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▶ Registration Opens April 24!

Registration starts at 10 am. 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.

Program is recorded **Program is not recorded** **Rover stop**

Upcoming Holiday Closures

Memorial Day, *Saturday, May 27 – Monday, May 29*
Juneteenth, *Monday, June 19*
Independence Day, *Tuesday, July 4*

Cancellation Notifications

There are times when the Library District needs to close, cancel, or postpone a program due to weather or presenter/room conflicts. The Library District will post building closures at cancellations.com. Patrons can get immediate email notifications by registering at cancellations.com. Program cancellations and postponements will be posted on EventKeeper at poklib.org/Events. Patrons who are registered for affected programs will be notified of changes by email.

Daffodils in bloom in the Perennial Flower Bed planted by Clinton Elementary School, 2011-2012.

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On the Cover: *A scene at Watkins Glen State Park, captured by supervising library clerk Tammy Myers. Cardholders can visit Watkins Glen and dozens of other awesome venues with a PPLD MAP Pass!*

About

Adriance Memorial Library (ADR)
93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Mon–Thu: 9 am – 8:30 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–Thu: 9 am – 8:30 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
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

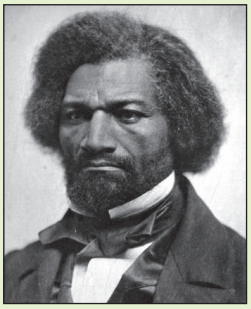
The Poughkeepsie Public Library District will have vibrant libraries where people want to be. It will meet the needs of a diverse and growing constituency by providing services and partnering with other community organizations. The Board of Trustees and the staff will work together to serve the public and to respond to the changing nature of library services.

Black History in America

Juneteenth: In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared a formal end to slavery in the US. However, change was not instant after the proclamation. On **June 19, 1865,** the enslaved African Americans of Galveston, Texas received the news by way of Union Army troops that freedom had come at last.

The next year, the people of Galveston commemorated that day as Juneteenth, a celebration of freedom. Since then, it's been observed in communities and states as a holiday, but officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021.

Frederick Douglass: Advocate for Equality



Opening June 1, SPD

This arresting exhibition originates from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and showcases the famous abolitionist's lifelong fight for equality. The exhibition is available to loan to schools and community organizations along with an accompanying program guide. For inquiries, contact administration@poklib.org.

Juneteenth Celebration

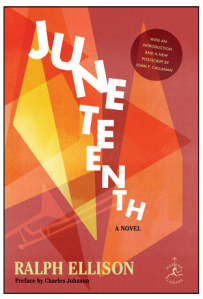
Saturday, June 17, 12-4 pm, Earline Patrice Park

Join in the community celebration on Mansion Street!

Book Discussion: *Juneteenth* by Ralph Ellison

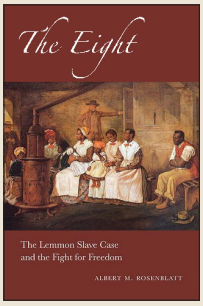
Saturday, June 17, 11 am, SPD

Ralph Ellison's second novel, published posthumously in 1999, was created by his friend and biographer John Callahan from more than 2,000 pages written by Ellison over a period of 40 years.



Callahan edited the novel in the way he believed that Ellison would have wanted it to be written. Join Dr. Steve Garabedian of Marist College as he leads a discussion on the book. Copies will be available for checkout starting **May 1.** ***Registration required.***

The Eight and the Fight for Freedom



Monday, May 8, 7 pm, ADR

Join the Honorable Albert Rosenblatt for a discussion on his recent book, *The Eight*, and the quest for freedom in 1852 by eight enslaved people brought to New York State from Virginia. The case, commonly known as the Lemmon Slave Case, tested several legal tenants at the time and still resonates today.

Through Their Lens: Photographers and Their Work

Select Thursdays, 6 pm, BRD

In this dynamic series, photographers will discuss their work, process, and inspiration. Each event features two photographers, each representing different styles, subjects, and mediums. ***Registration required for each session.***

May 25: **Isaac Jeffreys, Chuck Mishaan**
June 8: **Thomas Kletecka, Second Artist TBA**
June 13: **Les Muldorf, Claudia Gorman**

Early Voting Information

Early voting will be open from **June 17 – June 25.** At the time of this publication, early voting times for the Boardman Road Branch Library have not yet been finalized. Because of this, programming may be disrupted when the Board of Elections determines the schedule.

Please visit elections.dutchessny.gov for primary election times when they are available.

Senior Services Survey

Visit poklib.org/seniors for more information.

The Library District continues to seek public input on services in various program areas. This survey, focusing on services to seniors, is the second in a series designed to solicit community input for planning of services that respond to local community interests and needs. For this survey, "seniors" is defined as anyone 65 and older.

Q1: The Library District offers a variety of programs, services, and collections, in print and through streaming, for seniors and those who are considered homebound. Currently, we provide services in the following areas:

- **Extension Services/Homebound Visits:** Home-based visits to individuals providing library materials along with some social interaction
- **Library Materials in a Variety of Formats:** Materials on a wide range of interests and formats including large print, e-books, books on CD, and downloadable audiobooks in English and in Spanish
- **Technology Classes:** Classes designed for seniors needing assistance with technology; classes and labs are offered in English and Spanish
- **Cooperative Services with Agencies:** Programs in collaboration with the Dutchess County Office For the Aging (OFA) and the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center
- **Outreach:** Site-based visits, Rover (bookmobile) site visits

In which of these have you or a member of your family participated in the last 2-3 years?

☐ Extension Services ☐ Library Materials ☐ Technology Classes ☐ Cooperative Services
☐ Outreach ☐ Collections

Select the option below which best describes the impact participation had on the senior in your family.

	Positive	Negative	No Impact
Extension Services	☐	☐	☐
Library Materials	☐	☐	☐
Technology Classes	☐	☐	☐
Cooperative Services	☐	☐	☐
Outreach	☐	☐	☐

Comment:

Para español, visita poklib.org/encuesta

Q2: Public libraries offer a variety of programming opportunities for seniors and their families. From the options below, please select the opportunities that might fit the current need of the seniors in your family.

☐ Brain Games ☐ OFA/Senior Center ☐ Extension Services/Homebound Visits ☐ Large Print Collection
☐ eBooks, Downloadable audio, music, and movies ☐ Technology Classes ☐ Local History Classes & Lectures
☐ Museum Pass Program (MAP) ☐ Language & Culture Classes

Q3: Please indicate on the list below in which program the seniors in your family participate.

