Welcome to the new bimonthly Rotunda!
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Registration Opens December 19!

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 youtube.com/poklib01

Upcoming Holiday Closures

New Year’s Day, Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 16
Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 20

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: Young doll makers assemble after an African rag doll workshop at the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library.

About

Adriance Memorial Library (ADR)
93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Mon–Thu: 9 am – 8:30 pm as of Jan. 3
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 – 8:30 pm as of Jan. 3
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

We are open during FPC construction!

Mon–Fri: 1 pm – 5 pm
Sat: 10 am – 2 pm Sun: Closed
Hours may be liable to change; we suggest checking our website before a visit if you’re not sure.

Friends’ Book Store  x3423
141 Boardman Road, at rear of Library
Tue, Thu, Sat: 10 am – 4 pm

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Vision

PPLD 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.
In an effort to keep up with the vastly changing times, the Library District is making a few changes to how we plan for and deliver programs and services. Here are some examples:

After considerable thought and analysis, the Board of Trustees voted that the Library District would go **fine-free** effective September 1, 2022. Over the years, we have implemented several risk mitigation strategies which have been effective in getting loaned materials back on time, thereby reducing fine revenue by a substantial amount. In many communities, including ours, fines are a barrier to access, a barrier which the Board opted to remove.

When it was determined safe to resume in-person programming, we found that there was an audience for **virtual programming** that wanted it to continue. Our reach to speakers and topics that might otherwise not be available to us has increased what we can offer to the public from the comfort of both the speaker’s and participants’ homes.

As much as we can, we have “gone local” with programming. Doubling our efforts to highlight our own collections and staff experts and engaging with local talent on a variety of historical and green topics is of great benefit to everyone. The Hudson Valley is home to a vast array of incredible people and places that we will continue to promote and explore.

There is ample national research and local evidence that the pandemic negatively affected the academic growth of students in primary and secondary education. Local school districts are working to address the gaps that have been created and exacerbated by remote learning, and other residual challenges of school closures. The Board of Trustees wants to know how parents and caregivers would like the Library District to assist them in addressing these gaps. Recently released research indicates that homes in which reading was a priority appear to have maintained grade-level achievement in reading, but math skills, not commonly practiced in the home, have plummeted. There is also evidence that socialization skills have suffered.

How can the Library District help?

Consider taking the **survey** which will be accessible to the community and on the Library’s District’s website in early January. As we curate our programs and services for 2023, especially for youth, we need community guidance.

A new year often brings reflection on the old and anticipation of the new. The Library District is proud of the old and anticipates working with everyone to create the new.
The New Seed Sowing Center

The Library District is excited to announce a brand-new service: the Seed Sowing Center. This Center will house a Seed Library, which will include supplies like free seeds for vegetables and flowers, as well as a place to check out gardening tools and resources. The purpose of this new Seed Sowing Center is to help support sustainability in our community by supplying library cardholders with resources that they can use in their gardens. We are striving to ensure that no member of our community is excluded from this service due to lack of space or supplies in their home.

PPLD is excited to work with other organizations and businesses to keep supplying our community with quality seeds, educational programs, and tools to teach people how to plant, tend, and harvest the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labor.

We would like to thank our wonderful Friends for supporting and funding this endeavor. The Seed Sowing Center will open for requests on **February 27**. More details on how to place orders and pick up seeds will follow.

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Staff Spotlight: Kayleigh Hartnett

Meet our newest Children’s Librarian!

**Q: Can you describe your new position in your own words?**
**A:** It’s been a great experience working at PPLD since being hired earlier this year into Technical/Borrower Services. It was bittersweet to leave the department, but I was thrilled to be offered a position as a Children’s Librarian in the Youth Services department, and had to jump on the opportunity! It’s incredible to witness the fantastic programs, carefully chosen materials in our collections, and the overall joyous atmosphere created by the Youth Services department. I cannot wait to join them in their work.

**Q: What are your goals for your department and/or position?**
**A:** No library’s community is the same, and each community is most likely to undergo changes. The beauty of working within the Library District is that we are able to actively listen and pay attention to the ever-changing needs of our wonderful and diverse community. The collected data is a road map to developing and delivering the most impactful services. My goals for the Youth Services department, and myself as a Teen Librarian would be to keep up the vigilance in evaluation of how the library is evolving to meet the needs of our community, as well as the needs of the staff who all work so hard.

**Q: What’s something people might not know about you?**
**A:** Hot seat fun facts about me! I have 800+ books in my personal collection (oops!). I used to run a Bookstagram called @livedinpages if you want to look at some cool book shots. I’ve snorkeled in Chichijima, Japan to perform underwater coral surveys (underwater pencils are a thing, apparently). I’ve worked with Common Ground Relief (a non-profit organization in the 9th Ward of New Orleans) to do coastal restoration work in the Louisiana wetlands. And lastly, I love to paint!
Students Tackle Food Insecurity with Community Fridge

What started as a project to address food insecurity in Oakwood’s Literature of Direct Action class has grown into a community collaboration with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District and the installation of Poughkeepsie’s first Community Fridge at Adriance Memorial Library. Students have been working hard since May, meeting with local officials and community members to find locations for their donated fridges, which led to the partnership with the Library District.

