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# THE ROTUNDA



**POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

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## Registration Opens Monday, April 22!

Registration starts at 10 am. Most programs require registration. Please register at [poklib.org/events](http://poklib.org/events) or (845) 485-3445, x3707 for adult, x3320 for youth, x3321 para español.

📺 Program is recorded    🚫 Program is not recorded    🐾 Rover stop

## Upcoming Closures

Memorial Day, Saturday, May 25 - Monday, May 27  
Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19



Close-up on lilacs at Adriance Memorial Library by Maintenance Technician and Bookmobile Operator Joe Lenehan.

Can you spot a tiny friend hiding in the petals?

**On the Cover:** Rover visits a local school. Go to [poklib.org/rover](http://poklib.org/rover) to see where Rover's headed next! Photographer unknown.

## Photography Policy

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## Registration Policy

Due to the number of no-shows at our events, which prevent people from participating, you must respond to the email that you will receive one week before the program in question to confirm your intent to attend. Your registration is not complete or valid without this verification. If your plans change after that verification, please deregister.

## Cancellation Notifications

If the Library is unable to operate due to weather-related or unforeseeable circumstances (such as a power outage), a notification will be posted on the library website, and on the library's social media platforms. In those instances, all programs that are scheduled to take place during the closure will be canceled.

Some programs may be canceled, even if the Library is open. The absence of a speaker, or a low number of registrants could cause this. The information will be posted on the event calendar, and on social media. If the event requires registration, you will be notified via email. If you are unsure about an event that does not require registration, please contact the library before coming in.

## 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  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 9–5 pm  
Tue & Thu: 1–5 pm  
Sat & Sun: Closed

Grand reopening  
at SPD!

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.



## ON JUNETEENTH with Jemar Tisby

Saturday, June 15, 11 am - 12:30 pm,  
Lateef Islam Auditorium (FPC)  
(29 N. Hamilton Street)

Jemar Tisby is a *New York Times* bestselling author, national speaker, and public historian on a mission to deliver truths from the Black experience with depth and clarity. Join us for a spirited conversation about Juneteenth and its historical significance in modern times. Tisby's books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. **Registration required.**



## GRAND REOPENING INSIDE OF A GRAND OPENING!

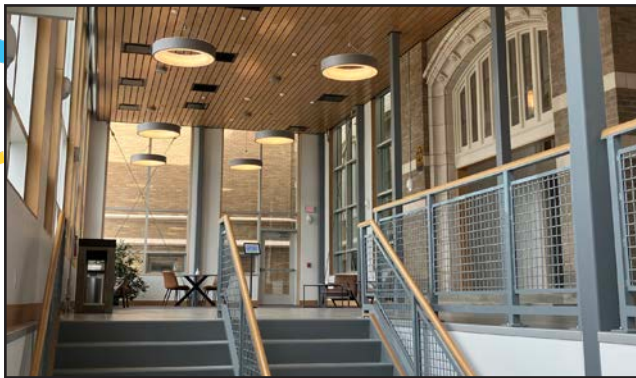
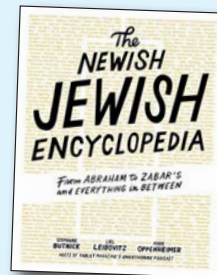


Photo: Editor Cassie Bailey

### Open House at the FPC

Friday, May 10, 10 am - 4 pm,  
Family Partnership Center (29 N. Hamilton Street)

Join us to re-open and celebrate our Sadie Peterson Delaney Branch Library and cut the ribbon at the new Family Partnership Center Atrium. Tour inside the Library that houses shiny books for all ages, our African Art Collection, and the featured display of ceramic artist Larissa Alvarado. Take home a craft activity! **No registration required.**



### The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia Sunday, June 9, 2:30-3:30 pm, BRD

Co-authors of *The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia* and hosts of *Tablet* magazine's popular *Unorthodox* podcast, Butnick and Leibovitz lead a talk on their book, which is highly entertaining, and covers culture, religion, history, habits, language, and more. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. **Registration required.**

### Early Voting Information

Early voting will be open from June 15-23, and the primary voting day is June 25. At the time of this publication, early voting times for the Boardman Road Branch Library have not yet been finalized.

Please visit [elections.dutchessny.gov](http://elections.dutchessny.gov) for primary election times when they are available. Please check that scheduled programs are not affected before you come to the library.



# Library Life

## Concert: Irish Music in America

Saturday, May 4, 2:30 pm, BRD



Guitarist Sheila Noonan, bassist Barry Wiesenfeld, and fiddler Brian Conway explore and perform this glorious music. In the olde days in Ireland, instrumentals were written and performed on traditional instruments like the fiddle, harp, and tin whistle. In more recent times, and with Irish culture making its mark in the “New World,” Irish American Folk Music was born. They now live in symbiosis, and this event will explore both.



We’ll speak of the fascinating history of the art form, tell related personal stories, and perform some of this wonderful music. **Registration required.**



## Introducing the New ePop-Up Library Collection!

The collection offers eBooks filled with titles across various genres and age ranges, from trending bestsellers to timeless classics. All you need is your phone to borrow any book from the collection. Create



your login and password, and start reading! Borrowed titles are available for two weeks on your “Shelf.” **No fines. No library card required.**

## Parks, Attractions, & Museums!

PPLD resident card holders can explore art, nature, animals, history, science, technology, and more for free! As the weather gets sunnier, visit [poklib.org/map-pass](http://poklib.org/map-pass) to start planning your next adventure.

## Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts

On February 9, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum hosted PPLD patrons to tour a new exhibit, “Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962,” with the Supervisory Museum Curator, Herman Eberhardt, who provided historical guidance and background on the Roosevelts.

The exhibit begins during the Great Depression, much like Roosevelt’s presidency. “As hard as it was for everybody during the Great Depression, it was even harder for Black people because they had already started from a position of being economically segregated, and [the Depression] made it even worse,” Eberhardt explained. “We want people coming into the exhibit to first get a sense of what America was like in 1932.” The exhibit showcases the experiences and challenges Black people faced even through the New Deal and into WWII. It continues after the death of FDR, and follows Eleanor’s work as an influential figure.

The displays show the progress of civil rights, as Roosevelt entertained Black visitors to the White House and had Black advisors, yet the New Deal still discriminated against Black people.



The Roosevelts had limited contact with Black people prior to 1913, when Roosevelt joined the Woodrow Wilson administration. They then had Black members of their household staff. Even then, as the curator said, “What you’re not seeing before 1932 is any real interaction with either of the Roosevelts with African American intellectuals, politicians, people in the middle and upper class.” The exhibit shows visitors the results of this, both in making progress, and in failing to gain the amount of progress that many activists were working toward.

All Mid-Hudson Library System cardholders can view the exhibit for free with a museum pass from the library through December 31, 2024. The Presidential Library is located on the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park.

– Karen Fredrickson, *Contributor*

# SUMMER READING

## ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

### FOR CHILDREN

You can sign up at the Kickoff Event on **Saturday, June 29 at Adriance** (see page 22 for details), or from the Adriance children's desk, Rover, or the Boardman check-out desk after the Kickoff. Open from **June 29 - August 16**.