☐ Office For the Aging ☐ Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center ☐ Sadie's Place
☐ Programs Offered at Living Facility ☐ None ☐ Other (please name): _____

Q4: Demographic Information

Do you have a library card? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you used it in the past 12 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q5: Finally, please share with us anything about the needs of the seniors in your family and ideas on how the Library District may be able to help.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our survey! You can fill it out online at poklib.org/survey or follow the QR code on your mobile device. If you'd like to fill out this paper version, tear off the page and submit the completed survey to the checkout desk at any PPLD location, or mail it to:

Adriance Memorial Library
ATTN: Administration
93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Library Life

Updates to Freegal Music+

Freegal Music+, a premium music streaming service offered by the library, launched an update recently that provides a new user-friendly, modern, and intuitive interface. With the new Freegal Music+, experience streaming similar to other popular paid streaming services – without the pricey monthly subscription. Now with over 18 million songs from 200+ genres, including today's top music, enjoy music your way – online or from the Freegal+ app.

Digitize Photographs, Negatives, & Videos

Family Lineage Image Preservation (FLIP) Digital Services is available to PPLD library cardholders who are 18 years of age or older and have no outstanding fines, fees, or overdue materials. There is a $4 materials fee to use the service. Scan the QR code to visit the web page!

Join our month-long **shell-ebration** of merfolk with something to do for all ages! Learn about the origins of the modern mermaid and merman from all around the world, make festive mer-crafts, and get excited about the new *Little Mermaid* film.

Look out for mer-themed programs and displays throughout May for adults and children alike! An easy sewing pattern will be available at all PPLD branches throughout May; examples will be on display at Adriance.

Staff Spotlight: Shannon Butler

Meet the historian behind many of our popular programs!

Q: How would you describe your position in your own words?
A: It's my job to take our historic collections and bring them to life. I dig through the early documents, photos, maps, and objects, and consider the folks who once owned or created them. I write stories about the dead, and those forgotten or lost to time. Since I started here three years ago, I have produced a Local History Blog with over 160 different articles, several successful programs based on my original research, numerous YouTube mini documentaries, and a major exhibit. The great thing about history is that we keep making it, so there will always be more stories to tell.

Q: What are your goals for and favorite parts of your job?
A: My goal is to continue inspiring people to learn more about Poughkeepsie's history. I want people to know they can come to the Local History Room to research and share their local history with us. That's actually one of my favorite parts about this job; when people come in and are excited to view the collections! I hope to continue to create more fun tours, programs, and stories to share with our patrons.

Q: What's a fun fact that people might not know about you?
A: When I'm not doing history for work, I'm usually doing history for fun too! I produce and co-host a history/comedy podcast entitled All My Favorite People Are Dead where we talk about interesting dead people and crazy historic events. I also enjoy walking my three Miniature Pinschers around local historic sites, and I am beginning a restoration project on a 1931 Ford Model A! So my entire life can sometimes feel like a time machine, which is weird but I highly recommend it.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

Books, Writing, & More

For Writers

Exercise Your Writing

Monthly, first Sundays, May 7, June 4, 2 pm, ADR

Exercise your writing with prompts and group sharing. Please bring a notebook and preferred writing implement. Facilitated by Billy Herman. ***No registration required.***

An Evening of Poetry

Monthly, third Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR

Featured poet followed by an open mic. ***No registration required.***

May 18: **Roberta Gould**
June 15: **Christine J.K. Kanakis**

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Monthly, third Saturdays, May 20, June 17, 10 am, ADR

Bring copies of your work(s) in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres welcome. ***No registration required.***

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist

Tuesday, June 20, 5 pm, ADR

We'll go over tools and techniques, the basic blueprint all stories follow, and offer encouragement to help you get started or restarted. Learn skills applicable to all genres of narrative prose. Teens and adults welcome. ***Registration required.***

Summer Reading Bingo Challenge!

Patrons aged 18 and up are invited to pick up a bingo sheet from the check-out desk of any PPLD location any time from **June 26 to August 19, 2023.** Prompts include ways to expand your book horizon, explore the 2023 Summer Reading theme ("All Together Now"), acquaint yourself with library services, and more. Even if you're not a big book reader, you should still be able to complete the challenge! You are also welcome to interpret the prompts however you like. If you get bingo, simply return your sheet at any PPLD check-out desk during our hours by **Monday, August 19, 2023,** and you will be entered to win a $100 Amazon gift card!

Other rules apply; please see the back of your bingo sheet for full details. With any questions, please contact Charlotte at cmarriott@poklib.org or (845) 485-3445 x3317. ***No registration is required;*** just stop by and grab a bingo sheet. Good luck and happy summer!

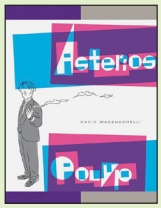
¡Reto del bingo de lectura de verano!

Se invita a los usuarios mayores de 18 años a participar en este juego. Toma una hoja de bingo, vellénala con tos datos, y devuélvela en cualquiera de los mostradores de PPLD antes de 19 de agosto de 2023. Las hojas estaràn disponibles en cualquier mostrador de préstamos de PPLD, del 26 de junio al 19 de agosto de 2023. ¡Participa y padràs ganar una tarjeta de regalo de Amazon de $100 dólares! ***No requiere registro.*** Se aplican otras reglas; consulta el reverso de tu hoja de bingo o pónte en contacto con Charlotte en cmarriott@poklib.org para obtener todos los detalles.

Book Clubs

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual
Teens and adults welcome. ***Registration required.***



May 4: ***Asterios Polyp* by David Mazzucchelli**

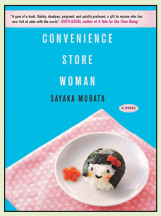
After the structure of his own life falls apart, Asterios Polyp runs away to try to rebuild it into something new.

June 8: ***Blue is the Warmest Color* by Jul Maroh**

A graphic novel about growing up, falling in love, and coming out.

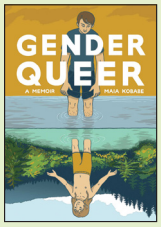
Books & Brews Book Club

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.***



May 17: ***Convenience Store Woman* by Sayaka Murata**

An ironic and sharp-eyed look at contemporary work culture and the pressure to conform; a fresh and charming portrait of an unforgettable heroine.



June 21: ***Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe**

A touching guide on gender identity – what it means and how to think about it – for humans everywhere.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

Who has time for creativity?!

Before he became a world-famous novelist, Terry Pratchett had a busy schedule like so many of us, yet he strove to write 500 words every day. He later challenged his students to give his prolific approach a try, too.

Taking a cue from him, I set a (gentler) New Year's resolution to write 1,000 words every week in 2023 because my yearly word count took a nearly 50% hit in 2022, and I want to do better.

It can be hard to get back into making stuff when one has been away from it for a while. I have kept the benchmark loose because a non-threatening goal lets me concentrate on feeling inspired and excited.

My goal might not be your exact rhythm, but I encourage you to make a deal with yourself to get creating, especially if it's been a while. I like to encourage teens and adults alike to try the following exercise: set a stopwatch for 5 minutes, and in that time, list everything that you do from the moment you wake up to the moment you go to bed. Often this illuminates an area where people can make room to be creative as their energy allows.