Seniors (pictured) Kishi Oyagi, Theo Hirmes, and Trevor Brooks who coordinated the project shared the impetus for their project, “Accessibility is important—fridges are an incredibly accessible way for the community to share food with one another. They are available most of the day, don’t have limits on how much food someone can take, avoid the stigma attached to food pantries, and are decentralized and non-hierarchical, since they rely on community members supporting each other rather than a gatekeeping charity organization.”

The Poughkeepsie Community Fridge receives regular donations from groups like the Poughkeepsie Farm Project (PFP) and Kelly’s Bakery, but it is also supported by individuals. According to research done by Poughkeepsie Plenty, an anti-hunger organization working to eliminate food insecurity locally, 1 in 4 households in the City of Poughkeepsie are food insecure by USDA standards. This is higher than the national average of 1 in 6. Even more worrisome, 1 in 10 households suffer from severe food insecurity, meaning they often go hungry.

Sharing about their weekly donation to the Poughkeepsie Community Fridge, PFP’s Food Share Coordinator Justin Saret said, “It’s exciting to see a new food access initiative bringing the community together, especially in a time when a lot of service organizations are struggling with staffing and capacity.”

The fridge, and shelves for nonperishable items, is located on the Ground Floor of Adriance Memorial Library at 93 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. This project offers free food for anyone, with no restrictions, available whenever the library is open. Everyone is welcome to put food in or take it out. The motto is “take what you need, leave what you can.” Guidelines are posted on the fridge about what to put in—all kinds of food are welcome, but allergens and expiration dates must be labeled.

*Founded in 1796, Oakwood Friends School is New York State’s oldest co-educational boarding and day school. It is an independent college preparatory school serving grades 5-12.*
Books, Writing, & More

Meet the Authors

Joseph Fasano  
Saturday, January 21, 2:30 pm, BRD

A sweeping love story and historical drama, The Swallows of Lunetto is a timely meditation on the left-right political divide, the reckonings of inherited trauma, and the potential of forgiveness to heal deeply divisive wounds. Joseph Fasano is an American novelist, poet, and songwriter. Books will be available for sale and signing. Registration required.

Richard Zahradnik  
Thursday, February 9, 7 pm, BRD

In the new thriller The Bone Records, NYPD academy washout Grigg Orlov must find the murderers of his immigrant father before he's the next to die. Rich Zahradnik is the author of four critically acclaimed mysteries, including Lights Out Summer, and winner of the Shamus Award from the Private Eye Writers of America. He now lives in Pelham, but grew up in Wappinger and was born in Poughkeepsie. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration required.

Exploring Lorraine Hansberry  
Select Sundays, 2:30 pm, BRD

In recognition of Black History Month, the Library District will present a three-part series exploring the life and work of Lorraine Hansberry. Most noted for her seminal play A Raisin in the Sun, Hansberry was a deeply layered writer and playwright who deserves a refreshing and critical review. Copies of the play will be available in January. Registration is required for each session.

February 12: The Life Behind A Raisin in the Sun, presented by Hansberry biographer Charles Shields.
February 19: The Work in Context, presented by Eve Dunbar, PhD.
February 26: Looking at A Raisin in the Sun, presented by Denise Walen, PhD.

Before Brooklyn with Author Ted Reinstein  
Tuesday, February 28, 7 pm, Virtual

Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball’s Color Barrier tells the story of the little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball. Author Ted Reinstein has been a reporter for Chronicle since 1997. In addition, he has been a contributor for the station’s political roundtable show and sits on WCVB’s editorial board. Registration required.
For Writers

An Evening of Poetry
Monthly, third Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR
Featured poet followed by an open mic. No registration required.
January 19: Joseph Fasano
February 16: William Joel

Write, Write, and Rewrite
Monthly, third Saturdays, January 21, February 18, 10 am, ADR
Bring copies of your work(s) in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres welcome. No registration required.

Exercise Your Writing
Monthly, first Sundays, February 5, 2 pm, ADR
Exercise your writing in this workshop where you receive prompts, write, and then share with the group. Facilitated by Billy Herman. Closed January 1. No registration required.

Book Clubs

Books & Brews Book Club
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy’s Pub, 796 Main Street. Contact Kira Thompson at x3350 or kthompson@poklib.org for details. No registration required.

January 18: The Thousand Crimes of Ming Tsu by Tom Lin
Orphan Ming Tsu, raised by California gangsters, tries to leave it all behind when he meets Ada, daughter of a powerful railroad magnate.

February 15: South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation by Imani Perry
“An elegant meditation on the complexities of the American South—and thus of America.”—Isabel Wilkerson

Graphic Novel Book Club
Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual Teens and adults welcome. Registration required.

January 12: Roughneck by Jeff Lemire
Derek Ouellette’s glory days are behind him. His hockey career ended a decade earlier in a violent incident on ice, and since then he’s been living off his reputation in the remote northern community where he grew up, drinking too much and fighting anyone who crosses him.

February 2: Bitter Root Vol. 1 by David Walker
In the 1920s, the Harlem Renaissance is in full swing, and only the Sangerey Family, once known as the greatest monster hunters of all time, can save New York—and the world—from the supernatural forces threatening to destroy humanity.

