembre al 15 de diciembre, ADR

Obtén apoyo individual en computación básica, correo electrónico, aplicación para empleo, creación y edición de documentos en Word y Excel y asistencia con el manejo del celular.

Esta es la historia con Rosario

Viernes, 6-7:30 pm, 16 de septiembre, 14 de octubre, 18 de noviembre, Virtual

En estas charlas, Rosario Lara reseña el pasado para comprender nuestro presente. Si te apasiona la historia y quieres estudiar el ayer para entender los porqués de los acontecimientos actuales, este programa es perfecto para ti.

Lazos de amistad: Círculo de manualidades

Sábado, 2-4 pm, 24 de septiembre, 8 y 22 de octubre, 5 y 19 de noviembre, 3 y 17 de diciembre, ADR

Únete a este grupo informal compartiendo tus proyectos de tejido, costura u otra manualidad. Habrá materiales disponibles.

Serie: Alrededor de la hoguera

Jueves, 6-8 pm, 26 de septiembre, 24 de octubre, 21 de noviembre, 19 de diciembre, Virtual

Serie de desarrollo humano para mujeres, dirigida por Gloria Urrego, profesional de desarrollo familiar.

Escribe tu Vida: taller literario para adultos

Jueves, 6-8 pm, 29 de septiembre, 27 de octubre y 17 de noviembre, ADR

Todos tenemos una historia que es única y valiosa. Ven a escribir la tuya en este taller de escritura en español, dirigido por Tamara Gruszko.

Combinando tecnología e idiomas

Martes y jueves, 10-10:30 am, del 13 de septiembre al 1 de diciembre, ADR

Ya sea que estés interesado en aprender inglés o algún otro idioma, Mia Garofalo, estudiante de psicología de Marist College, enseña aplicaciones y recursos que ayudan a adquirir o mejorar el conocimiento de una lengua, basándose en teorías de aprendizaje usadas en psicología. Este programa es abierto para todos.

Soluciones en español: Mostrador de Referencia

Martes y jueves, 11 am - 1 pm y 3-4 pm, ADR

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.

Clases de computación

Jueves, 6-7:30 pm, 22 de septiembre, 6 y 20 de octubre, 10 de noviembre, 1 y 15 de diciembre, ADR

De forma práctica, aprende desde los usos del teclado y el ratón, hasta como elaborar una carta y hacer un presupuesto. Utilizaremos las herramientas ofrecidas por DigitalLearn.org.

¡Aprende a leer y escribir!

Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie

Sábado, 10 de septiembre, 1-4 pm, ADR

La Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie abre sus inscripciones para el programa de alfabetización en español para adultos. Ven y conoce el programa que te enseñará a leer y escribir. Las clases inician el 13 de septiembre. Tendremos refrigerios y bebidas. En colaboración con Revolución Radio.

Clases de Alfabetización para Adultos en español

Martes y jueves, 6-8 pm, del 13 de septiembre al 15 de diciembre, ADR

¿Quieres aprender a leer y escribir? ¡Nosotras te ayudamos! Las clases son totalmente en español y gratuitas. Las inscripciones se abren a partir del 10 de septiembre.

Navegando el sitio web de Medicare

Jueves, 29 de septiembre, 9-10:30 am, ADR

Apertura de inscripciones de Medicare

Jueves, 27 de octubre, 9:30-10:30 am, ADR

Capacitación práctica en el sitio web de Medicare para encontrar información sobre los planes de medicamentos recetados y los planes Medicare Advantage. Dirigido por HIICAP en la Oficina para Personas Mayores del Condado de Dutchess. Para más información, contacte a Lenke Ganz (845) 486-2083.
Exhibición de Arte Latino: Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation
Del 1 de septiembre al 15 de octubre, Galería The Rotunda, ADR

Pintores y escultores se unen y muestran su talento celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana. Visita la galería de Adriance y admira esta muestra de artistas latinos del Valle de Hudson. El curador: Wilfredo Morel. En colaboración con Sun River Health y Revolución Radio.