I suggest starting small. If you're a writer who doesn't want to do it in a vacuum, try Camp NaNoWriMo this summer, when thousands of novelists work on a self-set goal in July. There you can count words, pages, or hours; you can also choose an editing goal over a writing goal.

Quantifiable productivity is never going to be as important as your overall well-being, but for many artistic people, they can be pretty inextricably tied together. Whether you're exploring a new art form or would simply like a refresher, I hope you'll check out some of the creative programs PPLD has on offer!

– Charlotte Tramontana, *Contributor*

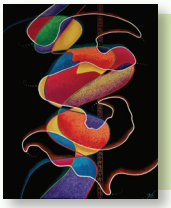
Arts & Entertainment

Gallery Exhibits

Mary Wojtecki Rotunda Gallery, Adriance

Chuck Mishaan
May 2 - June 29

Boardman Gallery

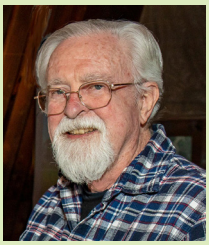


Jim Bennett
April 1 - June 27
Artist Talk: *See below*

Karl LaLonde
June 28 - September 27

Interested in Exhibiting?
Local artists and artisans of any medium, please email exhibits@poklib.org with a few samples of your work.

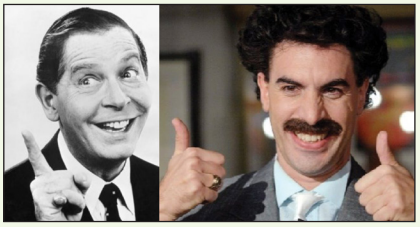
Artist Talk: Jim Bennett
Wednesday, May 3, 5:30 pm, BRD



Jim Bennett's show *Luminous Streams* is currently on view until June 27 at Boardman Road.

Jim works in many mediums, and has authored several books including *Calligraphy for Dummies*, and *The Poughkeepsie Mystery*. ***Registration required.***

Please see page 3 to learn about our upcoming photography series.



From Berle to Borat: What's So Funny About Being Jewish?
Friday, May, 5, 3 pm, BRD

Join Suzanne Turrisi to explore the history of Jewish humor from Vaudeville to television to contemporary Jewish comedy. Nosh and schmoozing included. Suzanne is a long-time teacher at Temple Beth-El School. ***Registration required.***

Make a Felt Gnome
Sunday, May 7, 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. In this workshop, participants will make an adorable gnome. ***Registration required.***

Open Mic
Monthly, second Wednesdays, May 10, June 14, 7 pm, ADR

Share your talent – poetry, music, comedy – or just come and watch! Your hosts are Mary Pazienza and Debora Shon. ***No registration required.***

Mermay Bookmark Drop-In Craft
Saturday, May 13, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm, SPD

Celebrate Mermay with a new bookmark in the shape of a mermaid or merman! While supplies last; all ages. ***No registration required.***

Art Workshop: Gyotaku, Japanese Fish Painting
Saturday, May 20, 2:30 pm, Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory (8 N. Cherry Street)

Using techniques similar to the Japanese tradition of printing fish, we will print and then create small kites with our printed artwork. ***Registration required.***

ADR: Adriance BRD: Boardman Road SPD: Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library

Ukulele Strumalong

Monthly, fourth Tuesdays, May 23, June 27, 6 pm, BRD

Strum with other ukulele enthusiasts in a fun and relaxed environment! Players of all abilities are welcome; please bring your own ukulele. ***No registration required.***

Paper Crafting

Fourth Thursdays, May 25, June 22, 6:30 pm, ADR

Work on your paper craft with other paper lovers. You can bring your own project and materials and/or use materials the library will provide. ***No registration required.***

Make a Lotus Lantern

Thursday, June 1, 6 pm, BRD

Join Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP) in making a traditional Korean lotus lantern, followed by the showing of a documentary film. This program is for ages 10 and up. ***Registration required.***

Intro to Canva

Wednesday, June 7, 3:30 pm, SPD

Explore the basic features of the popular design platform and gain confidence in a skill with infinite applications that will stand out on a résumé. A few laptops are available to reserve on a first come, first served basis, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible. Program offered by PPLD graphic designer Charlotte. ***Registration required.***

The _____ Was Better: *The Princess Bride*

Wednesday, June 14, 2 pm, SPD

Join us for a new program where we'll compare and contrast a book and its movie adaptation. Please come to the program having read the book. We'll watch the movie together, and then discuss! PG-13. ***Registration required.***

Art Workshop: Paper-Making

Saturday, June 17, 2:30 pm, Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory (8 N. Cherry Street)

Recycle scrap papers into pulp to make handmade paper in a blender. You can also include wildflowers and other natural materials, and create multi-color papers and designs. ***Registration required.***

Over the Rainbow: The Hollywood Career of Judy Garland

Thursday, June 22, 7 pm, Virtual

This talk will examine the remarkable Hollywood career of Judy Garland, which began in her young teens at MGM and continued with such timeless classics as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Easter Parade*, and her stirring comeback in 1954's *A Star is Born*. Presenter Brian Rose is a professor emeritus at Fordham University. ***Registration required.***

MOVIES UNDER THE WALKWAY

Saturday, June 24, Upper Landing Park (83 North Water Street)

Free family movie screening begins at sundown. Visit facebook.com/MoviesUnderTheWalkway for additional dates, titles, and registration information.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

History & Current Events

Great Decisions

Select Mondays, 7 pm, BRD

No registration required.

May 1: **Political Trends in Latin America**

Recent electoral results in Latin America have led observers to discern a left-wing surge in the hemisphere. What are the implications of their ascendency, and what connections do they have with the past? Facilitated by Martin Charwat.

May 15: **Economic Warfare and US Policy**

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, economic warfare has been the main means for the west to challenge Russia. How effective will these sanctions be at convincing Russia to cease its war? Facilitated by Rick Levitt.

Historic Walking Tours with Shannon Butler

Join historian Shannon Butler for 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 please dress accordingly with appropriate footwear. ***Registration required per tour.***

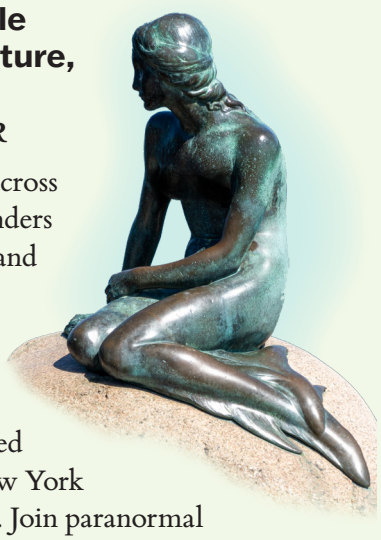
Academy Street Historic District
Saturday, May 20, 10 am - 12 pm,
Christ Church (20 Carroll Street)

Meet near the bell tower.

Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery
Saturday, June 10, 11 am - 1 pm,
342 South Avenue

Mermaids: Their Incredible History in Folklore, Literature, and Mythology

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 pm, ADR



Mermaids have lived in folklore across the globe, and their mythical wonders have been revered, romanticized and immortalized in fables, artwork and literature. Christopher Columbus and Henry Hudson wrote of mermaid sightings, and in 1842, P.T. Barnum displayed his famous "Fiji Mermaid" in New York to hundreds of gullible spectators. Join paranormal lecturer Barry Pirro as he explores the incredible world of mermaids. ***Registration required.***

Exploring Your Family Tree

Friday, June 9, 2:30 pm, ADR

In this beginner's guide to genealogy, we will demonstrate resources you can use with your library card and give you tips on staying organized and focused as you begin your research. ***Registration required.***

Love Your Planet

Tree Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, May 6, 10 am – 12 pm, BRD

Limit 2 per person. Please bring your own bags. Please do not arrive before 10 am. This is a drop-in event, so please come any time between the designated start and end times. As supplies last. ***No registration required.***

Hiking Club

Select Sundays, 9 am, Various Locations

Weather permitting and subject to change. Please bring your own water/snacks and wear proper clothing/footwear. Be prepared for moderate to rough terrain. ***Registration required.*** All hikers are required to have a signed waiver on file before joining our hikes. Contact Karen Blovat at kblovat@poklib.org for more information after signing up.

May 7: **Winnakee Nature Preserve**
(3 Van Dam Road, Hyde Park)

Hike is about 1½ miles with some elevation change.

June 11: **Bowdoin Park**
(Pavilion 5, 85 Sheafe Road, Poughkeepsie)

Hike is about 2 miles. Binoculars are recommended to view the resident bald eagles. Park staff will share a brief historical background of Bowdoin Park.

Swap It Up: Indoor Plants

Select Wednesdays, May 31, June 21, 6:30 pm, ADR

Bring a plant or cuttings to share and bring home something new to grow! Small pots and soil will be provided. Drop in at any point from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. ***Registration is not required, but please bring something to swap so everyone can participate.***

Let's Get Sustainable! Crafts for Adults

Select Tuesdays, 2 pm, SPD or 7 pm, ADR

In this monthly series, repurpose an everyday object to make a new ecofriendly product! Everything else provided. ***Registration required.***

May 9: **Phone Holder** *June 6:* **Cork Coaster**

Please bring a toilet paper tube on May 9.

Sustainable Gardening Best Practices

Select Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, ADR

Explore sustainable gardening practices to maximize positive impacts on our environment. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County Master Gardeners. ***Registration required per session.***

June 13: **Intro, Soil Health, & Water Management**
June 20: **Biodiversity, Plant Selection, & Pollinators**
June 27: **Tools, Climate Change, & Summary**

Tree ID: Birches

Many types of birch, members of the genus *Betula*, live in our community. Birches are more easily identified by their bark, which is distinguishable by its horizontal lenticels, or raised pores.

Paper birch *(Betula papyrifera)*
This native species is known for its bright white, peeling bark.

Silver birch *(Betula pendula)*
This Eurasian species, its bark a duller white than paper birch, can be invasive in the US.

River birch *(Betula nigra)*
River birch, a native species popular in landscaping, has highly peeled tan bark.

Black birch *(Betula lenta)*
These native birches also develop vertical cracks in their bark with age.

Yellow birch *(B. alleghaniensis)*
The native yellow birch is identifiable by its lustrous, almost metallic, peeling bark.

Gray birch *(Betula populifolia)*
Young bark on this native birch will appear tan before maturing into a pale gray color. It is flecked with dark spots and does not peel.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

Health & Wellness

Free Tai Chi

Free Tai Chi is a public outreach class offered by Complete Reality Tai Chi to promote the health and spiritual benefits of our practice to our community. Facilitated by Karen Abramson. ***No registration required.***

Indoor: ***Weekly, Fridays, 10 am, BRD***
Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open at 9:45 am.

Outdoor: ***Tuesdays, June 20 - August 29, 7:30 am, BRD***
Rain or shine; no meeting Tuesday, July 4, 18.

Money Smarts for Adults

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 pm, ADR

Offered by Chase Financial Institution; Facilitated by Liz Anaya, Community Manager for Community & Business Development at Chase. ***Registration required.***

Virtual Narcan Training

Select Tuesdays, May 16, June 13, 6-7 pm, Virtual

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health offers one-hour online training sessions to explain how/when to administer Narcan. There is no age minimum for the training, but only those 18+ are eligible to receive a free Narcan kit post-training. Kits will be available from Martha Farrell at Adriance. ***Registration with birth date required.***

Defensive Driving

Saturday, June 3, 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. Bring your own lunch and pen. Pay the day of the class. The instructor is Staci Cussick. ***Registration required; each person must register separately.***

Home, Auto, and Life Insurance 101

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 pm, ADR

Learn about proper coverages, ways to reduce the cost of insurance, the claims process, and more. Feel free to bring copies of your current policies for a complimentary review. Presented by Staci Cussick, personal lines insurance professional. ***Registration required.***

POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S SEED SOWING CENTER

The Seed Sowing Center contains a collection of vegetable, flower, and herb seed kits that you can request to pick up and grow at home. Kits are available to Poughkeepsie Public Library District resident cardholders and can be picked up approximately 2 days after ordering. The Library District aspires to add gardening tools and integrate educational programming to the Center to complement the goal of promoting sustainability in our community. Watch us grow at poklib.org/seed-sowing or call (845) 485-3445!

Connecting

Drop In!

Board Game Mondays
Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD

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

Brain Games
Monthly, first and second Fridays, May 5, 12, June 2, 9, 10-11 am, ADR

An hour of assorted thinking games in a fun group setting.

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

Pick Up Stitches
Weekly, Saturdays, 10 am, BRD

Brain Games for Seniors

Office For the Aging
Select Thursdays, May 4, 18, June 1, 15, 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! 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.***

Town Senior Center

Select Tuesdays, May 30, June 13, 27, 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.***

Free Spring Adventures!

Explore over 40 amazing destinations for free with your PPLD library card by reserving MAP (Museums, Attractions, and Parks) Passes to visit fantastic museums; NY State Parks; grand historic homes and gardens; trains, planes, ships, rare motorcycles; and exotic zoo animals.

Families will enjoy Hancock Shaker Village's Baby Animal Festival from April 15 - May 7. There will be wee lambs, piglets, calves, kids (goats!), and chicks. By mid-May, the babies are spirited teenagers. There's much to explore at the bucolic farm village!