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

**International Food Festival**

*Saturday, February 25, 2-4 pm, ADR*

Take a walk around the world in the comfort of your community library! Sample dishes from around the world: Ukraine, Japan, China, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Germany. You will be able to take home a recipe book and try to make these dishes on your own. Bring your appetite, family, and friends to this festival of international foods. **No registration required.**

**Open Mic**

*Monthly, Wednesdays, January 11, February 8, 7 pm, ADR*

Step out and share your talent: spoken word, singing, playing an instrument, comedy; or just come and watch! Your hosts are Mary Pazienza and Debora Shon. **No registration required.**

**Paper Crafting**

*Monthly, Thursdays, January 26, February 23, 6:30 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. **No registration required.**

**Valentine’s Greetings**

*Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm, Virtual*

Why do lovers send greeting cards, candy, and roses on February 14? Author, photographer, and musician Kevin Woyce explores the romantic history of Valentine’s Day from Saint Valentine, Cupid, and the first Valentine cards to some of the season’s most popular songs. **Registration required.**

**In Concert**

**Souls United Choir**

*Saturday, February 18, 2:30 pm, SPD*

Souls United of the Hudson Valley, founded in 2010, is an interfaith gospel choir composed of members from the Mid-Hudson Region. Their repertoire consists mostly of music from Christian, Baha’i, and other faith traditions, as reflected by the choir’s membership. **Registration required.** *Due to construction, the concert may be moved to BRD. Registrants will be notified.*

**Arts & Entertainment**

**Gallery Exhibits**

*Mary Wojtecki Rotunda Gallery, Adriance*

**Emmanuel Ofori**

January 4 - February 27

**Boardman Gallery**

**James Mann: Art Farmer**

January 4 - March 29

**Tribute Talk**: Wednesday, January 25, 5:30 pm, BRD

**Registration required.**

**Ground Floor, Adriance**

**Paper Crafting Club**

January 4 - February 27

**Reception**: Monday, February 27, 4-5:30 pm

**Interested in Exhibiting?**

Local painters, photographers, sculptors, ceramicists, and jewelers, please email exhibits@poklib.org.

**Open Art Studio**

*Tuesday, January 10, February 7, 4 pm, ADR*

Come drop in and make something! Supplies will be provided and/or you can bring your own. **No registration required.**

Program is for adults; for children's art program, see Young Artists on page 21.

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Local History

The Science of Genealogy
Friday, January 20, 3 pm, ADR

In the Science of Genealogy, Dr. Irvin Miller will show you how to make your family tree and the process of creating a tree with 1,000 names going back five generations. We will discuss the importance of genealogical programs and of validating your work through records. Bring some of your family data to work on your own family tree. Dr. Miller has a Ph.D. in physics and has worked in genealogy over 40 years, doing his own family tree. Registration required.

Slavery, Antislavery, and the Underground Railroad
Thursday, February 9, 6:30 pm, ADR

Special guest speaker Peter Bunten, the Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project (located in Dutchess County) will examine the history of slavery and antislavery in the area. He will focus on its key figures and events, and place this local history within the broader national context of slavery and antislavery. He will also talk about the upcoming bicentennial of the abolition of slavery in New York State. Registration required.

Historic Murders in Dutchess County
Thursday, February 23, 6:30-8:30 pm, BRD

Back by popular demand, join Historian Shannon Butler as we discuss some of Dutchess County’s most gruesome murders from the 18th to early 20th centuries. Using historic records, we will examine several killers including one of the first female serial killers, the horrible murder of a Poughkeepsie businessman, and several more bloody acts. Registration required.

Local History Show and Tell
Saturday, April 29, 2-4 pm, ADR

Do you have items of local significance that you’d like to share?
You must contact Kira Thompson at kthompson@poklib.org or (845) 485-3445 x3350 if you are interested in participating.

Explore online!

There’s no reason to feel disconnected from the past at PPLD. There is so much more to learn about Poughkeepsie and your place in it on our website!
Peruse our Local History Blog, which releases a new post on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Get acquainted with local historical figures, as well as national ones who spent time in the Hudson Valley.

Learn all about PPLD’s history. Fun fact: 2023 marks 125 years since the original dedication of the Adriance Memorial Library!
PPLD also has an extensive collection of historic newspapers and genealogy resources in print, digital, and microfilm form, including Census reports, a local obituary index, military and immigration records, and more.

You can even “Submit a Question” for guidance on a topic that matters to you. Visit poklib.org/learn/local-history-genealogy to see all of the web-based content and resources available.

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

Let’s Get Sustainable! Sustainable Crafts for Adults
*Select Tuesdays, 7 pm, ADR*

Join us in this monthly series of programs where we will learn to repurpose materials into environmentally-friendly products! *Registration required.*

**January 17: Aroma Diffuser**
Create a relaxing diffuser for your home with a few simple ingredients. Bring a clean recycled glass jar and all other materials will be provided.

**February 7: Newspaper Frame**
Make a picture frame out of recycled newspapers! All materials will be provided. Bring a picture you’d like to frame to help determine your frame size.

Swap It Up!
*Select Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, ADR*

Join us for fun swaps this winter season. *Registration is not required, but please bring something to swap so everyone can participate.*

**January 25: Puzzle Swap**
Bring in at least one puzzle in good condition that has all its pieces and go home with a new puzzle to try!