To complete the reading log, fill in one bubble for every 15 minutes you read. When all the bubbles are filled in, simply bring your sheet back to the library! There, you will be entered in a drawing for awesome prizes, and also play Plinko for a small prize upon returning your log.

*Rules and restrictions apply.*

### FOR TEENS

Engage in reading and earn entries to win fantastic prizes! Read books of your choice and submit a mini book review either in print or online.



Each book review equals one entry into the prize draw, which will be held in August. Reviews will be published on our Teen Café blog (anonymously if you prefer). Gain an additional entry for every 100 pages read, or for attending teen programs this summer. Manga and graphic novels count toward reading goal. *Rules and restrictions apply.*

Open from **June 29 - August 16**.

### FOR ADULTS Want to win an Adams gift card?

Pick up a Bingo sheet at any PPLD location (ground floor only at Adriance; check-out desks for Boardman or SPD; also available on Rover) or print a copy online. **Open July 1-31**. Return sheet to Adriance, Boardman, or SPD, or email a photo of your completed sheet to [cmarriott@poklib.org](mailto:cmarriott@poklib.org) by **Monday, August 5** to be entered to win. Ages 18 and up. *Rules and restrictions apply.*



*Para el programa de lectura de verano en español, consulta la pagina 17.*





# Books, Writing, & More

## Exercise Your Writing

*Sundays, May 5, June 2, 2-4 pm, ADR*

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

## Writing & Illustrating Children's eBooks

*Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am, ADR*

Let's collaborate on a children's storybook with the help of AI. Let's partner up and create a unique storybook for children. We will be using Chat GPT, Discord, and other digital apps to write and illustrate the book. This is a five-and-a-half-hour session with a half hour for lunch. Please bring your own lunch and your ideas. *Registration required.*

## An Evening of Poetry

*Select Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR*

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



### May 16: Monique Erickson

Monique Erickson is a New York poet, essayist, and writer grappling with daughterhood, motherhood, and womanhood. She is the founder of LONESOME PRESS, and has appeared in *The New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *Paper Magazine*, and *LIVE Mag!*

*Magazine, Paper Magazine, and LIVE Mag!*



### June 20: Susan Chute

Susan Chute is a poet, librarian, archivist, book artist, and founder/director of Next Year's Words: a New Paltz Readers Forum, now in its tenth year. She is first-prize winner in the 2024 *Calling All Poets Anthology*. Susan's work has appeared in

*La Presa*, *Lightwood*, *The Walkill Valley Writers Anthology 2015*, and *Reflecting Pool: The Creative Process* (Coddhill Press), and on the blogs of The New York Public Library and Women's Studio Workshop.

## Write, Write, and Rewrite

*Saturdays, May 18, June 15, 10 am - 12 pm,*

*Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College*

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

See details about the Summer Reading Challenge on page 5!

## Meet the Authors



### Jeff Golden

*Saturday, May 18, 2:30 pm, BRD*

Jeff Golden will read from his book, *Reclaiming the Sacred: Healing Our Relationships with Ourselves and the World*, that draws on the work of thousands of psychologists and economists, cosmologists and activists, saints and poets, to ground us in our inherent joy, purpose, and belonging – both for our own sakes and the sake of the world. Books will be available for sale and signing. *Registration required.*



### Sarai London Tailor

*Saturday, June 15, 2:30 pm, ADR*

The author will read excerpts from her book, *I Dare You to Walk in My Shoes*, which is a throttling and compelling memoir about her battle with mental illness and food addiction. It also discusses the transition from childhood to adulthood, loss and gain by coming to faith. *Registration required.*



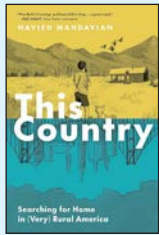
1,315 people, plus over 100 authors, illustrators, and characters, came out to our 2024 Poughkeepsie Book Festival on March 30! Thank you to everyone who stopped by for making Book Fest an awesome day! Scan the QR code to see a timelapse of the event. Photo: Editor Michele Muir.

## Book Clubs

### Graphic Novel Book Club

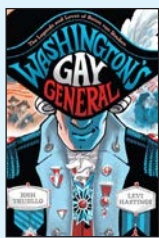
Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 📺

Teens and adults welcome! *Registration required.*



May 9: **This Country: Searching for Home in (Very) Rural America** by Navied Mahdavian

A gorgeously illustrated debut graphic memoir about belonging, identity, and making a home in the remote American West.



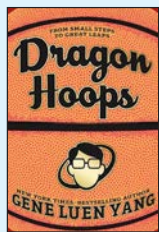
June 6: **Washington's Gay General: The Legends and Loves of Baron von Steuben** by Josh Trujillo

Author Josh Trujillo and illustrator Levi Hastings impart both the intricacies of queer history and the importance of telling stories that highlight queer experiences.

### Books & Brews Book Club

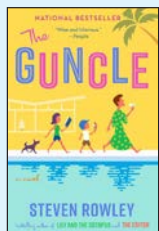
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub (796 Main Street)

Contact Kira Thompson at [kthompson@poklib.org](mailto:kthompson@poklib.org) or x3350 for details. *No registration required.*



May 15: **Dragon Hoops** by Gene Luen Yang

High School teacher Yang doesn't care about basketball, but becomes swept up in the story of his school's varsity team – the Dragons – and their quest for the championship in this graphic memoir.



June 26: **The Guncle** by Steven Rowley

A warm and deeply funny novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew for the summer.



Did you know that both of our book clubs were recently featured by *Hudson Valley Magazine*? Scan the QR code to read the full article!



## There's (Probably) a Great Course for That!

Your PPLD resident library card is the perfect vehicle to help you be a true lifelong learner. Curious minds can “binge-learn” for free about hundreds of topics from the world's top professors and experts!

In each of the half-hour courses, you'll be able to learn from the best of the best about history (wide-ranging topics like ancient history or the Renaissance, or more specialized periods such as the Black Plague); science (astronomy, physics); and life skills like cooking, dog training, home maintenance, and legal and financial literacy. Take a course in photography, painting, or fiction writing to get those creative juices flowing.

Academics are on deck to help explain the religious and philosophical literature that most significantly shaped the world. You can also get moving with dance or tai chi, learn about self-help and psychology, or start learning a musical instrument at your own speed.

Explore far-off destinations around the globe, from the Grand Canyon to the UK, the South Pole to outer space, without leaving Poughkeepsie! You can also take a Great Course in learning a new language, including American Sign Language.



Go to [poklib.org](http://poklib.org) ▶ Learn ▶ Online Resources & Databases, and search for Great Courses under “G,” or scan the QR code to get started.

On the Great Courses site, choose “Sign In” in the upper right. “Choose Mid-Hudson Library Cardholder” from the drop-down menu, and put in your card number and PIN to sign in. Happy learning!