Recepción de la Exhibición de Arte Latino
Sábado, 17 de septiembre, 1-4 pm, ADR

En una tarde de deleite artístico, literario y musical 100% latino, ven y conoce a los artistas, su trayectoria y una breve explicación de su obra expuesta. En colaboración con Sun River Health y Revolución Radio.

¡Lotería!
Jueves, 15 de septiembre, 6-8 pm, Chapulín Colorado (632 Main Street, Poughkeepsie)
Disfruta de una divertidísima tarde jugando lotería mexicana y comiendo antojitos mexicanos. ¡Bienvenidos chicos y grandes! En colaboración con El Chapulín Colorado Ice Cream y Revolución Radio. Cupo limitado.

¿Qué comemos en la calle?
Sábado, 24 de septiembre, 10 am - 12:30 pm, ADR


Radio Ka-Ni-Ka
Jueves, 13 de octubre, 6-7:30 pm, Virtual

Aprende y recuerda cantos, cuentos y juegos tradicionales mexicanos. Dirigido por Norma Chávez Ávila y Luis Puga, personal de las bibliotecas del Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia de México.

Radio Ka-Ni-Ka: Día de Muertos
Jueves, 3 de noviembre, 6-7:30 pm, Virtual

Tradiciones mexicanas en el Día de Muertos con Norma Chávez Ávila y Luis Puga, personal de las bibliotecas del Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia de México.
Teen
For ages 12-18. Registration required unless otherwise noted. Register at poklib.org/Events or call (845) 485-3445 x3320. The Strba Teen Room is open Monday–Thursday 2-8 pm, and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 2-5 pm.

Teen Tuesdays
Select Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, at ADR unless indicated.

September 13: 3D Printing
You design it; we’ll print it for you. Beginners welcomed.

September 20: Banned Books, Brownies, & Buttons
Celebrate your freedom to read without censorship! Make your own button of your favorite banned book! No registration required.

September 27: National Chocolate Milk Day
Celebrate National Chocolate Milk Day by participating in a blind taste-off of a variety of chocolate milks. Find a new favorite flavor and learn the fascinating history of chocolate milk. Cookies will be provided.

October 11, November 15: VR Experience
Explore the 3D world with our Oculus Quest II.

October 18: Doodling with Photoshop
Use Photoshop to enhance your portrait, make it into a comic, or create a unique creature. For beginners.

October 25: National Pizza Month Celebration
Celebrate National Pizza Month by making your own personal pizza. Dough and a variety of toppings will be provided.

November 8: Apple Pie Extravaganza
Prepare for Thanksgiving and impress your family and friends by learning how to make an apple pie. Make the pie at the library and bake it at home. All ingredients will be provided.

Anime & Manga Book Club
Thursdays, 4-5 pm, September 15, October 13, November 10
Together we will watch an episode of an anime series and then read the first volume of the manga series.

Tiny Art Show
Thursday, October 6, 3:30 pm, ADR
Teens can paint or collage on small canvases and enter in the library’s Community Tiny Art Show. All finished artwork will be displayed in the Ground Floor Cases at Adriance from October 11 to November 10. Artwork will be returned at the Closing Reception on November 10 from 4-6 pm.

Create a Monster!
Wednesday, October 19, 4 pm, ADR
Together we will look at and learn about how monsters have been created in literature and art. Then we’ll create our own monsters using inspiration from animals and natural elements from around the world, current and extinct.

Scary Movie Trivia
Monday, October 31, 3:30 pm, ADR
Enjoy some ghoul-tastic treats and compete in a ghostly trivia game.

Rewrite a Fairy Tale
Wednesday, November 2, 4 pm, ADR
Classic fairytales are out-of-sync compared to modern-day standards. Recreating the fairytale narrative in new ways has been popular for years, with movies like Maleficent and plays like Wicked. Together we will rework a fairy tale to create a new story.

Teen Video Gaming
Every Monday & Thursday, 3-5 pm, ADR, September 8 - December 29
Challenge your friends to some Super Smash Bros. on our Nintendo Switch!