**February 22: Recipe Swap**
Bring a favorite recipe to share. Index cards and pens will be provided.

Birth of a Perennial Garden
*Tuesday, January 31, 7 pm, Virtual*

The first part of *A Piet Oudolf Story* traces Deborah Chud’s discovery of his work and research on his plant combinations. The second part explores the historical context, and the final part provides an introduction to his design principles. Deborah offers home gardeners some practical Oudolfian dos and don’ts for solving the common problem of excessive contrast. *Registration required.*

Introduction to Gardening
*Monday, February 27, 6:30-8 pm, ADR*  
*Tuesday, February 28, 6:30-8 pm, BRD*  
*Wednesday, March 1, 3:30-5 pm, SPD*

Join the library and Stacy Dedring from Dutchess Outreach to learn how to plant, tend, and grow simple plants. This event is in connection with the Seed Sowing Center, which the Poughkeepsie Public Library District will unveil in early 2023. *Registration required.*

LEARN ALL ABOUT OUR NEW SEED LIBRARY ON PAGE 5!
Wellness

**Narcan Training**
*Tuesdays, January 10, 5-6 pm, February 7, 6-7 pm, Virtual*

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health will offer a one-hour training session 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, February 11, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, BRD*

Completing the course may provide a 10% discount on your auto insurance as well as 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 Staci Cussick can be reached at (845) 288-6679. **Registration required.** Each person must register separately.

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**Beat the Winter Doldrums—Get Creative!**

While many people look forward to spending time outside during the winter, I would rather hibernate until spring returns! Obviously, that is not an option, so I look for other ways to keep myself busy.

Crafting is a good way for me to relax, but I sometimes have a hard time figuring out where to start or what to do. Thankfully, my PPLD library card gives me access to the library’s premium subscription to Creativebug, an online arts and crafts website with tutorials for numerous types of crafts—knitting, quilting, paper art, drawing, painting, and more. The classes range from beginner to advanced, children to adults, and are all available to take at your leisure.

I recently took a Creativebug class called “Doodle and Paint an Animal Portrait,” taught by Jennifer Mercede, which involves a technique called blind contour drawing. I admit, my first attempts were quite comical. But I just kept trying, each time taking about 5 minutes. *(Finished projects pictured.)*

To get started, visit the library’s website and click on e-Library. Scroll down to the “Learn Something New” section to find Creativebug. Use the link to be redirected to the Creativebug website, where you just need your PPLD library card number to log in and get started.  

—**Yvonne Laube, Staff Contributor**

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**Rover Visits!**

Sign up for a Library Card, borrow books, movies, and audiobooks, or learn about any number of services and programs the Library District has to offer. Anyone can visit Rover during these stops.

**Office For the Aging**
*Select Tuesdays, January 3, 31, 10:30 am - 12 pm, 14 Delafield Street*

**Town Senior Center**
*Select Tuesdays January 17, February 14, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm, 14 Abe’s Way*
Connecting

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

**Brain Games**  
*Monthly, first and second Fridays, 10-11 am, ADR*

**Stitch Your Heart Out**  
*Fridays, 10 am, BRD*

**Pick Up Stitches**  
*Saturdays, 10 am, BRD*

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**Brain Games for Seniors: Town Senior Center**  
*Select Tuesdays, January 10, 24, February 7, 21, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm, 14 Abe's Way*  
Work that muscle in your noggin with us! Enjoy memory games, trivia, learn something, share something, maybe even a song! Seniors 55+. **Registration required.**

**Brain Games for Seniors: Office For the Aging**  
*Select Thursdays, January 12, 26, February 9, 23, 12:30-2 pm, 114 Delafield Street*  
Work that muscle in your noggin with us! Enjoy memory games, trivia, learn something, share something, maybe even a song! If you wish to reserve a free lunch (served at 11:30 am), please call Cindy at the Office for the Aging at (845) 486-2564, at least 24 hours notice is required. Seniors 60+. **Registration required.**

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**Tax Assistance: Coming Soon**  
**Adriance Memorial Library**  
*Thursdays, February 2 - April 13, 9 am - 3 pm*  
**Boardman Road Branch Library**  
*Tuesdays, February 7 - April 11, 9 am - 3 pm*

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**What can Extension Services do for you?**

**What is Extension Services?**  
Extension Services takes PPLD beyond our library’s doors to people who cannot visit us in person. Staff not only provide one-on-one personal service to bring the library directly to homebound patrons, but also provide a service called Readers’ Advisory, which involves making recommendations based on interest, placing holds on recommended items, and then delivering them.

**How can I access Extension Services?**  
An application is available on our website, at poklib.org/extension-services. If you don’t have a computer, staff is happy to assist you over the phone. Please call either x3410 to speak to Beth Vredenburg, x3412 for Veronica Martin-Follette, or x3401 for Bill Ahlbach.

**What is something people may not know about Extension Services?**  
Aside from delivery to homebound patrons, we make “lobby stops” at several senior living communities. Rover the Roaming Library Bookmobile visits several senior living communities stocked with print books, audiobooks, and movies to check out. Residents can open a library card and learn about other library services. These are the services we provide for now. Please stay tuned as Extension Services continues to grow! If you are affiliated with a senior living community you would like to see us visit, please contact us!
Like many of us, Peter Meyer picked up a new hobby that grew into an ongoing passion during the pandemic. In his case, the hobby is Dungeons & Dragons, a popular tabletop role-playing game that allows players to engage their imaginations and socialize with other people, even when confined at home.

Dungeons & Dragons lends itself to a “theatre of the mind” playing style, where participants describe their characters’ actions and effect on the setting. But Peter was ready to take the next step in visualizing the game’s fictional world with artistic renderings, maps, and figurines to represent his characters.

That’s where the library comes in. On a tip from a friend, Peter learned about the 3D printing services at Adriance Memorial Library’s Makerspace. 3D printers use digital files like blueprints to create objects to precise specifications using thermoplastic polyester. Users can find files for free or at low cost on websites like MakerBot’s Thingiverse or design their own using free software like Tinkercad.

