

# THE BIG READ 2024

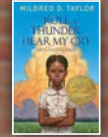
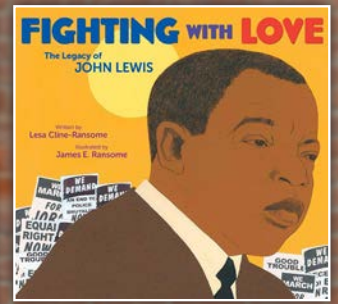
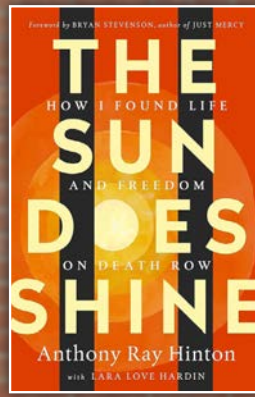
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# THE ROTUNDA



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## Registration Opens Monday, August 26!

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.

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## Upcoming Closures

Labor Day, Saturday, August 31 – Monday, September 2

Staff Development Day, Friday, September 13

Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day, Monday, October 14



A tree stump overgrown with fall fungi.  
Photo: Charlotte Tramontana

**On the Cover:** *Thrice Grammy-nominated African-American a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock®*

**See them perform live in concert on November 3.**

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*Photo: Christopher Robison, modified by PPLD.*

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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.

## 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

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.

# Library Card Sign-Up Month

“ I love how friendly everyone is! I’m new to the area, and when I signed up to get my library card and every time I’ve been back since, it’s been **such a welcoming environment.**”

## Programs for All Ages

### Chess Club

*Mondays, September 9–October 7, 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 required.*

### Pickling 101

*Saturday, September 14, 11 am – 12:30 pm*

Join Isabelle as she walks us through the process of making pickles! Each participant will leave with their own jar of pickles to take home and enjoy! *Registration required; please only sign up for one session.*

### DIY Resin Gaming Dice

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Calling all tabletop gamers! Create your very own set of resin dice with a personalized design! Great for D&D and other tabletop games. For ages 12 to adult. *Registration required.*

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Please come and create a piece of art on a mini canvas. You may bring your own supplies or use the supplies the library will provide. This is not an instructional class. Many people find it helpful to bring a picture to work from for reference. Each person will be given two canvases. Showing your work in the December Art Show is not mandatory but would be appreciated. If you cannot make the art sessions you can ask staff at the Reference Desk for canvases to work on at home.

Run, don't walk!  
Fly, don't run!



## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, so our Library Card Spokedragon Doodle is back!

Your PPLD resident library card entitles you to our collection of over **200,000 items**; MAP Passes (to visit museums, attractions, and parks for **free** or at a discounted rate); items in our **Library of Things**, Seed Sowing Center, or Tool Library; online resources; **programs** for all ages, and much more. **Tell a friend or neighbor what you love about the library. Together, we build a community of library lovers.**

# POUGHKEEPSIE

# BIG READ 2024

## RECOGNIZING 60 YEARS

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Registration is required for each Big Read program unless otherwise indicated; please visit [poklib.org/big-read](http://poklib.org/big-read) or call x3707 for more information.

### Opera Talk & Performance: Marian Anderson, an American Icon

Friday, October 4, 7 pm,  
Christ Episcopal Church  
(20 Carroll Street)



Marian Anderson is a cultural icon whose contralto voice broke through racial barriers in the operatic world and ultimately in American society. Her beautiful illustrious voice is most memorable

through her controversial recital on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939 and her Metropolitan Opera debut in 1955. This presentation by opera singer, arts librarian, and founder of Opera Talks Tanisha Mitchell will include an audio-visual look at Marian Anderson's career, as well as a live aria performed by Tanisha.



### Foundations of a Movement: Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts

Saturday, October 5, 4 - 5 pm,  
Henry A. Wallace Center,  
FDR Presidential Library



The Presidential Library's annual Paul M. Sparrow Lecture, featuring Basil Smikle, PhD, will focus on the Roosevelt-era foundations of the Civil Rights Movement. Smikle, a political strategist and policy analyst, is a Library Trustee and Columbia University School of Professional Studies Professor of Practice.