Babysitting Workshop
Tuesday, November 15, 4 pm, BRD
Learn interviewing tips, communication skills, developmental stages of babies and toddlers, first aid tips, and feeding and caring for children. Ages 10-18. Registration required.
You can be a writer!

Have you ever wanted to try writing a story? Many people feel a sense of curiosity about the art of writing fiction, but they might not know where to start. With plenty of programs and books specifically designed to support writers, your library can help with that!

You might want to become a published author, or you might just want to write for yourself. Either way, writing fiction, like any other art form, has immeasurable benefits to your well-being. Creativity is a great way to work out your brain. Creative writing is even linked to the alleviation of depression in some people. It strengthens communication, organizational, and research skills, and it can be very rewarding to watch yourself improve as your perseverance pays off.

A great way to get started writing a story is by giving yourself permission to explore something that has intrigued you, like a “what if?” question or a character you think has an interesting perspective or personality. You might find, as you continue to develop your plot and characters and maybe even a whole new world, that you are passionate and excited about your new project!

November is National Novel Writing Month (or NaNoWriMo for short), when writers attempt to write 50,000 words in 30 days! Why 50,000 words? Because that is the threshold at which a story becomes a novel. It might seem like a big commitment, but thousands of writers around the globe succeed at NaNoWriMo, and even those who don’t quite reach 50,000 words finish with a sense of accomplishment because they have created something they can build on later.

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**Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist**
*Tuesday, October 18, 6 pm, BRD or Saturday, October 22, 11:15 am, SPD*

Want to try writing a story, but not sure where to start? Want some tips for cool writer resources? 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. More information on page 7. *Registration required.*

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**Teen Volunteer Opportunities**

**Teen Room Volunteer**
*Monday-Thursday, 3-5 pm, ADR*

Teens ages 13-18 help with book displays, craft activities, and keeping our collection organized. Contact Angela Panzer at x3309.

**Blogging for Teen Café**

Earn community service credit for creating content for the Teen Café Blog. Write a book review, create a funny video, share a skill, write a story, or let your imagination run wild! Contact Martha Farrell at x3358 or email teencafe@poklib.org.

**Teen Homework Tutors**
*Weekly, Monday-Thursday, 3-7 pm*

Teens ages 13-18 can earn community service credit by helping children in grades K-5 with homework. Contact Liz Asta at x3363, or the Children’s Desk at x3320.

**Autumn at Adriance**
*Saturday, October 29*

Help the library staff with children’s activities at our Halloween event. Email volunteer@poklib.org.

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**Word Count Guide for Writers**

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*Any story can be a great story, so word count is not an indicator of quality. For example, Edgar Allan Poe believed that short stories were ideal because they could be read from start to finish in one sitting.*

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**NaNoWriMo Workshop**
*Mondays, October 17 - December 5, 6-8 pm, ADR*

Plan ahead and prepare to write a novel in 30 days! Teacher and writer Marianna Boneck leads this workshop series, culminating in a celebration of your new work on December 5. *Registration required.*

Image courtesy of National Novel Writing Month.

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If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
Early Childhood

Story times are weekly series. 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 fall 2022 session, registration will not be required except where noted.

At Adriance
Free parking and easy access is available from the Noxon Street Parking Lot (GPS Locator: 22 Noxon Street).

**PLC (Preschool Learning Center) Story Time**
Books, flannel board stories, and music for children ages 3 to 5 followed by guided play. No program Monday, October 10. Please register your child for only one session.

**Mondays:** September 12 - November 14, 10-11:30 am  
**Tuesdays:** September 13 - November 15, 11 am - 12:30 pm  
**Wednesdays:** September 14 - November 16, 11 am - 12:30 pm

**Toddler Time**
Tuesdays, September 13 - November 15, 10-10:30 am
A story time for 2-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music followed by play time.

**Bilingual Baby & Me**
Wednesdays, September 14 - November 16, 10-11 am
Developing your baby’s pre-literacy skills using English and Spanish songs, rhymes, group reading, and sensory playtime to develop language, social and motor skills, and community building. For newborns to 30 months. Siblings welcome.