For Peter, the process was as simple as searching the web for a sculpted model he liked, downloading the file, and sending it to the Library District using an online form at poklib.org/learn/makerspace. The only fee associated with the service is ten cents per gram, which covers the cost of the plastic material used for your project. The savings for an average user are tremendous: 3D printers often cost hundreds or thousands dollars, making this service a serious benefit for casual and entry-level users.

In a few days’ time, Peter picked up his piece from the Adriance check-out desk: a miniature figurine of his wizard character, cast in a combat-ready pose. In the end, he paid just under 30¢ for a piece a couple of inches tall.

He’s so happy with the piece that he plans to paint it—and if he ever ventures into leading a game of his own as a Dungeon Master, he’ll compel his players to get 3D printed miniatures of their own.
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
Drop-in

Computer Lab
Mondays-Fridays, 11 am - 1 pm
Tuesdays, 6-8 pm
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 Tech Helpers
Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm
Students available to answer tech questions and help you feel more comfortable with your device.

Technology
*Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

Using a Smartphone
Wednesday, January 11, 1:30 pm
Saturday, January 21, 1:30 pm

Windows 11
Wednesday, January 18, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Intro to 3D Printing Services
Wednesday, January 25, 1:30 pm

Intro to Google Drive & Docs*
Saturday, February 11, 11 am

Intro to Ancestry.com*
Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 pm

Technology from Home
Virtual classes; internet access and a device to connect to Zoom are required.

Google Photos
Thursday, January 5, 7 pm

Google Maps
Thursday, January 12, 7 pm

Google Translate
Thursday, January 19, 7 pm

Selling Online*
Tuesday, February 7, 10 am

Windows 11*
Wednesday, February 8, 10 am or Thursday, February 23, 10 am

Online Security & Common Scams*
Tuesday, February 14, 10 am

Intro to Gmail
Wednesday, February 15, 10 am
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equiv

Intro to 3D Printing Services
Wednesday, February 22, 10 am

For Job Seekers
*Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equiv

Using the Library in Your Job Search*
Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 pm

Volunteers Wanted: Computer Lab Assistant
Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, 11 am - 1 pm, ADR
Assist patrons with computer issues, transferring photos, scanning documents. This volunteer opportunity is for adults. Contact Tino Muscetta at x3380 or tmuscetta@poklib.org.
MICROSOFT OFFICE
All classes to take place at Adriance.

Word 102
Monday, January 9, 3 pm  
Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent

Word Mail Merge
Monday, January 23, 3 pm  
Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 & 102 or equivalent

Word 103
Monday, January 30, 3 pm  
Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 & 102 or equivalent

Excel 101
Monday, February 13, 3 pm  
Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Excel 102
Monday, February 27, 3 pm
Prerequisite: Excel 101 or equivalent

PowerPoint 101
Saturday, January 21, 11 am
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Access 101
Monday, February 6, 3 pm  
Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

What PCC Patrons Are Saying
“Tino was excellent! He was patient, knowledgeable, and truly enjoys working with people. Thank you!” (Excel 102)

“I’m really impressed… Betty’s casual confidence, knowledge, and communication skills are a delight. I cannot imagine a better class, looking forward to the next one.” (Intro to 3D Printing Services)

Visit the Guggenheim and Other New Venues!
No reason for cabin fever this winter if you use PPLD’s Museum, Attraction & Park passes, (MAP Passes).
Explore new venues and fantastic exhibitions in enthralling places by reserving a MAP Pass using your PPLD library card!

New destinations! At the Guggenheim Museum (NYC), view modern art in an iconic building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. At the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center (Hartford, CT), explore Stowe’s most famous novel, Uncle Tom’s Cabin, and learn about her life. While visiting Hartford, make a day of your adventure. Borrow passes for the nearby Mark Twain House & Museum or the Wadsworth Antheneum.

Other new venues are Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston’s Rondout Waterfront District; historic Museum Village in Monroe, NY; and the Institute of American Indian Studies Museum in Washington, CT.

Fans of the spirited six-year-old character Eloise, who lives in NYC’s Plaza Hotel, will enjoy the exhibition Eloise and More: The Life and Art of Hilary Knight at the Norman Rockwell Museum until March 12. Art lovers can also enjoy a walk through the exhibitions at the Albany Institute of History and Art.

Consider a walk through Storm King Art Center during one of their “Winter Weekends.” Take in 150 large-scale outdoor sculptures viewed against the sky, snow, and mountains with an open-air hourly tram. PPLD has two vehicle passes for six people per pass.

When the cold wind blows, visit the Motorcyclepedia Museum, America’s most extensive motorcycle museum, located in Newburgh.

Most passes are Print-on-Demand and can be printed at home. Use two passes on the same day to visit venues near each other. Visit poklib.org/book-more/map-pass.
Programas en español

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

Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie
Martes y jueves, 10 de enero al 28 de febrero, 10 am - 12 pm y 6-8 pm, ADR
Clases de alfabetización, primaria y secundaria en español. Este programa está dirigido para hispanohablantes. Las clases y el material son gratuitos.

Libros con café
Viernes, 27 de enero y 24 de febrero, 6-8:30 pm,
Reuniones en Panera Bread, 712 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie
Únete a este club de lectura y adéntrate en la sofisticada vida de: Sira, el nuevo libro de María Dueñas. El libro se dividirá en dos partes. Inscribete y solicita una copia del libro para que participes en las reuniones. Comunícate con Elva Margarita.