This program will also be streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube and Facebook accounts. Registered attendees can visit the Library's special exhibition, *Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts*, free of charge before the program, from 2-4 pm. **Free; registration required. Visit [fdrlibrary.org](http://fdrlibrary.org) to register.**

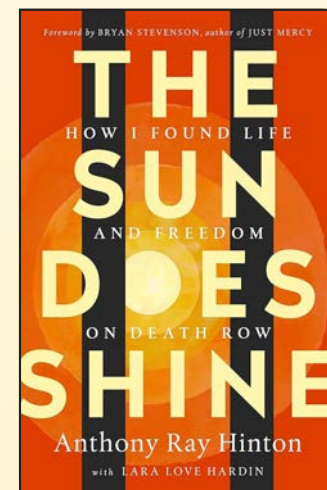
### Keynote Event! An Afternoon with Author ANTHONY RAY HINTON

Saturday, October 19, 2:30 pm,  
Lateef Islam Auditorium,  
Family Partnership  
Center

(29 N. Hamilton Street)



**"I was 29 and mowing the lawn at my mother's house in Birmingham, Alabama, on a hot day in July 1985, when I looked up and saw two police officers."**



So begins the story of *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*. Anthony Ray Hinton tells a powerful, revealing story of hope, love, justice and the power of reading by a man who spent 30 years

on death row for a crime he didn't commit. Since his release, Hinton has devoted his life to help counter discrimination, bolster justice and share his message of forgiveness. **Registration required.**

### Redlining in Poughkeepsie

Thursday, October 10, 6:30-8pm, SPD

Dr. Jen Brown, Esq. leads a discussion on the local history of redlining, the discriminatory practice of denying services like mortgages and loans based on race or ethnicity, in Poughkeepsie.

### Let's Get Personal: Stories from Black Leaders in our Community

Thursday, October 17, 6:30-8:30 pm, SPD

In this conversation, panelists share their powerful stories that focus on social injustices and their breakthrough experiences.

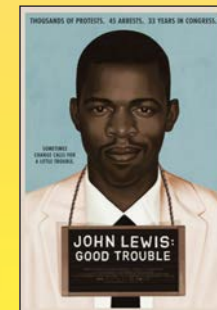
### Eleanor Roosevelt and the Fight for Civil Rights

Thursday, October 24, 7-8:30 pm, SPD

Join Historian Shannon Butler as she showcases the growth and wisdom of Eleanor Roosevelt and her desire to take part in the Civil Rights Movement. From its early beginnings during the Roosevelt administration up until her death in 1962. **No registration required.**

### Film Screening: John Lewis: Good Trouble

Wednesday, October 16,  
6:45-8:20 pm, BRD



Come and view an intimate account of legendary US Representative John Lewis' life, legacy, and more than 60 years of extraordinary activism – from the bold teenager on the front lines of

### Activism-Inspired Art Workshop

Wednesday, October 23, 6-8 pm, BRD

the Civil Rights movement to the legislative powerhouse he was throughout his career. All ages welcome. Join us for an exciting workshop designed for teens, though all ages are welcome. Explore various forms of art as well as important issues. Experienced artists and activists will inspire and empower young minds to advocate for positive change through creative expression. No prior art experience is required, and all materials will be provided.



### In Concert: SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

Sunday, November 3, 3 pm,  
The Bardavon 1869 Opera House

Sweet Honey in the Rock is an all-woman, African-American a cappella performance ensemble rooted in history and culture. Founded in 1973, the American three-time Grammy Award-nominated troupe combines their contemporary rhythms and narratives with five-part harmony and a musical style rooted in Gospel music and spirituals. Sweet Honey express their history as Black women through song, dance, and sign language to educate, entertain and empower audiences worldwide. **Free tickets will be available at the Bardavon from October 1.**

Photo: Christopher Robison, modified by PPLD.

Visit [poklib.org/big-read](http://poklib.org/big-read) or scan the QR code to learn more about the 2024 Big Read!

See page 19 for Teen Read events, and page 21 to see this year's selected Little Read titles.



# Books, Writing, & More

## An Evening of Poetry

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR

Featured poet followed by an open mic.

No registration required.



September 19: **Nancy Shih-Knodel**

Nancy Shih-Knodel is a poet and literary educator whose work has appeared in journals such as Crab Orchard Review, Midway, and Third

Wednesday. Her poetry collection *The Landscape of the Body* (Red Bird Chapbooks) is a raw gaze into her experience with cancer treatment. A recently-retired professor of English from North Hennepin Community College in Minnesota, Nancy now lives in the Mid-Hudson Valley, where she is a frequent feature at literary readings.