– **Charlotte Tramontana, Contributor**





# Arts & Entertainment

## Gallery Exhibits

**MARY WOJTECKI ROTUNDA  
GALLERY, ADRIANCE**

**Tatiana Rhinevault**

March 2 - April 29

**Ann Marie Kenny**

May 6 - June 29

## GROUND FLOOR, ADRIANCE

**Andre West**

May 1 – June 27

**Reception:** Wednesday, May 22, 11 am, ADR  
*No registration required.*

## BOARDMAN GALLERY

**Mary Brockway**

April 10 - July 8

**Reception:** TBA

## SADIE PETERSON DELANEY

**Larissa Alvarado**

April 30 - July 2

## Open Mic

*Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, 7 pm, ADR*

Share your talent – poetry, music, comedy – or just come and watch! Your host is Tina Jaafar. *No registration.*



**Tasty Treats with Tina** New!

*Saturday, May 11, 3 pm, ADR*

April showers bring May flowers. Cooking with flowers. *Registration required.*



## Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?

*Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 pm, ADR*

Sundials. Water clocks. Pendulum clocks. Atomic clocks. Quartz watches. GMT, UTC, Zulu. They're all part of the fascinating science of

horology, the study of time and the art of measuring it. Presenter Andrew Schmidt will review the thousands of years of historical advances in time keeping from the beginnings to today's modern devices. *No registration required.*

## Dancing in the Dark: A History of Dance in the Movies

*Thursday, May 23, 7 pm, Virtual* 📺

Through the decades, dancing on the big screen has provided some of the most ecstatic moments in film history—whether it's Fred Astaire gliding on the ceiling in *Royal Wedding*, or the Nicholas Brothers leaping down a staircase in *Stormy Weather*. Illustrated with more than 75 video clips, this talk will survey 130 years of thrilling movie dance performances and demonstrate the extraordinary ways cinema brought dance to life. Brian Rose is a professor emeritus at Fordham University. *Registration required.*

## Animal Advocacy and the Arts

*Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 pm, BRD*

A captivating exploration into the symbiotic relationship between creativity and animal advocacy, this lecture spans literature, visual art, and cinema. Included are works by writers Virginia Woolf and George Orwell, photographer Ravi Agarwal, and ethical discussion of films such as Bong Joon-ho's *Okja*, and Pixar's *Finding Nemo*. The lecture will be followed by a screening of the short film *How Do You Milk an Almond?* – a whimsical stick-puppet musical loosely based on real-life lawsuits, providing an entertaining and reflective portrayal of current events. *Registration required.*

## Anything Goes: America During the Jazz Age

*Thursday, June 20, 7 pm, Virtual* 📺

During the 1920s, many of the conventions of the Victorian Era were left behind as a new modernism emerged. It was a time of conservatism; it was a time of great social change. From the world of fashion to the world of politics, forces clashed to produce the most explosive decade of the century. The lecture, presented by author, and historian Christopher Daley, is an entertaining overview of the 1920s. *Registration required.*



# History & Current Events



## **Inmates: Stories from the Poughkeepsie Almshouse**

*Wednesday, May 1, 6 pm, Lateef Islam Auditorium (FPC)*

In the days before programs like Social Security and welfare, you would be in a lot of trouble if you had lost your job, savings, or had poor health. Sometimes your only option was to enter the almshouse until you could get back on your feet. Join Historian Shannon Butler as she shares the history of the Poughkeepsie Almshouse and the forgotten stories behind some of its residents. **Registration open now!**

## **Great Decisions**

*Select Mondays, 6:30 pm, BRD*

*No registration required.*

### **May 13: Mideast Realignment**

Can the US continue to defend its interests in the Middle East and globally with a lower level of military and political involvement, or should it recommit to a leading role in the region? Facilitator: Frederic Hof on behalf of the Mid-Hudson Valley World Affairs Council.

### **June 10: NATO's Future**

Will expanding membership in NATO protect countries, or will it further provoke Russia? Facilitator: Rick Levitt on behalf of the Mid-Hudson Valley World Affairs Council.

## **Steinstuecken: A Little Pocket of Freedom**

*Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm, Virtual*

Steinstuecken, a West Berlin neighborhood, was part of the American sector in Berlin during the Cold War. This book and lecture by Donald Smith tells the story of how Americans and Soviets managed the village in a way that kept tensions down and prevented a crisis. **Registration required.**

## **Ghetto to Glamour: How Jews Redesigned the Fashion Industry**

*Friday, May 17, 3 pm, BRD*

Join educator Suzanne Turrisi and learn how Jewish people have played a key role in every aspect of the American fashion industry. Focus will be on the Jewish success stories, who they are, what they accomplished, and what they contributed. **Registration required.**



## **D-Day: The Mighty Endeavor**

*Tuesday, June 4, 7 pm, Virtual*

On June 6, 1944, the world held its breath as the largest military armada ever assembled stormed the beaches of Normandy to breach Hitler's Atlantic Wall to change the course of the war and also world history. Presented by Jeffrey Urbin, Educational Outreach Specialist at the FDR Presidential Library & Museum. **Registration required.**

## **Historic Walking Tours with Historian Shannon Butler**

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 bring water and dress accordingly with appropriate footwear. **Registration required per tour.**

### **Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery** (342 South Avenue)

*Wednesday, June 5, 2 pm*

### **Academy Street** (Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street)

*Saturday, June 22, 11 am*



# Wellness & Environment

## Free Tai Chi

**Outdoor:** *Wednesdays by the birches, May 1 – September 25, 5:30–6:30 pm, rain or shine, BRD*

**Indoor:** *Fridays, 9:15–10:15 am OR 10:30–11:30 am, BRD*

A public outreach class offered by Complete Reality Tai Chi to promote the health and spiritual benefits of the practice to the community. Taught by Karen Abramson, Certified Free Tai Chi Instructor. Space is limited; first come, first served.

**No registration required. Please attend only one session.**

*Program sessions may be affected by Early Voting schedules. Please see page 3 for details.*

## Presented by the Alzheimer's Association

### Managing Money

*Thursday, May 2, 11:30 am, BRD*

If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join us to learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning. **Registration required.**

### The Empowered Caregiver

*Thursday, June 6, 11:30 am, BRD*

This new education series teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia and take care of their own wellbeing. **Registration required.**



## Tree Seedling Giveaway

*Saturday, May 4, 10 am – 12 pm, BRD*

The Library District will be giving away tree seedlings. Limit two per person. This is a drop in event so please come any time between the designated start and end times. **Please bring your own bags. No registration required.**

*Above: Highbush cranberry, one of the species that will be available*

## The Incredible Carbon Journey

*Sunday, May 5, 2:30 pm, ADR*

Through hands-on experience, participants will collect beads representing their carbon molecules as they traverse the biosphere, lithosphere, atmosphere, and hydrosphere. Along the way, you will discover where carbon gets stuck and gain insights into how human activities have impacted this essential cycle. **Registration required.**

## First-Time Homebuyers' Seminar

*Tuesday, May 7, 5 pm, ADR*

NeighborWorks Homeownership Center of Dutchess County provides comprehensive services and programs that guide first-time home buyers through the homebuying process. This information session will outline those programs and services, and discuss possible resources available to assist you. **Registration required.**

## Virtual Narcan Training

*Tuesday, May 7, June 4, 6 pm, Virtual* 🖥️

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health online training session explains how/when to administer Narcan. Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication that reverses an overdose by blocking heroin or other opioids in a person's brain for 30 to 90 minutes. While there is no age minimum for the training, only those 18 years of age and older are eligible to receive a free Narcan kit post-training. Kits will be available from Krista Miller at Adriance Memorial Library. **Registration with birth date required. A link will be emailed prior to the training.**

## Recycling 101 for Adults

*Wednesday, May 8, 2 pm, ADR*

This presentation will provide information about the fundamentals of recycling and a brief introduction to composting. Presented by a recycling educator from the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management. **Registration required.**



## Butterfly Gardening

**Monday, May 13, 6:30-8 pm, ADR**

Help increase the numbers of these graceful beauties by creating a Butterfly Garden! You'll learn how to make a decorative terracotta saucer "puddle" that supports the mineral requirements of your butterflies to take home. Learn about the native plants and colorful annuals that they love, as well as gardening techniques that help support them throughout the seasons. For adults 18+.