Travel with friends and family to the '60s and immerse yourselves in the sights, stories, and music of the Woodstock Festival at the Museum at Bethel Woods, which is now open for the season. It's located next to the site of the 1969 Woodstock Festival with trails to wander. The main exhibition is nearly 7,000 square feet with 20 films, over 100 artifacts, soundtracks, 300 murals, and more.

All 40 MAP Pass venues are just a day trip away and offer something for everyone's enjoyment, inspiration, and delight. Passes are available to library cardholders of the City or Town of Poughkeepsie, and may be reserved up to 60 days in advance. You may make two reservations for the same day. Visit poklib.org/map-pass.

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.

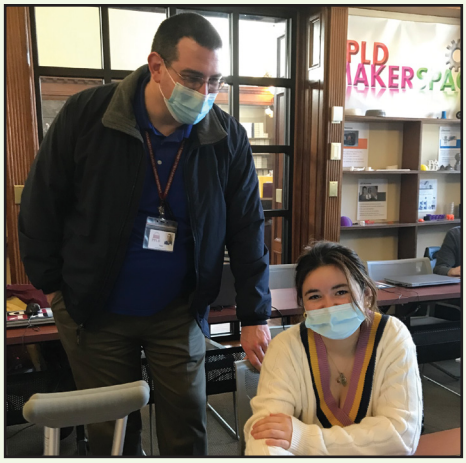
Office For the Aging
Select Tuesdays,
May 9, June 6,
10:30 am - 12 pm, 114 Delafield Street

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center
Select Tuesdays,
May 23, June 20,
10:30 am - 12 pm, 14 Abe's Way

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 at Adriance and are 90 minutes unless otherwise noted. Registration is required for all classes unless otherwise indicated.***



Personal Assistance *Drop-in; no registration.*

Computer Lab

Mondays–Fridays, 11 am – 1 pm; Tuesdays, 6–8 pm, ADR
Thursdays, 1–3 pm, BRD

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

Teen Tech Helpers *Saturdays, 9 am – 1 pm*

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

Technology **Prereq: Internet 101 or equiv; other prereqs noted as applicable.*

Navigating the Medicare Website
Wednesday, May 24, 9:30 am
Wednesday, June 28, 9:30 am

Medicare 101
Wednesday, June 14, 9:30 am, BRD

Creating a Website
Wednesday, May 10, 1:30 pm

Intro to Selling Online
Wednesday, May 24, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Internet 101
Tuesday, May 30, 3:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Internet 102
Tuesday, June 6, 3:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equiv.

Internet 103
Tuesday, June 13, 3:30 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 & 102 or equivalent

Windows 10
Wednesday, May 31, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Intro to 3D Printing Services
Wednesday, June 7, 1:30 pm

Using a Smartphone
Tuesday, June 20, 3:30 pm

Tinkercad 3D Printing Workshop
Wednesday, June 21, 1:30 pm
Prereq: Intro to 3D Printing Services

Intro to Google Drive & Docs
Monday, June 26, 3 pm
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equiv.

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips
Tuesday, June 27, 3:30 pm

Online Security & Common Scams
Wednesday, June 28, 1:30 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Tech from Home

Virtual; internet access and a device to connect to Zoom are required.

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips
Thursday, May 18, 10 am

Online Security & Common Scams
Thursday, June 15, 10 am
Prereq: basic computer skills

Basics

****Prereq: Basic computer skills***

PC Basics
Tuesday, May 9, 3:30 pm

Mouse & Keyboard*
Tuesday, May 16, 3:30 pm

Basic Email*
Saturday, May 20, 1:30 pm
Tuesday, May 23, 3:30 pm

MICROSOFT OFFICE

All classes are 90 minutes at Adriance; prerequisites apply.

Word: *Word processor*

Word 101
Monday, May 15, 3 pm
Wednesday, May 17, 6:15 pm
Prerequisite: Basic computer skills

Word 102
Monday, May 22, 3 pm
Wednesday, May 24, 6:15 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent

Word 103
Monday, June 12, 3 pm
Wednesday, June 14, 6:15 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 & 102 or equivalent

Word Mail Merge
Monday, June 5, 3 pm
Wednesday, June 7, 6:15 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 & 102 or equivalent

Excel: *Spreadsheets*

Excel Functions
Monday, May 8, 3 pm
Wednesday, May 10, 6:15 pm
Prerequisite: Excel 101, 102 & 103 or equivalent

Publisher: *Layout*

DIY with Publisher
Wednesday, May 31, 6:15 pm
Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent

PowerPoint: *Presentations*

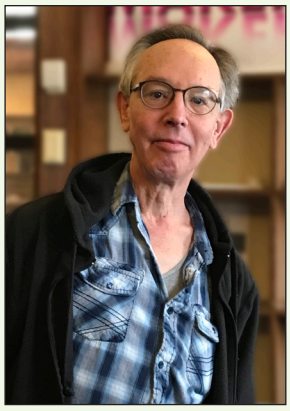
PowerPoint 101
Wednesday, June 21, 6:15 pm
Prerequisite: basic computer skills

Using the Library in Your Job Search
Saturday, May 20, 11 am
Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

Patron Profile: Billy Herman

Interviewed by Tino Muscetta



Longtime Library District patron Billy Herman is grateful he lives so close to the Adriance Memorial Library. As a writer, he doesn't want the computer to get in his way. He took classes with Betty Cooper, who showed him how to use technology, and not resent it, in order to bolster his craft. Using his computer skills, he was able to edit and print his novel.

Billy has attended many PPLD programs, including PC Basics; Mouse & Keyboard; Basic Email; Intro to Google Drive & Docs; Word 101, 102, 103; Mail Merge; many computer labs; and Charlotte Tramontana's Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist. He also volunteers as co-facilitator for librarian Debora Shon's Exercise Your Writing program, which he calls "a way to thank those that have helped me, and give back to the community."

When asked what he likes about the library, Billy replied, "Peace of mind, quiet, being around intelligent people; staff are nice to patrons, the many positive programs offered. In return, all the library asks of its patrons is to show up."

What PCC Patrons Are Saying

"Tino is a fabulous teacher – understands my limitations and worked with where I am at in the process. Many thanks for your understanding." *(Excel 102)*

"With Betty, I learned what I needed to feel comfortable in understanding the specifications on a computer enough to buy one competently." *(Computer Buying Tips)*

What can SCORE Dutchess do for your small business?

SCORE Dutchess is the local chapter of a national nonprofit resource partner for the US Small Business Administration. Our mission is to foster vibrant small business communities through free mentoring and education.

We help small businesses by providing free, confidential advice and mentoring, offer low- or no-cost webinars, and sharing free templates and resources. To request a mentor, or volunteer as one, please visit score.org. To register to receive invitations to our free webinars, please email ch.admin0059@scorevolunteer.org, and provide your first and last name.