**Music & Movement**
Thursdays, September 15 - November 17, 10-10:30 am
Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for children ages 3 to 5.

**Cozy Story Time**
Thursdays, September 15 - November 17, 6:30-7 pm
Put on your PJs and bring a stuffed animal friend! For ages 18 months to 4 years. Siblings welcome.

**Sensory Lab**
Friday, September 16 - November 18, 10-11 am
Enhance fine motor skills through sensory exploration and play. Dress for the mess! Ages 18 months to 5 years. No program on Friday, September 23, October 28, or November 11.

At Boardman

**Preschool Story Time**
Mondays, September 12 - November 14, 10-10:30 am
Stories, songs, action rhymes, and small crafts for ages 3 to 5. Parents and siblings welcome. No program Monday, October 10.

**Baby Rhyme & Play Time**
Mondays, September 12 - November 14, 11-11:45 am
Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Playtime with toys will follow. For birth to 18 months. No program Monday, October 10.

**Walk & Wiggle**
Wednesday, September 14 - November 16, 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 to 24 months.

**Toddler Time**
Thursdays, September 15 - November 17, 10-10:30 am
A story time for 2-year-olds featuring books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

**Toot & Scoot & Play**
Thursdays, September 15 - November 17, 10:40-11:15 am
Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for walkers to age 5.

At the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library

**Family Story Time**
Saturdays, September 17 - November 12, 10-10:30 am
Stories and songs followed by a craft. No program Saturday, October 29.

**PLC After Hours**
Join us for 30 minutes of story time followed by 20 minutes of play and a craft. For ages 3 to 5.  
**Barnyard Edition:** Thursday, September 22, 4-4:50 pm  
**Autumn Bears:** Thursday, November 3, 4-4:45 pm
**Representation Matters**

**Story Time Series at Adriance**

It is important for every child to see themselves reflected in the stories they read or those that are read to them. All children and families are welcome to attend. Story times will include music and crafts. **No registration required.**

**Bilingual Story Time**

*Saturday, September 10, 10-11 am*

Stories will be told in English and in Spanish and will reflect the experiences of children growing up in bilingual households.

**Rainbow Story Time**

*Saturday, September 17, 10-11 am*

Stories about growing up in diverse family environments, as well as LGTBQ+ and gender-nonconforming characters.

**Story Time about Children with Other Abilities**

*Saturday, September 24, 10-11 am*

Stories will relate to children whose abilities are affected by their vision, movement, thinking, communication, hearing, etc.

**Neurodivergent Story Time**

*Saturday, October 1, 10-11 am*

Stories will relate to the experiences of those who are neurodivergent (children with ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, and Dyslexia) and how they experience the world.

**Family Workshops**

**Read, Write, Talk, Sing, Play:**

**Early Literacy Workshop for Parents**

*Wednesdays, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, 6-7 pm, ADR*

This workshop will consist of a brief presentation about the importance of 5 early literacy practices that parents and guardians can do together to help prepare their children for kindergarten. Afterwards, we’ll do activities together to practice the early literacy skill. Each session will focus on 1 skill. Parents or guardians and their children ages 3-5 are invited to register. **Registration required per date.**

**Autism Services and Education: Understanding Your Options**

*Saturday, September 10, 11:30-12:30 pm, ADR*

Master-level child therapist and Special Education Itinerant Teacher Gregory Forte will host a workshop for parents and caregivers of autistic children ages birth to 5 years old. This workshop is for parents or caregivers seeking guidance about autism and the special education process necessary to help transition your child from their formative years to their school years. A Q&A discussion about applying for and getting support for your child will follow. **Registration required.**

**Children**

Registration required unless otherwise indicated. Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 x3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register.

**Monthly Series at Adriance**

**Register for first session and attend all.**

**Anime & Manga Book Club**

*Thursdays, 4-5 pm, September 15, October 13, November 10*

We will watch an episode of an anime series and then read the first volume of the manga series. Grades 6-12.

**Lego Builders’ Club**

*Mondays, 4-5 pm, September 19, October 17, November 7*

Can you complete our monthly Lego challenge? Grades 3-6.