**Registration required.**

## Hiking Club

**Select Sundays, 9 am, various locations**

Please bring your own water/snacks and wear proper clothing/footwear. Hike will be about 2 miles with some hills and uneven paths. Weather permitting. **All hikers are required to have a signed waiver on file before they are able to join our hikes. Contact Karen Blovat at [kblovat@poklib.org](mailto:kblovat@poklib.org) for more info after signing up. Registration required.**

**May 19: Peach Hill Park**

*(32 Edgewood Drive, Poughkeepsie)*

**June 9: Mills Norrie Park**

*(9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg)*

Please park in the first parking area located at the entrance to the park – the first left after turning off the main road.



## Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR)

**Tuesday, May 14, 12 pm, ADR**

Join Dutchess County SPCA Executive Director, Lynne Meloccaro, for a talk and demonstration about the care of feral cats and how to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). Find out where feral cats come from, what their life is like, and their impacts on the environment. Learn how to manage a feral cat colony, and what you can do if you see feral cats. **Registration required.**



## Plant Swap

**Wednesday, May 29, 6:30-7:30pm, ADR**

Bring an indoor plant or cutting to swap for something new! Please only bring up to two plants to swap. **No registration required. Drop in at any time between the designated start and end times.**

## Defensive Driving

**Saturday, June 1, 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 four points from your NYS license. Cost: \$30/person, Cash Only (exact change) – no credit cards or checks 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.**

## The Potted Herb Garden

**Monday, June 3, 6:30-8 pm, ADR**

Enjoy a refreshing herbal iced tea while we consider which herbs are best for cooking, cocktails and pollinators. They can all thrive in pots with proper care. You'll learn which organic fertilizers to use, and select herbs for sunny or shady locations. Take home a lavender seedling to start your garden! For adults 18+. **Registration required. Each person must register separately.**

## Shred Free Day @ Your Library

**Friday, June 7, 9-11 am, ADR**

Offered by Legal Shred. Paper shredding only. Please limit three kitchen-size garbage bags per person. Papers can be in boxes, paper bags, or plastic bags—limit three. **No registration required.**

## The Very Basics of US Immigration Law

**Saturday, June 8, 11 am - 12 pm, ADR**

The goal of this presentation is to teach the very basics of US immigration law. Participants will be presented on diverse topics regarding the US immigration law, including paths toward Permanent Residency, US asylum law, relief for victims of a crime or domestic abuse, and obtaining US citizenship. Bilingual program. **Registration required.**

# Connecting

## Drop In!

### Board Games

*Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD*

Bring a friend and play games like SCRABBLE®, Mah Jongg, or cards! **Due to Early Voting, there will be no Board Games on June 17.**



### All-Ages Chess Club

*Monday, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 5-7 pm, BRD*

Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages welcome. *No registration.*

### Brain Games

*First two Fridays, May 3, 10, June 7, 14, 10-11 am, ADR*

An hour of assorted thinking games in a group setting. No judgment; just socialization and fun challenges!

### Stitch Your Heart Out

*Fridays starting May 3, 10 am, BRD*

### Pick Up Stitches

*Saturdays starting May 4, 10 am, BRD*



## Brain Games for Seniors

Work that muscle in your noggin with us! Enjoy memory games, trivia, learn something, share something, maybe even a song!

### Office For the Aging (OFA)

*(114 Delafield Street)*

*Thursdays, May 16, June 13, 12:30 - 2 pm*

Please call Cindy at The Office For the Aging at (845) 486-2564 for registration and lunch information.

### Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP) *(14 Abe's Way)*

*Tuesdays, May 21, June 18, 10:30 am - 12 pm*

Seniors 55+.

## Paper Crafting

*Thursdays, May 23, June 27, 6:30-8:30 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.*

## Ukulele Strumalong

*Tuesday, May 28, June 25, 6 pm, BRD*

Come and strum songs with other ukulele enthusiasts in a fun and relaxed environment! Music will be projected on a big screen. Players of all abilities are welcome. Please bring your own ukulele. *No registration required.*

## Coffee Roasting 101 with Willie Needham

*Tuesday, June 4, 6-7:30 pm, ADR*

Learn how coffee goes from bean to cup. Willie Needham, owner of The Pawling Coffee Roaster, will show you how you can roast your own coffee at home using basic materials and equipment. Enjoy a specialty coffee only available at the event along with a selection of other coffees. Willie Needham is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and is a second-generation coffee roaster and coffee shop owner. *Registration required.*

## New Service Alert: Seed Sowing Center & Tool Library



Have you gotten your seeds yet? The Library District is giving away flower and vegetable seeds to any interested PPLD resident cardholders. Patrons can request up to 10 packets of flowers, vegetables, or both, and the library will select seeds from our inventory for you. Visit [poklib.org/seed-sowing](http://poklib.org/seed-sowing) for more information and to fill out a request. Get your garden going, experiment with new plants, and experience the joy of eating food you grew with your own hands!



**Did you know?** PPLD now has tools available to check out! If you are new to DIY-ing and you need a hammer or a drill, or a gardening kit to plant those seeds you got from our Seed Sowing Center, we have got you covered. To see what tools we have available and learn more about how to borrow one, check out our Tool

Library page at [poklib.libguides.com/ppldtoollibrary](http://poklib.libguides.com/ppldtoollibrary), or call the Reference Desk at x3702 for more information.



– Kira Thompson,  
Head of Adult Services





# Rover Pupdate



Marist students during a Rover stop at their college library. Photo: Library Assistant Veronica Martin-Follette.



At our newest venue, Marist College! Photo: Joe Lenehan.

## Seasonal Stops Returning!

Rover, our roaming library bookmobile, takes PPLD's library services on the road, bringing books, movies, and audiobooks to neighborhoods, schools, markets, parks and senior residences. We are there for you where you live, shop and play. Browse, borrow and return our collection right on board Rover! *No registration required.*

### Senior Center Visits

**Office For the Aging (OFA)** (114 Delafield Street)

Tuesdays, May 7, June 4, 10:30 am - 12 pm

Spanish services available at OFA stops on these dates.

**Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)**

(14 Abe's Way)

Tuesdays, May 14, June 11, 10:30 am - 12 pm

### Local Markets

**Arlington Farmers' Market** (College Avenue)

Thursdays, starting May 30, 2-5 pm, near tennis courts

**Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market at**

**Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum** (75 N. Water Street)

Tuesdays, weekly starting June 4, 2-5 pm

**Cannavino Library at Marist College**

(3399 North Road)

Fridays, March-May, 1-3 pm

**Eastdale Village** (10 Otto Way)

Second Fridays, June 14, July 12, August 9, 6-8:30 pm

### Grocery Store Visits

Thursdays, 10 am - 12 pm

**Stop & Shop at 44 Plaza** (59 Burnett Boulevard)

May 2, June 6

**Stop & Shop at Post Road Plaza** (2540 South Road)

May 9, June 13

**ShopRite of North Poughkeepsie**

(Route 9 and Winslow Gate Road)

May 16, June 20

**Adams Fairacre Farms** (765 Dutchess Turnpike, Route 44)

May 23, June 27



Registration opens Monday, April 22 at 10 am. 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 in the Marcotte Computer Lab on the Main Floor at Adriance, and are 90 minutes long, unless otherwise noted. Registration is required for all classes.*  
Closed May 25-27, June 19.

## Personal Assistance *Drop-in; no registration.*

### Computer Lab

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 am - 1 pm*

Receive individualized help addressing your computer-based needs. Specific tasks staff can help with include: learning basic computer skills, creating email accounts, performing job searches, filling out job applications, formatting resumes, filing for unemployment, and creating and editing Microsoft Office documents.

### Teen Tech Helpers

*Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm*

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

### Recommended Experience

- B** Beginner    **I** Intermediate
- A** Advanced    **E** Expert

## Basics

### PC Basics

*Wednesday, May 8, 1 pm*

Learn how to start up and shut down a PC; how to open, close, and resize windows; use the taskbar to move between windows. Includes practice time.  
*Registration required.*

## Testimonials

“Tino continues to be able to answer all the difficult questions. Microsoft Access was the most difficult for me but Tino was able to clearly... walk me through any and all questions. I’m confident that with the handout, practice, and more classes, I will be able to be completely comfortable with Access.” (*Access 101*)

“Tino is very easy to understand and teaches well.” (*Word 101*)

“Really appreciated Tino’s patience and the clarity of the presentation.” (*Word 102*)

## Technology

### Medicare 101 / Navigate the Medicare Website

*Thursday, May 2; Friday, May 17; or Wednesday, June 5, 9:30 am*

Enrollment information for those new to Medicare and which plan to pick. Hands-on training at the Medicare website to find information about Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. This class is in-person at the library. Led by volunteers and staff from the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) at Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Contact: Jamie Carey, (845) 486-2083. *Registration required.*

### Internet 101

*Wednesday, June 12, 1 pm*

Grasp the basics of internet surfing such as opening Microsoft Edge, using the minimize, restore, and close buttons, resizing windows, and using the address bar. We will also show you how you can be safe online so you can enjoy being on the internet. Prerequisite: basic computer skills. *Registration required.*

### Intro to Google Drive & Docs **I**

*Wednesday, June 26, 6:15 pm*

Learn the basics of using Google Drive that includes free Google Docs. Upload and create files, navigate Google Drive, share files and collaborate with others. Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent.  
*Registration required.*







## MICROSOFT OFFICE COURSES

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prerequisites apply.



### Microsoft Word: Word processor

#### Word 101 **B**

Monday, May 13, 3 pm; Wednesday, May 15, 6:15 pm

Learn how to create, edit, format and save documents. Prerequisite: basic computer skills. *Registration required.*

#### Word 102 **B**

Monday, May 20, 3 pm; Wednesday, May 22, 6:15 pm

Learn to format with styles, use the navigation pane, align content with tabs, create and utilize tables, work with spelling tools and more. Prereq: Word 101 or equivalent experience. *Registration required.*

#### Word 103 **I**

Monday, June 3, 3 pm; Wednesday, June 5, 6:15 pm

Learn to work with templates, add columns to a document, insert headers & footers and create a table of contents that can be updated. Prerequisite: Word 102 or equivalent experience. *Registration required.*

#### Word 104 **I**

Monday, June 10, 3 pm; Wednesday, June 12, 6:15 pm

Learn advanced formatting techniques, Quick Parts, how to create your own templates and secure your documents. Prerequisite: Word 103 or equivalent experience. *Registration required.*



### Microsoft Access: Database management

#### Access 101 **A**

Wednesday, May 8, 6:15 pm

Work with tables, add and sort records, create forms, run queries and create reports. Prerequisite: intermediate computer skills. *Registration required.*



### Microsoft Publisher: Layout design

#### DIY with Publisher **B**

Saturday, May 18, 11 am

Learn how to create flyers and brochures. Modify text and images. Discuss how to print and publish completed projects. Prerequisite: basic computer skills. *Registration required.*



### Microsoft PowerPoint 101: Presentations

#### PowerPoint 101 **B**

Monday, June 24, 3 pm

Design beginner level presentations: Create new slides, apply slide design, add transitions, insert objects and set up animations. Prerequisite: basic computer skills. *Registration required.*

## Staff Spotlight: Joe Van Wassenhove

The library celebrates a retiring maintenance custodian of 17 years and our top dad joke aficionado of all time.

### How would you describe your position?

It's not what is written as the job description. I've worn many hats, from cleaning toilet bowls to



picking up books from Manhattan or Kinderhook, NY. I have built offices in Adriance and Boardman... a lot of carpentry work, picture hanging, etc.

### What do you like the most about your job?

The most interesting part is all of the people I have met during these projects over the years, and training everyone in our position.

### Can you share a personal fun fact?

Back in the day, my first job... I was a custodial sexton in our church when I was 13 years old. My first job with working papers was in a supermarket produce section. Fast forward to 1996, we moved to Dutchess County from NYC, knowing that I couldn't do the commute anymore. Ironically, I worked at Price Chopper in the produce section and then back as a custodian at Spackenkill, then Adriance.

### Do you have a dad joke to inflict upon the masses?

Please see Joe in person for all dad joke inquiries.

# Programas en español

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

## Computación inicial

*Jueves, 5-6 pm, ADR*

**Word básico:** 2 y 9 de mayo

**Excel básico:** 23 y 30 de mayo

En estas sesiones se ofrece los principios básicos de dos de los programas más utilizados de Microsoft Office. Se requiere tenga conocimientos de manejo de teclado y ratón. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Los Fundamentos de la Ley de Inmigración de los EE.UU

*Sábado, 8 de junio, 11 am – 12 pm, ADR*

El objetivo de esta presentación es enseñar los fundamentos de la Ley de Inmigración de los Estados Unidos. Los participantes se informarán sobre diversos temas relacionados con la Ley de Inmigración de EE.UU., incluyendo caminos hacia la Residencia Permanente, la Ley de Asilo de EE.UU., ayuda para las víctimas de un delito o abuso doméstico y la obtención de la Ciudadanía de EE.UU. Programa bilingüe. *Requiere inscripción.*



## Se buscan voluntarios

### Talentos dentro de la comunidad

Invitamos a aquellas personas que deseen compartir sus conocimientos y talentos presentando un programa en la biblioteca, ya sea en español o bilingüe. ¿Qué tipo de talento? manual, musical, artístico, gastronómico, etc. Para más información comuníquese con Elva Margarita Corbatón al (845) 485-3445 x3321, los días lunes, miércoles y viernes.