October 17: **Stephanie JT Russell**

Poet, interdisciplinary artist, and cultural worker Stephanie JT Russell's most recent book is *One Flash of Lightning*, a poetic treatment of the

Samurai Code. Her work has been anthologized, published in numerous journals, and exhibited at venues such as The New Museum, Bowery Poetry Club, The Albright Knox, WOW Cafe, and The Berkeley Museum. As Dutchess County Poet Laureate, Russell's series *Stream of Life* presents diverse intercultural poetry readings and art exhibitions.

## Write, Write, and Rewrite

Select Saturdays, September 21, October 19, 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. There is an elevator on the ground floor. No registration required.

## Exercise Your Writing

Sunday, October 6, 2-4 pm, ADR

Exercise your writing in this workshop where you receive prompts, write, and then share what you wrote with the group. Please bring a notebook and preferred writing implement. Facilitated by Billy Herman. No registration required.

## Join a book club!

### Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual

Teens and adults welcome! Registration required.



September 12: **Totem by Laura Pérez**

Pérez presents an entrancing, contemporary vision of magic and mystery, aptly rendered through her wispy, atmospheric pencil lines.



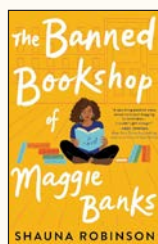
October 17: **The Silence of Our Friends by Mark Long**

Set in Houston in 1968, this graphic novel is based on Long's childhood memories of the events surrounding a little-remembered incident from the civil rights movement.

### 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.



September 18: **The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks by Shauna Robinson**

When Maggie Banks arrives to run her best friend's struggling bookstore, a series of mishaps suddenly tip the bookstore toward ruin. Maggie will have to get creative to keep the shop afloat.



October 16: **Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia**

A darkly enchanting reimagining of Gothic fantasy, in which a spirited young woman discovers the haunting secrets of a beautiful old mansion in 1950's Mexico.

## Meet the Author: Kyle Crawford

Tuesday,  
October 29,  
6:30 pm, ADR



Drawing on the stories and strategies of a brilliant range of figures, from Thurgood Marshall and Frida Kahlo to Galileo and Billie Holiday, *Ambiguity Is The Answer: Timeless Strategy for Creating Change* reminds us of what it takes to bring about change in a complex world: the use of ambiguity. This digestible yet deeply researched book lays out the real world lessons individuals, teams, communities, and organizations need to not just attempt to make a significant impact, but to succeed in doing so. Written by Kyle Crawford, a strategist who has worked with and studied movements and organizations for nearly 20 years, *Ambiguity Is The Answer* is the perfect book for navigating these complex times. Books will be available for purchasing and signing. **No registration required.**



## Latino Poetry Series

**Latino Poetry: Places We Call Home** is a national public humanities initiative directed by Library of America with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Emerson Collective, comprising a groundbreaking anthology, events around the country, and an online media archive.



### Featuring Esthela Calderón

Thursday, September 12, 7-8 pm, ADR

Author of several books, including *Las manos que matan* (2016), the bilingual anthology *Los huesos de mi abuelo* (2018) and *Colmena de papel / Paper Beehive* (2022). Her poetry has been included in the

anthologies *The Mind of Plants: Narratives of Vegetal Intelligence*, *Ayahwasca Reader: Encounters with the Amazon's Sacred Vine*, as well as *El consumo de lo que somos: muestra de poesía ecológica hispánica contemporánea*, *Ghost Fishing: An Eco-Justice Poetry Anthology*, *The Latin American Eco-Cultural Reader*, *Naturaleza poética* and *La poesía de los árboles*. Her literary work is focused on ecopoetry, the environment and ethnobotany. **No registration required.**



### Featuring Yrene Santos

Wednesday, September 25, 7-8 pm, ADR

Yrene Santos is a writer and professor at City University of New York (CUNY) and St. John's University. She is co-organizer of The Americas Poetry Festival of New York (TAPFNY), Secretary

General of Asociación de Escritores Dominicanos en Estados Unidos (ASEDEU) and she serves on the Editorial Board of the online journal *EntreTmas*. **No registration required.**

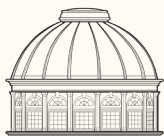


### Reading and Discussion with Professor John Burns

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Library of America (loa.org) just published the anthology *Latino Poetry*, edited by Rigoberto Gonzalez. Professor John Burns from Bard College (since 2019) will lead a reading and discussion of poems that he selected from the anthology. Professor Burns is an educator, poet, translator, and the author of *Contemporary Hispanic Poets: Cultural Production in the Global, Digital Age* (Cambria Press, 2015). He has been invited to lecture, read, or present papers throughout the world, and he previously taught at Bard High School Early College Queens, Rockford University in Illinois, and Kobe College in Japan, where he served as Visiting Researcher. Participants will receive a copy of the anthology *Latino Poetry*. **Registration required.**