**Girls Who Code**

*Tuesdays, 4-5 pm, September 27, October 25, November 15*

Explore the exciting field of tech. You will learn to write the code behind video games and have a blast doing it! Grades 3-5.

**All Booked! Monthly Book Club**

*Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm*

Join us for a book discussion, trivia, snack and book related craft or game each month. Read the story before the club meets. Grades 3-4.

*September 29: Clementine by Sara Pennypacker*

*October 20: Key Hunters: The Haunted Howl by Eric Luper*

*November 17: Choose Your Own Adventure Book*

**Science Saturdays**

*October 15, 22, 10:30 am - 12 pm, ADR*

Graduate students from Marist College will set up hands-on experiments and show you just how fun science can be! **Registration required.**
Children’s Programs At Adriance
These programs require registration unless otherwise noted.

Tiny Art Studio
Tuesdays, 4-5 pm, September 13, 27, October 11, 25, November 8
Create miniature works of art and then see your art on display at the Tiny Art Gallery! Dress for a mess. Grades 3-6.
Registrants and their families will be invited to a Tiny Art Gallery Opening on Tuesday, November 15, 6-7 pm. Dress for a party!

Haunted House
Thursday, October 27, 5:30-7 pm
Are you brave enough to enter our haunted house? We promise you’ll scream with delight! All ages.
Registration starts October 27, 5 pm.

Cozy Cats
Tuesday, September 20, 4-4:45 pm
Come listen to some feline stories and then create a cozy cat. Grades K-2.

Dia de los Muertos Celebración
Tuesday, November 1, 4-5:30 pm
Come celebrate Día de los Muertos! Check out our display, learn the history of altars, and join us to watch the film The Book of Life. Grades 1-5.

Return to Camp Half-Blood
Thursday, September 22, 6-7 pm
To celebrate the return of Percy Jackson and the Olympians, we’ll attend the Poughkeepsie chapter of Camp Half-Blood. Join us as we learn the skills needed by demigods. Which Greek god will you represent? Grades 3-7.

An Attitude of Gratitude
Monday, November 14, 4-4:45 pm
November is National Gratitude Month! Starting the habit of reflecting on what you’re grateful for at a young age can lead to a happier life. Join us for an afternoon of gratitude journaling, games, crafting, and fun that’ll leave us all feeling grateful. Grades 1-6.

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Haunt the Library
Thursday, October 6, 4-5 pm
Help us haunt the library with a spooky, spectral craft! With your permission, we’ll use your project to decorate the Children’s room. Dress for a mess. Younger children may need assistance. Grades 1-5.

Scary Story Time
Tuesday, October 18, 4-4:45 pm
Come in your scariest costume and be prepared to shiver and shake as we read some scary stories. Grades PreK-4.

Ghost-ology 101
Thursday, October 13, 7-8 pm
Do you love the paranormal? Join us as we discuss local ghost encounters and paranormal investigations! Grades 4-8.

Holiday Gingerbread House Workshop
Thursday, December 1, 4-5 pm
Get ready for a sweet time at our annual Gingerbread House decorating! All ages. Please register your child for only one workshop—see page 23 for Boardman date.

Hogwarts Yule Ball
Thursday, December 8, 6-7:30 pm
Don your finest robes, shine up your wands and celebrate a night of holiday festivities while munching on some magical treats. All ages.

Operation Warm Coat Giveaway
Saturday, November 5, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR
Saturday, November 12, 10 am - 2 pm, SPD
Our annual winter coat giveaway will be held in two locations this year.

Noon Year’s Eve
Friday, December 30, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm
3, 2, 1! Happy New Year! Come dressed in your best to celebrate an early New Year’s Eve at the library! All ages.
Children’s Programs at Boardman
Registration required.

**Shark Machine**
*Monday, September 12, 4-4:45 pm*
Make a cardboard shark machine. Turn the crank to start the action! Cardboard pieces are precut. Grades 2-6.