### Voluntarios para La Guelaguetza

Este año La Guelaguetza se llevará a cabo el domingo 4 de agosto. Así que, si deseas unirte y colaborar con nosotros como voluntario, comuníquese con Elva Margarita Corbatón al (845) 485-3445 x3321 o con Jessica Sherman al x3315. ¡Hagamos comunidad, hagamos Guelaguetza! También pueden enviar un correo electrónico a [ecorbaton@poklib.org](mailto:ecorbaton@poklib.org).

## Adultos aprendiendo a leer y escribir

*Jueves, del 2 de mayo al 27 de junio, 6-8 pm, ADR*

La Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie ofrece clases de alfabetización en español para jóvenes y adultos en edad de 15 años en adelante. Informa a tus conocidos y familiares que no pudieron asistir a la escuela y desea aprender a leer y escribir. Deben visitar la biblioteca para inscribirse. Programa dirigido a hispanohablantes. Clases y material gratuitos. *Inscripción en persona: Presentar acta de nacimiento de su país de origen y una identificación con fotografía.*

## Clases de inglés para adultos

*Lunes, del 6 de mayo al 24 de junio, de 6-8 pm, ADR*

Aprende inglés como segunda lengua con Literacy Connections. Este programa es para adultos que están interesados en mejorar sus habilidades de conversación, comprensión auditiva y lectura. *Inscripciones en persona o en línea en [literacyconnections.org/student-interest-form](http://literacyconnections.org/student-interest-form).* Mayores informes comuníquese a Literacy Connection al (845) 452-8670.

## Clases de primaria para adultos

*Martes, del 7 de mayo al 25 de junio, 6-8 pm, ADR*

¡Ahora puedes concluir tus estudios de educación básica! La Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie ofrece clases de primaria en español para jóvenes y adultos en edad de 15 años en adelante. Visita la biblioteca para inscribirte y presentar el examen de diagnóstico de colocación. Al finalizar los estudios de primaria, recibes el certificado de la SEP y el INEA. Programa dirigido a hispanohablantes. Clases y material gratuitos. *Inscripción en persona: Presentar acta de nacimiento de su país de origen y una identificación con fotografía.*

## Clases de secundaria para adultos

*Martes, del 7 de mayo al 25 de junio, 6-8 pm, ADR*

¡Finalizar tu educación básica está a tu alcance! La Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie ofrece clases de secundaria en español para jóvenes y adultos en edad de 15 años en adelante. Visita la biblioteca para inscribirte y presentar el examen de diagnóstico de colocación. Al finalizar los estudios de secundaria, recibes el certificado de la SEP y el INEA. Programa dirigido a hispanohablantes. Clases y material gratuitos. *Inscripción en persona: Presentar acta de nacimiento de su país de origen y una identificación con fotografía.*



## Conozca las 10 señales

*Miércoles, 1 de mayo, 6 - 7:30 pm, ADR*

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está experimentando pérdida de memoria o cambios de comportamientos, es hora de aprender los datos. Detección temprana de la enfermedad de Alzheimer les da la oportunidad para empezar terapias, registrarse en estudios clínicos y planificar para el futuro. Este programa incluye videos de expertos y miembros del público compartiendo sus experiencias. *No requiere inscripción.*

## Crocheteras en sesión

*Sábado, 11 y 18 de mayo, y 8 y 22 de junio, 2-4 pm, ADR*

Grupo informal de adultos que elaboran proyectos personales de tejido en crochet y dos agujas. Si elaboras otra manualidad, también eres bienvenida. ¡Explora tu creatividad, toma y comparte ideas y haz nuevas amigas! *No requiere inscripción.*



## Libros con café: club de lectura virtual en español

*Viernes, 24 de mayo y 21 de junio, 6-8 pm, Virtual*

Else Kirschner, la protagonista de esta historia, deberá descubrir una nueva realidad y una nueva vida basada en algo más que fiestas, viajes y amor. Adéntrate en esta interesante novela y cambia tus impresiones con los miembros de este club. El libro se dividirá en dos sesiones. *Inscríbete para recibir una copia del libro prestada y el enlace de Zoom para la reunión.*



## Club Cine-Foro Virtual

*Miércoles, 6-8 pm, Virtual*

*29 de mayo: La asistenta / Maid (Serie)*

*26 de junio: Nación de Inmigración & Dividida desde la raíz (Documentales)*

Si eres aficionado al cine, únete a este club de cine-foro; magnífica opción para compartir reflexiones y pareceres. Participa desde la comodidad de tu hogar conectándote virtualmente. Las series y películas están disponibles en Netflix. *Requiere inscripción para recibir el acceso a Zoom.*

## Consejos para hacer una desintoxicación

*Sábado, 11 de mayo, 10 am - 12 pm, ADR*

Es fácil iniciar dietas o un régimen de vida saludable, pero, ¿preparas tu organismo para este cambio? Hortensia Aguilar, aplicando sus conocimientos en alimentación saludable, guía y ofrece consejos en cómo desintoxicar naturalmente el organismo antes de un cambio alimenticio. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Aprendamos a plantar

*Miércoles, 15 de mayo, 4-6 pm, Poughkeepsie Farm Project*

Ahora que la tierra se ha descongelado, Laura y Tania abren las puertas de PFP para enseñarte a trasplantar plántulas, que han crecido en el invernadero, y plantarlas directamente en el suelo. Los materiales serán proveídos por Poughkeepsie Farm Project. ¡Bienvenidos padres y niños! Cada persona que asista debe reservar su espacio. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Cómo hacer cambios en tu alimentación

*Sábado, 18 de mayo, 10 am - 12 pm, ADR*

Hortensia Aguilar comparte su experiencia y aprendizaje en el proceso del cambio de alimentación, y cómo esto cambio su vida. Ofrece consejos para mantenerse en el cambio y muestra cómo preparar alimentos sanos y deliciosos. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Recorriendo senderos

*Sábado, 22 de junio, 9 - 11 am,*

*(14 Maintenance Lane, Pleasant Valley)*

Camina en grupo y disfruta de la naturaleza. La caminata de este mes se realiza por los senderos de James Baird Park. Se recomienda usar calzado cómodo y traer consigo su botella de agua. El punto de encuentro es en el sitio de la caminata. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Lectura de verano para todas las edades

**Adultos:** Recoja una hoja de bingo en Adriance (en planta baja), Boardman, SPD o Rover. Devuélvalo antes del 5 de agosto para participar y ganar una tarjeta de regalo de Adams.

**Adolescentes:** Lea los libros de su elección y envíe una breve descripción escrita de un libro, ya sea a mano o por correo electrónico, ¡y participe para ganar fantásticos premios! Del 29 de junio al 16 de agosto.