Aprendiendo inglés con tecnología
Jueves, 2, 9, 16 y 23 de febrero, 6-7 pm, ADR
Haciendo uso de aplicaciones gratuitas, aprende inglés a tu ritmo. Recomendado para nivel principiante.

Asistencia Tecnológica Individual
Martes y jueves, 2 al 28 de febrero, 9-10:30 am, ADR
Ayuda personalizada en computación y manejo de celular.

¡Para los niños!
Información con Sandra Kuhn al (845) 485-3445 x3361.

Bebé bilingüe y yo
Miércoles, 11 de enero - 15 de febrero, 10-11 am, ADR
Desarrollamos las habilidades de pre-alfabetización de su bebé usando canciones en inglés y español. Dirigido para recién nacidos hasta 30 meses. Los hermanos son bienvenidos. No requiere inscripción.

Hora de Cuentos Bilingües
Festejando El Día de los Reyes Magos
Viernes, 6 de enero, 4 pm, ADR
¡Ven a celebrar el Día de los Reyes Magos con una fiesta! Tendremos cuentos, manualidades y una piñata! Requiere inscripción.
Festival de Comida Internacional
Sábado, 25 de febrero, 2-4 pm, ADR

Date un paseo por el mundo desde la comodidad de tu biblioteca comunitaria. Saborea platillos de varias partes del mundo: Ucrania, Japón, China, República Dominicana, México y Alemania. Un libro de recetas estará disponible para que te lo lleves a tu casa e intentes hacer los platillos por tu cuenta. Trae tu apetito, tu familia y tus amigos a este festival de comidas internacionales. No es necesario inscribirse.

Los estudiantes abordan la inseguridad alimentaria con un refrigerador comunitario

Lo que comenzó como un proyecto para abordar la inseguridad alimentaria en la clase de Literatura de Acción Directa de Oakwood se ha convertido en una colaboración comunitaria con el Distrito de Bibliotecas Públicas de Poughkeepsie y la instalación del primer Refrigerador Comunitario de Poughkeepsie en la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial. Los estudiantes han estado trabajando duro desde mayo, reuniéndose con funcionarios locales y miembros de la comunidad para encontrar lugares para sus refrigeradores donados, lo que llevó a la asociación con el Distrito de Bibliotecas.

Los estudiantes de último año Theo Hirmes, Kishi Oyagi y Trevor Brooks, que coordinaron el proyecto, compartieron el ímpetu de su proyecto: “La accesibilidad es importante: los refrigeradores son una forma increíblemente accesible para que la comunidad comparta alimentos entre sí. Están disponibles la mayor parte del día, no hay un límite en cuanto a la cantidad de comida que se puede tomar, evitan el estigma asociado a las despensas de alimentos, y están descentralizados y sin estructura jerárquica, ya que dependen de que los miembros de la comunidad se apoyen mutuamente, como es una organización benéfica de control.”

El Refrigerador Comunitario de Poughkeepsie recibe donaciones periódicas de grupos como el Poughkeepsie Farm Project (PFP) y Kelly’s Bakery, pero también cuenta con el apoyo de particulares. Según una investigación realizada por Poughkeepsie Plenty, una organización contra el hambre que trabaja para eliminar la inseguridad alimentaria a nivel local, 1 de cada 4 hogares de la ciudad de Poughkeepsie sufre inseguridad alimentaria según los estándares del USDA. Esto es más alto que el promedio nacional de 1 de cada 6. Y lo que es aún más preocupante, 1 de cada 10 hogares sufre de inseguridad alimentaria severa, lo que significa que a menudo pasan hambre.

Al hablar de su donación semanal al Refrigerador Comunitario de Poughkeepsie, el coordinador de Food Share de PFP, Justin Saret, dijo: “Es emocionante ver una nueva iniciativa de acceso a los alimentos que une a la comunidad, especialmente en un momento en que muchas organizaciones de servicios están luchando con cuestiones de personal y la capacidad.”

El refrigerador, y la alacena para artículos no perecederos, se encuentran en la planta baja de la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial, la cual está ubicada en el número 93 de la calle Market de Poughkeepsie. Este proyecto ofrece alimentos gratuitos para cualquier persona, sin restricciones, disponibles siempre que la biblioteca esté abierta.

Artículos en español continuarán en página 18.

Si se requiere inscripción, consulte la página 2 para más detalles.
Presentamos el Centro de Siembra de Semillas

El Distrito de Bibliotecas se complace en anunciar un nuevo servicio: el Centro de Siembra de Semillas. Este Centro albergará una Biblioteca de Semillas, que incluirá suministros como semillas gratuitas para verduras y flores, y un lugar para sacar herramientas y recursos de jardinería. El propósito de este nuevo Centro de Siembra de Semillas es ayudar a la sostenibilidad en nuestra comunidad proporcionando a los usuarios de la biblioteca recursos que puedan utilizar en sus jardines. Nos esforzamos por garantizar que ningún miembro de nuestra comunidad quede excluido de este servicio por falta de espacio o de suministros en su hogar.

El Distrito de Bibliotecas está entusiasmado por trabajar con otras organizaciones y empresas para seguir suministrando a nuestra comunidad semillas de calidad, programas educativos y herramientas para enseñar a la gente a plantar, cuidar y cosechar los frutos (y verduras!) de su trabajo.