# Arts & Entertainment



## Gallery Exhibits

### ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE

#### Oaxacan Art Exhibit

September 6 - October 24

#### Reception:

Saturday, September 28, 1:30 – 4 pm

*Registration required.*

### BOARDMAN GALLERY

#### Suzanne Mancuso

July 11 - October 7

#### Daniel Baxter (featured above)

October 9 - December 31

#### Artist Talk: Daniel Baxter

Thursday, November 14, 5:30 pm, BRD

*Registration required.*

### Open Mic

*Wednesdays, September 11, October 9, 7-8 pm, ADR*

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

### Pickling 101 (Adults-Only Session)

*Saturday, September 14, 2-3:30 pm, BRD*

Learn how to make your own pickles with local pickling pro, Isabelle Molle! All supplies will be provided, and you'll go home with your very own jar of pickles! *Registration required; please only sign up for one session.*

### Drop-in Sketch Sessions

*Select Wednesdays, September 18, October 16, 10-11:30 am, BRD*

This is a group practice session with a critique at the end. There will be a different subject introduced in each session such as still life, contour drawing, outdoors (weather permitting), etc. This is not an instructional class. You must bring your own drawing utensils and sketchpad. *No registration required.*

### DIY Resin Gaming Dice

*Wednesday, September 18, 6-7pm*

Calling all tabletop gamers! Create your very own set of resin dice with a personalized design! Great for D&D and other tabletop games. For ages 12 to adult. *Registration required.*

### And That's the Way It Is: Looking Back on 70 Years of TV News

*Wednesday, September 18, 7-8 pm, Virtual* 📺

Television news has undergone remarkable transformations in the last seven decades. Look at these sweeping changes and examine the impact – both good and bad. Presented by Brian Rose, a professor emeritus at Fordham University. *Registration required.*

*More creative programs on page 12!*

### Adult Tiny Art Sessions

*Thursday, September 19, 6-8 pm, BRD (all ages)*

*Thursday, October 10, 6-8 pm, ADR*

*Tuesday, October 15, 4-6 pm, ADR*

Our Community Tiny Art Show will be displayed for the month of December this year. Please come and create a piece of art on a mini canvas. You may bring your own supplies or use the supplies the library will provide. This is not an instructional class. Many people find it helpful to bring a picture to work from for reference. Each person will be given two canvases. Showing your work in the December Art Show is not mandatory but would be appreciated. If you cannot make the art sessions, you can ask staff at the Reference Desk for canvases to work on at home. *Registration required for the October sessions.*

*See page 18 for teens and page 22 for children!*

# History & Current Events

## **NYS Historic Site Olana (Bilingual)**

*Thursday, September 5, 6:30-8 pm, ADR*

Join the Olana team in this session on all things Frederic Church, museum access and library passes, and free programs, tours, and volunteer opportunities! Dive into the historic house, landscape, and history of Olana, New York State Historic Site. Refreshments and snacks will be provided by the Olana team! **Registration required.**

## **Great Decisions: Mideast Realignment**

*Monday, September 16, 6:30-8 pm, BRD*

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. **No registration required.**

## **Veterans in Post-Conflict America**

*Saturday, September 21, 11 am - 12:30 pm,*

*Auditorium at Bowdoin Park*

Join Paul Sullivan, PhD, an Assistant Professor of History at SUNY Adirondack, as we explore the post-conflict experiences and challenges of the American Veteran, from the Revolutionary War through present day.

This program is a collaboration between the Library District and Dutchess County Parks and Dutchess County Division of Veterans' Services in support of their hosting the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Wall at Bowdoin Park, **September 18-22.**

The AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., bearing the names of 58,307 US soldiers who perished during the Vietnam War. Additionally, AVTT will present the Cost of Freedom Tribute, featuring smaller panels commemorating American sacrifices across conflicts spanning the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, encompassing WWI, WWII, 9/11, Afghanistan, and Iraq. To learn more about the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT), visit their website.