Programas en español

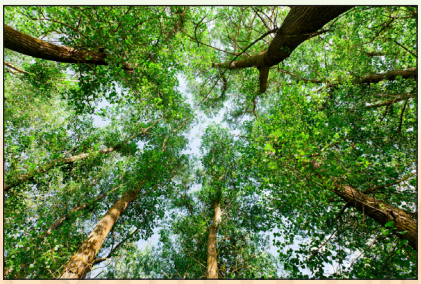
¡Contesta nuestra encuesta!
Visite poklib.org/encuesta

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

¡Arma la piñata del Cinco de Mayo!

Miércoles, 3 de mayo, 6-7:30 pm, ADR

Prepara la fiesta del Cinco de Mayo haciendo piñatas típicas. Isabel Rodríguez, artista mexicana local, enseña a elaborar piñatas en miniatura. Rifa al final del evento. Programa para padres e hijos. Requiere inscripción por cada persona que asista. ***Requiere inscripción por cada persona que asista.***



Caminata al atardecer

Viernes, 5, 12 y 19 de mayo, 2 y 9 de junio, 6 pm, Rail Trail

Caminata por el sendero de la antigua vía férrea Dutchess. Recomendable traer agua y zapatos cómodos. Iniciamos en la zona de descanso ubicada al lado del estacionamiento del Walkway *(61 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie).*

Círculo de tejido y manualidades

Sábado, 6 y 20 de mayo, y 10 de junio, 1:30-4 pm, ADR

Grupo informal de adultos para elaborar proyectos personales de tejido, costura, bordado u otra manualidad. Se asesora en los pasos básicos de tejido. ***No requiere inscripción.***

Asistencia Tecnológica Individual

Martes y jueves, 2 de mayo al 15 de junio, 9-10:30 am, ADR

Accede a una computadora con la guía de un instructor en español, y resuelve dudas de correo electrónico, llenado de formatos en línea, envío de documentos electrónicos, envío de fax, escaneo de documentos y manejo de celular. ***No requieres cita ni inscripción.***

Los básicos en computación

Jueves, 5-6:30 pm, ADR

¿Eres nuevo en computación? En estas sesiones podrás iniciarte en los primeros pasos para aprender a trabajar con la computadora. ***Requiere inscripción.***

11 de mayo: **Computación básica** *18 de mayo:* **Internet básico** *25 de mayo:* **Correo electrónico de Gmail**

Mostrador de Referencia en español

Martes y jueves 11 am - 1 pm, ADR

Contamos con un mostrador de referencia para consultas de información en general y apoyo con llenado de formas simples, no legales.

Notario en español

Martes y jueves 11 am - 1 pm, ADR

Servicio de Notario Público disponible (en inglés y en español) en la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial. No requiere cita, pero si desea confirmar la disponibilidad de nuestros notarios en español puede hablar con Elva Margarita (845) 485-3445 x3349. Debe presentar una identificación con fotografía vigente y firmar el documento en presencia del notario.

Mayo es el mes del adulto mayor

Aplicaciones móviles para adultos mayores
Jueves, 4 de mayo, 5-6:30 pm, ADR

Aprende tecnología a través de tu teléfono inteligente. Esta clase está dirigida a los adultos mayores, pero cualquier persona interesada en el tema es bienvenida también. Indispensable traer el celular para trabajar en la sesión. ***Requiere inscripción.***

¡Bienvenidos al Club de los Adultos Mejores!
Sábado, 9:30 am - 12 pm, ADR

Espacio para adultos mayores para aprender, compartir y socializar. Reuniones mensuales. Ideal para hacer nuevos amigos. ¡Sin faltar un rico café, té y galletitas!

6 de mayo: **Manualidad en filigrana de papel**
10 de junio: **Consejos de estiramientos corporales**

Sentido de vida en la adultez
Sábado, 13 de mayo, 2-4 pm, ADR

Cualquier etapa de la vida vale la pena vivirla con plenitud. Dora Inés Grosso habla sobre el sentido de vida en la adultez. ***No requiere inscripción.***

Hablemos de Medicare y Medicaid
Miércoles, 17 de mayo, 6-7:30 pm, ADR

Lenke Ganz, especialista en servicios de información de la Oficina de la Tercera Edad, informa acerca de los beneficios de salud que pueden obtener las personas de 65 años en adelante. ***Requiere inscripción.***

La Mesa Comunitaria
Martes, 9 de mayo y 6 de junio, 1-3 pm, Market Fresh Supermarket (690 Main Street, Poughkeepsie)

Servicio realizado por Elva Margarita, Sandra y Julee, que brinda asistencia e información en general. ¡Acércate, queremos escucharte y platicar contigo!

¡Gana una tarjeta de regalo de Amazon de 100 dólares! Consulta la página 6.

Si se requiere inscripción, consulte la página 2 para más detalles.

Junio es el mes de la herencia inmigrante

Semana del Consulado Mexicano
Del 30 de mayo al 3 de junio, 9 am - 1:30 pm, SPD

Tramita tu pasaporte, matrícula consular, credencial de elector, impresión de acta de nacimiento y doble nacionalidad con el Consulado de México en NY, a través de su unidad sobre ruedas. ***Programa tu cita en: citas.sre.gob.mx***

¡Bienvenidos los Nuevos Americanos!
Jueves, 1 de junio, 6-7:30 pm, ADR

Jenny Muñoz, representante de la Oficina para Nuevos Americanos, informa acerca de los programas y servicios gratuitos disponibles para inmigrantes a través de la Oficina para Nuevos Americanos del Estado de NY y cómo puede acceder a estos servicios. ***Requiere inscripción.***

Introducción a Ancestry.com
Jueves, 8 de junio, 5 pm, ADR

Aprende a buscar información de tus antepasados a través del sitio web de ancestry.com. Para acceder al sitio, a través de la biblioteca, necesitas usar tu tarjeta de la biblioteca. Asegúrate que este vigente. ***Requiere inscripción.***

Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie
Martes y jueves, 2 de mayo al 27 de junio, 10 am - 12 pm y 6-8 pm, ADR

En la plaza comunitaria contamos con clases de alfabetización para personas de 15 años o más. También estudia la primaria y la secundaria, completa o desde el ultimo grado que cursaste. Programa dirigido a hispanohablantes. Clases y material gratuitos. El llenado del registro es en persona. Presentar acta de nacimiento e identificación con fotografía.

Libros con café
Viernes, 26 de mayo 6-8 pm, Virtual

Los libros que estamos leyendo se encuentran en el catálogo del MHLS. ***Requiere inscripción*** para obtener el enlace de Zoom. Libro: *Sebas y su último verano en San Pancho* por Víctor Manuel Espinosa.

Teen

For ages 12-18. ***Registration is required unless otherwise noted.*** Register at poklib.org or call (845) 485-3445 x3320.