El Distrito de Bibliotecas desea agradecer a nuestros maravillosos Friends por apoyar y financiar este proyecto. El Centro de Siembra de Semillas estará abierto para recibir pedidos a partir del 27 de febrero. Más adelante se darán más detalles sobre cómo hacer los pedidos y recoger las semillas.

¡Nueva colección de ficción juvenil en español!

¡PPLD ahora está circulando una nueva colección en el idioma español para adolescentes en todas las bibliotecas de Mid-Hudson! Esta colección incluye una variedad de autores desde John Green hasta Sandra Cisneros.

¿No encuentras lo que buscas? Envíenos un correo electrónico a youthservices@poklib.org para solicitar una adición a la colección. ¡No olvide explorar nuestras colecciones en español para adultos y niños también!

New Teen Spanish Fiction Collection!

PPLD is now circulating a brand-new Teen Spanish Collection to all Mid-Hudson libraries! This collection includes a variety of authors from John Green to Sandra Cisneros.

Can’t find what you’re looking for? Email us at youthservices@poklib.org to request an addition to the collection. Don’t forget to explore our Spanish collections for adults and children too!
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, registration required unless indicated.

January 10: VR Experience
Enter the exciting world of virtual reality. Try different video games using our VR headsets.

January 17: Calzones!
Viva Italiano! Make some delicious Italian inspired pocket food made with savory sauce and creamy cheeses.

January 24: 3D Printing
You design it, we print it.

January 31: Baked Fruit Turnovers
Add a little sweetness to these cold winter months with a delicious pocket dessert.

February 7: Crocheting, Cookies, and Hot Chocolate
Learn a simple crochet stitch and create a cell phone holder or mini bag.

February 14: 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!

Anime & Manga Book Club
Wednesdays, January 18, February 15, 5:30-6:30 pm, ADR
Together we will watch an episode of an anime series and then read the first volume of the manga series.

SECOND ANNUAL TEEN ART SHOW
Artwork will be on display in the Strba Teen Room through the month of April. An Art Show celebration will occur on Monday, May 1 from 6-7 pm. Prizes will be awarded at this event for the top three pieces of artwork.

Artwork must be submitted between April 3-14. Please call Angela Panzer x3309 or Children’s desk x3320 for artwork drop-off information.

Video Gaming
Weekly, Monday & Thursdays, 3-5 pm, ADR
Challenge your friends to some Super Smash Bros on our Nintendo Switch!

Volunteer Opportunity: Bloggers 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, x3358 or email teencafe@poklib.org.

See page 18 to learn about our Teen Spanish Collection!

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

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 not required, except where noted.**

**At Adriance**

**Preschool Learning Center Story Time**
*Mondays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 13, 10-11:30 am*
*Tuesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 14, 10-11:30 am*

Themed stories, music, and developmentally open-ended play in our Preschool Learning Center (PLC) classroom. No class January 16. **Registration required;** register once to attend all the events in the series. Please choose either the Monday or Tuesday session. For children ages 3-5.

**Toddler Time**
*Tuesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 14, 10-10:50 am*

A story time for 2-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music followed by play time.

**Bilingual Baby & Me**
*Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Feb. 15, 10-10:50 am*

Focuses on developing your baby’s pre-literacy skills. We’ll use English and Spanish songs, rhymes, group reading, and sensory playtime to develop language, social and motor skills and community building. Siblings are welcome. For newborns to 30 months.

**Music & Movement**
*Thursdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 16, 10-10:50 am*

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

**Cozy Story Time**
*Thursdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 16, 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**
*Fridays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17, 10-11 am*

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

**At Boardman Road**

**Preschool Story Time**
*Mondays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 13, 10-10:30 am*

Stories, songs, action rhymes, and small crafts for ages 3 to 5. Parents and siblings welcome. No class January 16.

**Baby Rhyme & Play Time**
*Mondays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 13, 11-11:45 am*

Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For birth to 18 months. No class January 16.

**Walk & Wiggle**
*Wednesdays, Jan. 11 - Feb. 15, 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.

**Toot & Scoot & Play**
*Thursdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 16, 10:40-11:30 am*

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

**Toddler Time**
*Thursdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 16, 10-10:30 am*

A story time for 2-year-olds featuring books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

**At the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library**

**Story Time at SPD!**
*Weekly, Thursdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 16, 1-1:45 pm*

Ages 1-5.
Children

*These programs require registration unless otherwise noted.* Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 x3320. Please check age appropriateness before registering.

**Series at Adriance**

### Young Artists

*Tuesdays, January 10, February 7, 4-4:50 pm*

Join us for an unstructured open art studio for kids! Choose an art project to work on from a selection of materials. This is a drop-off program, but parents are welcome to wait in the Children’s Room or attend the open art studio for adults in the Charwat Meeting Room. Grades 3-6. Registration for each session is required.

### All Booked! Book Club

*Thursdays, 5:30 pm*

Meet and discuss what you love about the book, make a craft and have a snack! Books can be picked up at the Children’s desk. Please read before meeting. For grades 3-4. Registration required; register once for both meetings.

*January 12: Fairy Tale Comics: Classic Tales Told by Extraordinary Cartoonists* edited by Chris Duffy

*February 9: The Alien Next Door: The Mystery Valentine* by A.I. Newton

### Representation Matters Story Time Series

*Saturdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 11 am*

It is important for every child to see themselves reflected in the stories they read, or those that are read to them. Story times will include music and crafts. All children and families are welcome. Registration required for each program.