**Registration requested as light refreshments will be provided.**

## **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.**

### **Dwight Street & Hooker Avenue Historic District**

*(Meet up at Bartlett Park)*

*Sunday, September 22, 10 am - 12 pm*

### **Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery**

*(342 South Avenue)*

*Wednesday, October 9, 2-4 pm*

### **Academy Street Historic District**

*(Meet up at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street)*

*Sunday, October 13, 2-4 pm*

## **Andrew Carnegie: From Steel to the Building of Libraries**

*Monday, September 30, 6:30-8 pm, ADR*

Andrew Carnegie amassed an enormous fortune in the steel industry and then became a major philanthropist. After Carnegie sold his steel company to J.P. Morgan, he gave all his money away by building over 2,500 libraries. Many still exist today. Presented by Rick Feingold, who teaches American Business History at Bergen Community College. **Registration required.**



## **Roosevelt's Four Elections**

*Tuesday, October 22, 7 pm, Virtual* 🖥️

This presentation by Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library & Museum, explores the issues at stake in the Presidential elections of 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944, and Roosevelt's successful formula for victory. **Registration required.**



# Wellness & World

## Virtual Narcan Training

Select Tuesdays, September 3, October 8,  
6-7 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.

## Free Tai Chi

**Outdoor: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm, BRD (by the birches)**  
**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 our practice to our 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.**

## Plant Swap

**Wednesday, September 4, 6:30pm-7:30 pm, 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.

## The Alzheimer's Association Presents...

Select Thursdays, 11:30 am, BRD

September 5: **Communicating Effectively**

This class details common behavior changes and how they are a form of communication, non-medical approaches to behaviors, and recognizing when additional help is needed. **Registration required.**

October 3: **Exploring Care & Support Services**

This class examines how best to prepare for future care decisions and changes, including respite care, residential care and end-of-life care. **Registration required.**



## Creating a Healthy and Healing Home

Tuesday, September 10, 7-8 pm, Virtual 🗓️

How do you keep your family healthy? What is a healthy home? Having a healthy home is essential for family wellness. In this class you will learn about healthier alternatives in the areas of cleaning, furnishings, laundry, lighting, air and water quality, food and cooking, health and beauty aids and more. Join us and learn to create a healthy healing home for you and your family. **Registration required.**

## Heart to Heart Conversations

Thursday, September 12, October 10, 2:30-4 pm, ADR

Learn the secret to clearing the fear by becoming grateful and happy. Champa Patel will facilitate this conversation that will focus on how to be resilient and not let adversity or setbacks overwhelm you; how to build your energy and resilience; how to thrive under pressure and challenges that come from the body; and how to let the energy of optimism fuel hope and enthusiasm. We will be meeting monthly, the second Thursday of the month, until the end of December. **No registration required.**

## Worry Dolls

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 am - 12 pm, ADR

Alleviate distress! Come and learn how to make your own Worry Dolls. Native Indigenous Mayan legend indicates that by placing your Worry Dolls beneath a pillow, in a wooden box, or in a pouch, the doll takes over the worrying and the person sleeps well, awakening free of apprehension, fear, and anxiety. Bilingual program. **Registration required.**

## The Incredible Carbon Journey

*Saturday, September 21, 1:30-2:30 pm, ADR*

Through hands-on experience, participants 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. This interactive program not only educates on the intricacies of the carbon journey but also fosters a deeper understanding of our environmental responsibilities. Presented by an educator from the Mohonk Preserve. **Registration required.**

## Hiking Club

*Select Sundays, 9 am, various locations*

Please bring your own water/snacks and wear proper clothing/footwear. **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.**

*September 22: Franny Reese State Park*

*(281 Haviland Road, Highland)*

Hike will be approximately 2 ½ miles with a moderate climb in parts.

*October 20: Mills Norrie State Park*

*(9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg)*

Please park in the first parking area located at the entrance to the park—the first left after the main road. Hike will be approximately 2 ½ miles with some hills and uneven paths.

## Defensive Driving

*Saturday, October 5, 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 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.**

## Shred Free Day @ Your Library

*Wednesday, October 16, 9-11 am, BRD*

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

## Staff Spotlight:

### Veronica Martin-Follette



PPLD recently received a donation in gratitude for this beloved Extension Services Library Assistant!

#### How would you describe your position?

I have the privilege and honor of serving our wonderful seniors in their homes, at assisted living communities, and at our town and city senior centers with a multitude of services and senior outreach. I may be delivering books, assisting with loading Hoopla onto their tablet for an audiobook, signing them up for Universal Class in French Art on their desktop, or helping with Kanopy on their TV to watch the latest Oscar-winning movie. It's busy, but I really enjoy showing patrons all of our amazing resources and the great fun you can have with your PPLD library card.