Teen Art Show Reception

Monday, May 1, 6-7 pm, ADR

Let's celebrate all the artists who participated in the Teen Art Show. The top artists will receive prizes and there will be refreshments for all. ***Registration required.***

Teen Tuesdays

Select Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, at ADR unless indicated; registration required unless indicated.

May 9: **Pizza in the Library**
Make your own individual pizza with a variety of toppings.

May 16: **3D Printing**
You design it, we will print it!

May 23: **Cupcake Decorating**
We will provide the cupcakes and fun toppings. You provide the creativity and your appetite!

May 30: **Henna**
Create a design on your hand using a paste made from the leaves of a henna tree.

June 6: **Flag Day Turnovers**
Make red, white and blue fruit-filled turnovers for Flag Day!

Volunteer Opportunities for Community Service Credit

The Library District seeks volunteers to assist the library and community as Homework Helpers, Teen Room Volunteers, Bloggers for the Teen Café, and at special events. Please use the QR code to view details about each of these positions and apply to volunteer.

International Movie Nights

Select Tuesdays, May 9, 16, June 6, 13, 5:30 pm, ADR

We will watch films from various countries and learn about communities and experiences from around the world. Some films may be rated R due to language. ***Registration required, register once to attend all.***

Anime-Manga Book Club

Select Wednesdays, May 24, June 14, 5 pm

We will watch an episode of an anime based on a manga series, then read the first volume of the manga. For grades 6-12. ***Registration required; register once to attend both.***

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist

Tuesday, June 20, 5 pm, ADR

Learn skills applicable to all genres of narrative prose. Full details on page 6. ***Registration required.***

Video Gaming

Mondays & Thursdays, 3-5 pm, ADR

Challenge your friends on our Nintendo Switch! ***No registration; no program Thursday, June 19, 29.***

Battle of the Books Is Back!

Battle of the Books is a nationally recognized literature contest in which students entering grades 6-9 in the fall answer trivia questions based on 6 specific titles that they have read. Throughout the program, young people are introduced to great literature, build a strong team as they get to know their teammates, and then gather with teams from other local libraries to engage in friendly competition and test their knowledge.

For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian Jolie Hamer-Conroy in the Children's Room at Adriance Memorial Library at jhamer-conroy@poklib.org.

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.*** **No programs: May 29, June 19, 29.**

At Adriance

PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

Mondays, May 1- June 12, 10-11:15 am
Tuesdays, May 2- June 13, 10-11:15 am
Wednesdays, May 3- June 14, 10-11:15 am

Weekly themed stories, and music 'n movement followed by sensory art activities, and developmentally open-ended play in the several centers in our PLC classroom. ***Registration required. Please register your child for either a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday session.***

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, May 2- June 13, 10-10:50 am

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

Baby Time

Wednesdays, May 3 - June 14, 10-10:50 am

We'll play, sing, read, listen to music, and move to help support the development of your baby's pre-literacy, social, and motor skills. Come early or stay late to play and socialize! Siblings are welcome. For 0 to 18 months.

Music & Movement

Thursdays, May 4 - June 15, 10-10:50 am

Get ready for a wigglin', gigglin', toe tappin', hand clappin' time! We'll dance, sing, play instruments, and end with interactive play. For children ages 3 to 5.

Cozy Story Time

Thursdays, May 4 - June 15, 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, May 5- June 16, 10-11 am

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

At Boardman Road

Preschool Story Time

Mondays, May 1 - June 12, 10-10:30 am

Stories, songs, action rhymes, and small craft for ages 3 to 5. Parents and siblings welcome.

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, May 1 - June 12, 11-11:45 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, May 3 - June 14, 10-10:50 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, fingerplays, and stories, followed by a play time. For ages 18 to 24 months.

Toddler Time

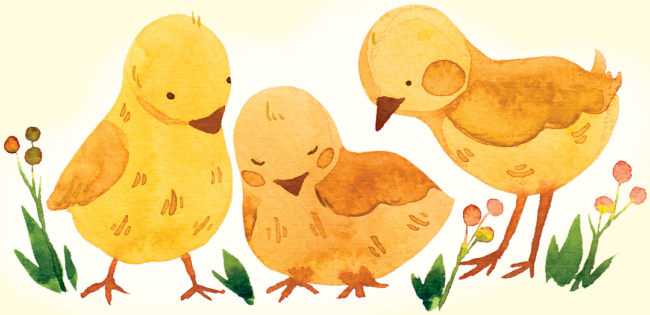
Thursdays, May 4 - June 15, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, May 4 - June 15, 10:40-11:30 am

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



If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

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

Saturday Afternoon Games

Saturdays, May 6, June 3, 2-4:30 pm

Play some good old-fashioned tabletop games at the library! Availability is first come, first served. All ages. ***No registration required.***

Representation Matters Story Time Series

Select Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 11 am - 12 pm

It is important for every child to see themselves reflected in the stories they read, and those that are read to them. With this in mind, we offer a weekly series of story times that feature stories of children who come from diverse backgrounds. Story times will include music and crafts. All children and families are welcome. ***Registration required; register once to attend all. Signed photo release required.***

LEGO Builders' Club

Mondays, May 8, June 5, 4-5 pm

Build a LEGO set or create your own! Grades 3-6. ***Register once to attend all.***

Girls Who Code

Thursday, May 11, June 8, 4 pm

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. ***Register once to attend both.***

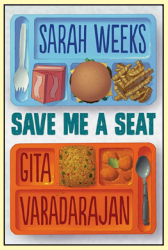
All Booked! Book Club

Select Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 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 the meeting. For grades 3-4. ***Registration required; register once to attend both.***

***May 25: Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly**

***June 8: Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan**



So You Want to Be a Podcaster? New!

Select, Wednesdays, May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 4 pm

Learn how to create and make your own Podcast Video while discovering some great podcasts to listen to on your downtime! Then make a Podcast Video for our upcoming 2023 Summer Reading Program to be posted on our library's social media platforms! Grades 4-6.

Registration required; register once to attend all. Signed media release required.

At Adriance

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

The Art of Decoupage: Comic Book Edition

Monday, May 8, 4 pm

We'll be creating MARVEL-ous masterpieces from recycled comic books! Grades 1- 6.

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Tuesday, May 9, 4 pm

What is that thing??? Join us for a storytime about possibilities and mystery. PreK - grade 2. Siblings welcome.

Abstract Hanger Sculptures

Wednesday, May 10, 17, 4 pm

Create an abstract sculpture using a wire hanger and tights, then paint it however you like! On May 10, create your sculpture/base; then on May 17, come back to paint it. *Dress for a mess!*

Topsy Turvy Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 13, 1 pm

Play silly games while enjoying refreshments and fun to celebrate that special Mom, Grandmother, or person in your life! Dressing up and decorating masks is also a must! Grades K-5. ***Register your child and the name of the adult being celebrated. Max adult capacity per child is 2.***

Awfully Awesome Art

Tuesday, May 16, 4 pm

Make something hideous! Use our art and craft supplies to make your best, bad piece of art. Grades 1-6.