**Minion Mania!**
*Monday, September 19, 4-4:45 pm*
Make a Minion wobble egg and more! Grades K-5.

**Terra-Cotta Leaf Ornament**
*Monday, October 3, 4-4:45 pm*
Make a glittery leaf ornament with air-dry clay. Grades 1-6.

**Monster Popcorn Balls**
*Monday, October 17, 4-4:45 pm*
Make a gooey monster popcorn ball. Grades K-5.

**Halloween Paper Crafts**
*Tuesday, October 18, 4-4:45 pm*
Join us and make some spook-tacular crafts. Grades 1-6.

**Life-Size Skeleton**
*Thursday, October 20, 4-4:45 pm*
Learn about your bones, heart, lungs, and other body parts as you build a life size model of yourself. Grades 1-6.

Children’s Programs at the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library
Registration required.

**Glow-in-the-Dark Pumpkin Painting**
*Thursday, October 6, 3-4 pm*
Make a fall pumpkin that will glow from the outside! Create a one-of-a-kind glow in the dark painted pumpkin! Grades 1-6.

**Quilling (Paper Art) Tree Making**
*Thursday, November 3, 3-4 pm*
Learn some fun techniques to roll paper and turn it into beautiful artwork. Grades 1-6.

**DIY Snow Globe**
*Thursday, December 8, 3-4 pm*
Create a snow globe to take home so that you can make it snow anytime! Grades 1-6.

**African Rag Doll Workshop**
*Friday, September 30, 3:30 pm or Saturday, October 1, 11:30 am*
The National Black Doll Museum will lead this special program of doll-making based on the traditional art form rooted in 18th century African American culture. Participants will create their own three-dimensional figures used over centuries to enhance storytelling. Check out the National Black Doll Museum online. For children 6 years old and up (parent/guardian must participate).
The Friends of PPLD is an independent entity organized to support the Library District. Visit the Friends’ Book Store: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. (845) 485-3445 x3423 or on Facebook PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore.

**Mystery Mondays Book Club**

*Monthly, select Mondays, 11 am, BRD and Virtual*

Discussions are led by Eleanor Charwat and Suzanne Christensen. *Registration required.*

- **September 19 (new date!): Nothing to Lose by J.A. Jance**
  Retired Seattle cop J. P. Beaumont investigates when the son of his former police partner wants Beaumont to find his brother Chris.

- **October 31: Orchid Beach by Stuart Woods**
  When Holly Barker arrives to serve as the new deputy police chief of a Florida town, she finds the chief shot, and a case involving the FBI and a compound for the very rich.

- **November 28: Darkly Dreaming Dexter by Jeffrey Lindsay**
  Dexter Morgan hides a secret life as an assassin while employed as a blood spatter analyst by the Miami PD.

- **December 12: Stormy Weather by Carl Hiaasen**
  A woman whose scheme is to sleep with a Kennedy, a former governor now acting as kidnapper, a view of Florida.

**Friends of the Library Week: October 16—22**

Stop into the Friends’ Book Store and say hello and thank you to our wonderful Friends who volunteer their time to make the library a more vibrant place.

The Friends have supplied funding generated from the Book Store and Holiday Book Sale for Rover the Roaming Library bookmobile, author talks from writers like Susan Wiggs and Richard Russo, Children’s Summer Reading programs, Big Read books and events, supplying books for the Free Book Libraries in the community, and much more.

**Holiday Book Sale**

*Friday, November 18—Sunday, November 20, Locust Grove, 2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie*

Don’t miss the Friends’ annual Holiday Book Sale. Early Bird Sale on Friday morning, all items half-price on Sunday. The Sale features a large number of gift-quality books and media, at reasonable prices. An additional room will offer specially priced items.

**Annual Meeting**

*Wednesday, December 7, 6-8:30 pm, BRD*

The public is cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District. There will be a short business meeting, followed by a guest speaker presentation. *Registration preferred.*

**Adriance Honors**

Please see page 3 for details!

**Join us!** The Friends are continually looking for new Friends! You too can support the Library District by volunteering at the Store. For information about further ways to contribute, visit poklib.org/about-the-friends.