**Niños:** Llene un círculo por cada 15 minutos que lea. Cuando todas los círculos estén llenos, simplemente trae tu hoja a la biblioteca para participar en un sorteo y ganar increíbles premios, y también juega a Plinko (un juego de azar) para obtener un pequeño premio al devolver tu registro. Abierto del 29 de junio al 16 de agosto.

# Teen

For ages 12-18. *At ADR unless otherwise indicated, registration required unless indicated.* Register at poklib.org or call (845) 485-3445 x3320.

## Video Gaming

*Mondays and Thursdays, 3-5 pm, ADR*

Challenge your friends on our Nintendo Switch!

## Teen Movie Nights

*Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 5:30-7:30 pm, ADR*

Meet other movie enthusiasts and join us for an entertaining evening filled with great movies. *No registration required.*

## Chess Club

*Tuesday, May 7, 21, June 4, 6-8 pm, ADR*

Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us biweekly for meetings - the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. *No registration required.*

## Anime/Manga Book Club

*Wednesday, May 8, 22, June 5, 5-6 pm*

Select a popular manga title to read and discuss, then watch an anime episode together.



## Dungeons & Dragons Club

*Saturday, May 11, 18, June 1, 8, 2-4:30 pm*

Want to play D&D or learn how? Join the club and have fun with D&D! We have everything you need: a Dungeon Master, adventures, maps, and minis. Snacks, drinks, and dice are provided. Roll up a new character or play a pre-generated one. All you need is your imagination! *No registration required.*



Photo: Librarian Kayleigh Hartnett

## Teen LEGO Builders

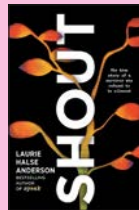
*Tuesday, May 14, 28, June 11, 5-6 pm*

Each month, we'll meet to build LEGO sets and/or create our own LEGO builds. Try out LEGO Technic Creator Expert, and LEGO Idea sets. Technic, Creator Expert, and LEGO Ideas sets.

## The Game of LIFE: The Real Cost

*Thursday, May 16, 6:30-8 pm, BRD*

How far will your money go? See if you can beat the game of life and come out on top as we put our financial savviness to the test! Learn how to be bougie on a budget and up your financial literacy skills along the way. Grades 9-12.



## Banned Book Club

*Thursdays, 5-6 pm, BRD*

We'll explore the controversial and thought-provoking world of literature that has been challenged or banned throughout history. We'll discuss and analyze books that have faced censorship and attempt to understand the reasons behind their banning, and the impact they've had on society.

*May 23: Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson*

*June 6: Flamer by Mike Curato*



See details about the Summer Reading Challenge on page 5!

## Art Workshop

Wednesday, May 29,  
Monday, June 10, 4-4:50 pm

Discover your inner artist and experiment with art supplies! Air dry clay will be available. Grades 6-12.

## Tanghulu

Saturday, June 8, 1-1:45 pm

Learn how to make the TikTok famous sweet snack-tanghulu! A traditional Chinese street food, tanghulu is a crunchy sweet treat that's surprisingly easy to make. Grades 9-12.



## Thread Painting

Wednesday, June 12, 6-7 pm

Learn the unique technique of thread painting, using a needle and embroidery thread to create an image on your canvas! Grades 6-12.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Teen Café Bloggers

Write a book review, create a video, share a skill, write a story, or something else! For information, contact Anne Messley at [teencafe@poklib.org](mailto:teencafe@poklib.org) or x3359.

**Required Certificate:** All library volunteers must be certified in NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. For more information, contact [youthevents@poklib.org](mailto:youthevents@poklib.org) or x3320.



Scan the QR code to view more details about our volunteer positions for community service credit and how to apply.

Left: 1,315 people attended our 2024 Poughkeepsie Book Festival. Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping to make our event possible by running craft activities, dressing up as story book characters, passing out vouchers, and more. We ♥ our volunteers!

## Join Battle of the Books!

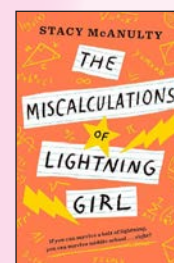
Battle of the Books is a nationally recognized literature contest for students entering grades 6-9 in the fall. Participants will answer trivia questions based on six specific titles they have read. Throughout the program, young people are introduced to great literature, build a strong team as they get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

PPLD is now recruiting students in grades 5-8 to compete in the Mid-Hudson Library System's annual Battle of the Books competition. Our team spends the summer reading and practicing book-related trivia for the regional competition battle on September 7 at Dutchess Community College.

### These are the titles we'll be reading this summer:

- *The Marvellers* by Dhonielle Clayton
- *Frankie and Bug* by Gayle Forman
- *Unplugged* by Gordon Korman
- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty
- *Tumble* by Celia C. Perez
- *A First Time For Everything* by Dan Santat

Battle of the Books is an important and exciting part of our summer reading program. For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian Jolie Hamer-Conroy at [Adriance Memorial Library, jhamer-conroy@poklib.org](mailto: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. Closed May 25-27, June 19.*

## At Adriance

### PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

*Mondays, May 6 – June 10, 10-11:15 am*

*Tuesdays, May 7 – June 11, 10-11:15 am*

Weekly themed stories, music and movement, sensory art activities, and developmentally open-ended play in the several centers in our Preschool Learning Center classroom. For children ages 3-5. *Registration required. Please register your child for either a Monday or Tuesday session.*

### Toddler Time

*Tuesdays, May 7 – June 11, 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

*Wednesday, May 8 – June 12, 10-10:50 am*

Join us weekly for Baby Time! We'll play, sing, read, listen to music, and move our bodies to help support the development of your baby's pre-literacy, social, and motor skills. Come early or stay late to play and socialize with other babies and caregivers! Siblings are welcome. For 0 - 24 months.

### Music & Movement

*Thursdays, May 9 – June 13, 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 2- 5.

### Sensory Lab

*Friday, May 10 – June 14, 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, May 6 – June 10, 10-10:30 am*

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

### Baby Rhyme & Play Time

*Mondays, May 6 – June 10, 11-11:45 am*

Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For 0-18 months.

### Music & Movement

*Tuesdays, May 7 – June 11, 2-2:45 pm*

Get ready for a wigglin', gigglin', toe-tappin', hand clappin' time! We'll dance, sing, play instruments, and end with interactive play. For children aged 2-5.

### Walk & Wiggle

*Wednesdays, May 8 – June 12, 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, finger plays and stories. For 18-24 months.

### Toddler Time

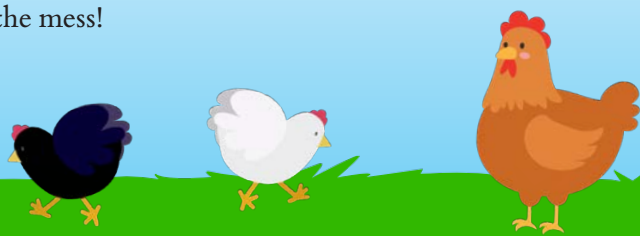
*Thursdays, May 9 – June 13, 10-10:30 am*

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

### Toot & Scoot & Play

*Thursdays, May 9 – June 13, 10:40-11:30 am*

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





# Children

## Series at Adriance

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

### Stories in the Story Nook

**Mondays, May 6 – June 10, 4-4:30 pm**

Join us for a storytime in the Story Nook! Recommended for grades PreK- 3. *No registration required.*

### Kids' Chess Club

**May 7, 21, June 4, 6-8 pm**

Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us biweekly for meetings - the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. *No registration required.*

### Kids' Brick Builders' Club

**Wednesday, May 8, 22, June 5, 5:30 pm**

Calling all builders! Join us as we put our brick building skills to the test!