### Storybook STEM

*Thursdays, 3:30 pm*

Join us for four weeks of STEM/coding activities with a correlating story! Books will be available for checkout in the Children’s Room and must be read before each meeting. For ages 6 to 9. Register one time to attend all.

*January 12: Makey Makey Video Game Creation*

*January 19: Sphero STEM Obstacle Course*

*January 26: Hot Wheels STEM Challenge*

*February 2: Crack the Code!*

### Lego Builders’ Club

*Mondays, January 23, February 6, 4-5 pm*

Work on building a Lego set or create your own! Grades 3-6. Register one time to attend all.

### Saturday Afternoon Board Games

*Saturdays, January 21, February 18, 2-4:30 pm*

Come in from the cold and play some good old-fashioned tabletop games! Availability is first come first served. All ages. No registration required.

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If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
At Adriance
Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Celebrate Oshogatsu, the Japanese New Year!
Tuesday, January 3, 4 pm
Join us as we read a kamishibai story, enjoy a Japanese tea and treat, and make a kimono self-portrait in honor of Oshogatsu! Come dressed in a kimono if you want! Grades K-5.

Winter Wonderland Story Time
Thursday, February 9, 4 pm
Come listen to a variety of stories about winter and then make a seasonal craft. Grades K-2.

Yarn Painting
Tuesday, January 24, 4 pm
Use yarn to color pictures or to create your own art! Grades K-6.

Super Bowl STEM Challenge
Thursday, February 2, 5:30 pm
The Super Bowl is February 12 but we’ll be scoring touchdowns in our Super Bowl STEM challenge! Grades 2-6.

Pinocchio Party
Wednesday, February 8, 4 pm
Watch the live-action movie Pinocchio and create your very own marionette. Grades 2-6.

Valentine Schmalentine Team Challenge
Monday, February 13, 4 pm
Join us to battle it out game show style by answering snarky questions about love. Valentine craft and chocolate provided! Grades 2-6.

STEM Mission: Yeti
Wednesday, February 15, 4 pm
Build a catapult and complete Mission: Yeti! Grades 1-6.

Three Kings’ Day Bilingual Story Time
Friday, January 6, 4 pm
Come celebrate Three Kings’ Day with a piñata party! We’ll have stories, crafts and of course we can’t have a fiesta without a piñata!

DIY Winter Suncatcher
Wednesday, January 11, 4 pm
Brighten up a sunny winter day even more by adding a suncatcher to capture the light and make it dance through your room. Grades 1-5.

Valentine Heart Pillow
Tuesday, February 14, 4 pm
Come make your own special soft and squishy heart shaped pillow “knotted with love” to decorate your room, or give to someone special as a gift. Grades 1-6.

K. I. D. (Kid Inventor Day)
Tuesday, January 17, 4 pm
What do television and popsicles have in common? Both were invented by kids! We’ll be celebrating the creativity and ingenuity of all kid inventors, past and future, by creating our own inventions using everyday items. Grades 1-6.
At Boardman Road
Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Melting Slime Snowman
Monday, January 9, 4 pm
Mix up a batch of melting snow slime, shape it into a snowman, add some accessories, and watch him melt! Grades K-6.

Are You Ready, Yeti?
Thursday, January 12, 4 pm
Learn about the legend of the Yeti and make a cute and fluffy yeti picture to take home. Grades K-5.

Winter Paper Crafts
Wednesday, January 18, 4 pm
Snow is here! Join us and make some winter themed paper crafts. Grades K-5.

Night Lights Story Time
Thursday, January 26, 4 pm
Listen to stories about all the ways we can light up the night, from stars to northern lights to flashlights! Craft to follow stories. Grades K-2.

K-2 Stories and Crafts
Wednesday, February 1, 4 pm
Join us as we share our favorite picture books and make a special craft afterwards. Grades K-2.

SpongeBob and Friends Mini Aquarium
Monday, February 6, 4 pm
Make a mini-aquarium in a mason jar with one of the characters from SpongeBob. No live fish are involved. Grades K-6.

Collage Art: Magical Winter Forest
Monday, February 13, 4 pm
Discover how to use painted paper to make a wonderful winter collage. Grades K-5.

At the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library
Craft Thursdays at the SPD!
First Thursdays, 3-4 pm, SPD
Fun craft programs in our newest branch! Grades 1-6. Registration is required per session.

January 5: Snow-Measuring Snowman
How much snow will we get in 2023? Make a snowman that will help you measure the snowfall and you can find out all winter long!

February 2: LED Paper Flowers
Make a bright LED paper flower in a pot to give to someone special, yourself, or someone else!

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.
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*

**Theme: Winter Mysteries**

*January 30: Murder 101 by Faye Kellerman*

In upstate New York, policeman Peter Decker investigates a break-in in a local cemetery, which leads him to art theft and murder.

*February 27: Winter Study by Nevada Barr*

Park Ranger Anna Pigeon is assigned to a scientific study in Michigan on an isolated frigid island to study wildlife.

**Shop the Friends’ Online Book 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.

bit.ly/Friends_PPLD_AbeBooks

**Mah-jongg Tournament**

*Saturday, April 15, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, BRD*

Registration required.

The Friends of the Library and teen volunteers handed out cider and donuts at the Autumn at Adriance event on October 29.