Donut Games

Thursday, June 1, 5:30 pm

Do you love donuts? National Donut Day is Friday, June 2, but we are celebrating early with our donut-themed games! Grades 3-6.

Kids' Open Art Studio

Tuesday, June 6, 4 pm

Choose an art project to work on from a selection of materials. This is a drop-off event; parents are welcome to wait in the children's room. Grades 3-6.

Bug Fest

Tuesday, June 13, 4 pm

Let's celebrate bugs, insects, and all the creepy-crawlies we might find in the garden. Siblings welcome. PreK - grade 2.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party: PEACE, LOVE, & LIBRARIES

Monday, June 26, 10 am – 12 pm

Let's celebrate the beginning of summer and kick off the Summer Reading Game! This year's theme is "All Together Now," and we're closing the Adriance parking lot for this awesome celebration. Pick up your summer reading game packet at Rover (our Bookmobile) during the party and read your way to fabulous prizes! ***No registration required.*** Weather permitting.

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

National Chocolate Parfait Day

Monday, May 1, 4 pm

May 1 is National Chocolate Parfait Day. Come and make a scrumptious snack to eat. Grades K-5.

Make Your Own Mini Trouble People

Thursday, May 11, 4 pm

Tell your troubles to the mini people, then put them under your pillow and let them worry about your problems for you while you sleep. Grades K-6.

K-2 Stories and Crafts

Wednesday, May 17, 4 pm

Join us as we share our favorite picture books and make a special craft afterwards. Grades K-2.

Realistic Monarch Butterfly with Flapping Wings

Monday, May 22, 4 pm

Make your own flapping butterfly and learn about the Monarch life cycle. Grades K-5.

Unbirthday Party!

Monday, June 5, 4 pm

Dress in your party best to celebrate everyone's Unbirthday at a Mad Tea Party! We'll play party games, enjoy Unbirthday treats, make themed crafts, and an Unbirthday surprise will be revealed at the end! Siblings are welcome. Grades K-5.

Catapults!

Wednesday, June 7, 4 pm

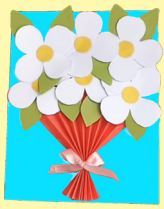
Join us as we learn how to make different catapults. Which one will shoot a cotton ball the furthest? We'll find out together. Grades 1-6.

LEGO Scavenger Hunt

Monday, June 12, 4 pm

LEGO fans can come and find items related to anything LEGO. If you complete the scavenger hunt, you will get a small prize at the end. Grades K-5.

Fun and friendly greeting cards to DIY this spring!



Try this beautiful bouquet card!

1. Fold a piece of paper in half to make the main part of the card.
2. Make a thinly folded fan with each fold about a half centimeter wide.
3. Tie the fan together about 1" from the bottom. You can add a bow. This will be your bouquet's wrapper.
4. Attach the wrapper to the front of the card so that the larger upper part is spread out.
5. Cut out a handful of flower and leaf shapes (maker's choice), then paste them on over the top of the wrapper.

Try this barbe-cute card!

1. Fold a piece of dark paper in half to make the main part of the card.
2. Cut out two handle shapes as pictured from the same dark colored paper and attach to the sides.
3. Attach grill bars (pipecleaners, rolled paper, or rolled foil) to the front of your card, spaced about 1" apart.
4. Make some paper food! (Burger and hotdog shapes are simplest.)
5. Attach the paper foods to the grill!

At the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Mermay Scavenger Hunt

May 1-31

Can you find all 9 hidden characters? Pick up a sheet at the SPD Branch and start looking! All ages. ***No registration required.***

May the Fourth Be with You: Star Wars Party!

Thursday, May 4, 3-5 pm

It's May the Fourth: That means all things Star Wars! Join us for Star Wars games, crafts and food! For kids in grades 1-5 ***Registration is required per session.***

Mermay Bookmark Craft

Saturday, May 13, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

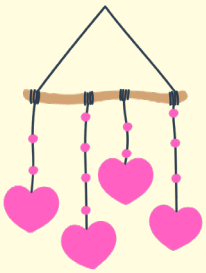
Celebrate Mermay with a bookmark in the shape of a mermaid or merman! While supplies last; all ages. ***No registration required—just drop in!***

Grab a Backpack and Explore!

Thanks to the Dutchess Land Conservancy and the Dutchess County Learn, Play, Create Grant, libraries across the Mid-Hudson Library System have been gifted "Nature Explorers' Backpacks" to be checked out to Dutchess County residents. Each backpack represents a different theme: Birding, Tracking, Nighttime Exploration, Insects, and Forests.

PPLD has received 10 backpacks that will be available to PPLD cardholders at Adriance and Boardman Road. To learn more about the backpacks and what each one contains, please visit dutchessland.org.

Boho Wall Hanging DIY



Thursday, May 18, 4 pm

Together we will learn how to make three different Boho wall hangings to add character and beauty to any room. Choose one Boho wall hanging to create for your home! Grades 4-10.

Don't Pop My Bubble: Science of Bubbles

Thursday, June 15, 3:30 pm

Don't pop my bubble! Explore the science of bubbles with bubble-themed activities, an exploding Elephant Toothpaste STEM demonstration, and then perform your own experiment! Grades K-5.

African Drumming Workshops

Saturday, June 17, 11 am or 1 pm

Fun for the whole family! Learn how to play African Drums!

Poughkeepsie Book Festival

Thank you to all of the authors, staff members, Friends, and volunteers who helped make the 2023 Poughkeepsie Book Festival our biggest ever, with 1,027 people in attendance on April 1! We hope to see you at Book Fest 2024!

If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

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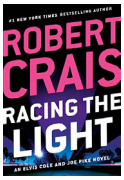
Mystery Mondays Book Club

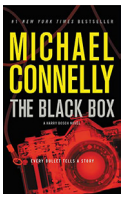
Monthly, select Mondays, 11 am, BRD and Virtual. Registration required.

Theme: Religion and Murder



***May 22: Racing the Light* by Robert Crais**

Los Angeles private investigators Elvis Cole and Joe Pike are hired to find a missing podcaster whose controversial programs seem to have ruffled a lot of dangerous feathers.



***June 26: The Black Box* by by Michael Connelly**

LAPD Detective Harry Bosch links the bullet from a recent crime to the unsolved killing of a young Danish photographer during the 1992 Rodney King riots in Los Angeles.

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The Friends are continuously looking for new Friends! You too can support the Library District by volunteering at the Book Store.

Did you know?

The Friends of PPLD are proud to sponsor the City of Poughkeepsie Major League team for children aged 9-12!

Save the Date!

Adriance Honors

Monday, October 16