### Little STEAM-ers for Homeschoolers

**Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm  
or Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Attention, all homeschoolers! Don't miss this opportunity to explore exciting STEAM challenges inspired by some fantastic stories! Discover all the nuts and bolts of these challenges to take your learning to new heights! Recommended for grades K-5. *Please register for either the Wednesday or Thursday session.*

**May 15 & 16: National Geographic Kids: Robots**

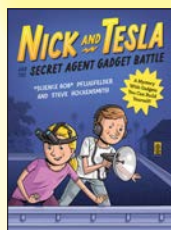
Project: Build a Robo-Angel Hoverbot!

**May 29 & 30: Secret Agent Gadget Battle by "Science Bob" Pflugfelder & S. Hockensmith**

Project: Ring-a-Ding-Ding Spy Exposure System

**June 12 & 13: The Unicorn Rescue Society by Adam Gidwitz**

Project: Invent-a-Pet!



Girl Scouts at the Book Festival on March 30. Photo: Michele Muir.

### Homeschool Social Hour

**Friday, May 17, 31, June 14, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Meet other families and spend time at the library. Play games, read books, do crafts, ask questions! Recommended for families with children aged 4-11. *No registration required.*

### Little Bits STEM

**Tuesday, May 21, 28, 4-5 pm**

We'll be using Little Bits circuit kits to create new inventions. Each session we'll be building something different. Recommended for grades 3-6.

## Series at Boardman

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

### All Ages Chess Club

**Monday, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 5-7 pm**

Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages welcome. *No registration required.*

### LEGO and More: Brick Building

**Monday, May 13, June 10, 4-5:30 pm**

Build creations out of the library's collection of LEGOS. Your LEGO project will be photographed and displayed on the library's social media! All ages welcome, best for ages 5+. *No registration required.*

# Children

## At Adriance

*Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.*

### Mother Goose Playtime

*Wednesday, May 1, 4-4:45 pm*

Celebrate National Mother Goose Day by singing and playing with Mother Goose rhymes and having some fun! Recommended for ages 4 and under.

### STAR WARS DAY

*Saturday, May 4, 11am - 12 pm*

Enjoy Star Wars games, crafts, and food! Recommended for grades 1-5.

### Pop-Up Planetarium: Explore the Cosmos

*Thursday, May 9, 3:30-4:15, 4:30-5:15, 5:30-6:15 pm*

Dive into the mysteries of the universe with stunning visuals and expert-guided tours of the stars, planets, and beyond in our inflatable dome. Recommended for ages 8+.

### Extraordinary Animals

*Tuesday, May 14, 4-4:45 pm*

Join us for a crafty storytime about some extraordinary animals! Recommended for PreK - third grade.

### Urban Graffiti Art

*Tuesday, June 4, 4:30-5:30 pm*

Create some urban graffiti art with textural paint and vivid colors inspired by famous artists like Jean-Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring! Discover how they pioneered the neo-expressionism movement in NYC. For grades 3-8.

### Art & Stuff

*Tuesday, June 11, 4-4:50 pm*

Come make art! Use our arts and crafts supplies to express your creativity. Recommended for Grades K-3.

### Butterfly Story Time

*Saturday, June 15, 11-11:30 am*

Let's celebrate our butterflies as they get ready to fly away!! Recommended for PreK and up.



### Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

*Saturday, June 29, 10 am - 12 pm*

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

See details about the Summer Reading Challenge on page 5!



1,315 people, plus over 100 authors, illustrators, and characters, came out to our 2024 Poughkeepsie Book Festival on March 30! Thank you to everyone who stopped by! Scan the QR code to see a time lapse of the event. Photo: Michele Muir.



## At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.



### Read to the Dogs

Wednesday, May 15,  
4-5 pm

Children who need practice reading are partnered with a dog for a 10 to 15-minute session. The child selects a book to read out loud to a dog. Younger children may “read” the pictures. Or the children can

just spend time with a dog relaxing and learning about dogs as pets. The assistance dogs and handlers are volunteers from Visiting Paws Training School. Recommended for Grades K-5.

### Kawaii Food Cross Stitch

Tuesday, May 21, 4-4:50 pm

Learn how to cross stitch and create a cute Kawaii food image!

### K-2 Stories & Crafts

Wednesday, May 22, 4-4:50 pm

Join us as we share some of our favorite picture books and make a special craft afterward. Recommended for grades K-2.



### Roses in June

Thursday, June 6, 4-4:50 pm

Make an easy spiral paper rose. Recommended for K-6.

### Enchanted Fairy Garden Party

Saturday, June 8, 10:30-12 pm

Unleash your inner fairy and join us in your most magical costume. Sip on refreshments, play lawn games with friends, and listen to enchanting stories. Don't miss out on this whimsical experience – come dressed in your “fairy best!”

### Sail Away! Boat Collage

Thursday, June 13, 4-4:50 pm

Summer is coming. Make a beautiful sailboat collage.

## At SPD

### Pokémon Scavenger Hunt

May 6 - June 28

Can you find all nine Pokémon hidden in SPD?  
No registration required – just grab a sheet!



### Creativebug... Not Just for Grown-Ups!

Is there a kid in your life who would like to learn some creative skills? If so, why not look at Creativebug's selection of crafts together? PPLD resident cardholders can do this for free by using their library card!



Creativebug allows children to explore their creativity with step-by-step video guides. Many of the crafts involve STEM skills that, in addition to being a fun way to pass the

time, just so happen to impart STEM experience too. Kids can make a “Disco LED Anglerfish,” some balloon-powered vehicles, or a glider à la flying squirrel.

Creativebug offers crafts for adults, too. So if you need an extra special gift for the young person in your life, why not see if you can make them something?



To access Creativebug with your library card, go to [poklib.org](http://poklib.org) ▶ Learn ▶ Online Resources & Databases, and search for Creativebug under “C,”

or scan the QR code to get started. From there, you'll be able to input your

library card number on PPLD's Creativebug home page.

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## Friends News



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 at PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore.

## Mystery Mondays Book Club

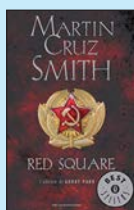
Monthly, select Mondays, 11 am, BRD

No registration required.



### May 20: *The Bookman's Promise* by John Dunning

Former Denver detective and bookkeeper Cliff Janeway searches for a rare book and a killer. His journey takes him to Baltimore with secrets dating back to the Civil War.



### June 24: *Red Square* by Martin Cruz Smith

Back from exile, Moscow policeman Arkady Renko faces the Russian Mafia, new millionaires, and Chechen zealots as he tries to solve crimes in a collapsing Soviet Union.

## Volunteers Needed

Please call or visit the Friends' Book Store for a volunteer application form, (845) 485-3445 x3423.



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