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

I appreciate the diversity of my job and mostly, spending time with and being of service to our incredibly inspiring senior patrons. I go to senior centers with Rover, run monthly Brain Games programs, book clubs, host senior dance parties, assist grandparents who are trying to post photos to their grandchildren on various social media apps, share laughs, jokes, sing-a-longs, hugs, and yes, the best debates and conversations are with our elders!

#### Can you share a personal fun fact?

You know the saying, "Dance like no one is watching," that would be me. I love music and so do our wonderful seniors! Music is the universal language that brings happiness to everyone. A fun tidbit – I got to dance with children at the Poughkeepsie Spring Festival dressed in our Rover Mascot costume – one of the best days ever!

## Know Your Medicare Options

*Saturday, October 19, 10-11:30 am, ADR*

Learn with greater clarity what Medicare is, how and when you should sign up, and why it is important to review your options every year. Learn the differences between Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans and Prescription Drug Plans. Presented by Debora DeLucia, a local Independent Medicare Consultant who joined the Medicare Resource Group in 2017. **Registration required.**

# Connecting

## Drop In!

### Board Games

*Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD*

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

### All-Ages Chess Club

*Mondays, September 9 - October 7, 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 required.*

### Brain Games

*Fridays, September 6, October 4, 11, 10-11 am, ADR*

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

### Knitting Circles

Bring your knitting and/or crocheting projects to the library and share your tricks and tips with others. *No registration required.*

### Stitch Your Heart Out

*Fridays, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD*

### Pick Up Stitches

*Saturdays, 10 am - 12 pm, 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 Friendship Center

*(114 Delafield Street)*

*Thursday, September 19, October 17, 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)*

*Tuesday, September 24, October 22, 10:30 am - 12 pm*

Seniors 55+. Sign-up sheet at the Senior Center. *No registration required.*

## Jam Sessions

Strum and sing songs with other enthusiasts in a fun and relaxed environment! Players of all abilities are welcome. Bring some favorite songs to share. Please bring your own instrument. *No registration required.*

### Guitar Circle

*Tuesday, September 10, October 8, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD*

### Ukulele Strumalong

*Tuesday, September 24, October 22, 6-8 pm, BRD*

## Truth Matters: How to Defeat Social Media Disinformation

*Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 pm, BRD*

Fake news and the spread of disinformation is nothing new. How do we stop it, keep from falling victim to it, and recognize it when we see it? Andrew Edwards, an expert on disinformation with a focus on social media and how to detect and combat it, will discuss the effects of technology and how it relates to disinformation. His forthcoming book, *Army of Liars*, will be published in September. It's about social media, extremism, Section 230, and how disinformation gets distributed. *Registration required.*

### Paper Crafting

*Thursday, September 26, October 24, 6:30- 8:30 pm, ADR*

Come work on your paper craft with other paper lovers. Bring your own project and materials and/or use materials the library will provide. *No registration required.*

## The Domestication & Migration of Cocoa

*Saturday, October 5,*

*1-3:30 pm,*

*MHLS Auditorium*

Federico Fridman offers a presentation on the domestication of cacao in the Amazon basin some 5,000 years ago, and its migration northward along the Pacific routes to Mesoamerica, present-day Guatemala, Belize, and Mexico. This presentation will be accompanied by a hands-on chocolate making demonstration where participants will be able to peel cocoa beans and witness how they are ground into chocolate with a table grinder, as well as taste chocolate at the end of the program. *Bilingual program. Registration required.*



# Haunted Happenings




## The Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe

*Monday, October 7, 6:30-8 pm, BRD*

On the day he left Richmond bound for Philadelphia, Poe was a happy man looking forward to a new life with his childhood sweetheart and soon-to-be wife, Sarah Shelton. Five days later, he was found lying in a gutter – delirious, unkempt, and wearing someone else’s clothes. Four days later, he was dead. Join paranormal investigator Barry Pirro as he discusses Poe’s life, his health and mental state, the puzzling details of his last days, and the many theories surrounding his mysterious death. **Registration required.**

## Tombstone Treasures: Lessons Learned from Gravestone Cooking Recipes

*Wednesday, October 16, 7-8 pm, Virtual* 


Join us for a unique virtual event featuring Rosie Grant, a #gravetok TikToker and cemetery archives enthusiast. Dive into the intriguing world of gravestone recipes as Rosie shares her journey of discovering and cooking dishes immortalized on grave markers. The event will take us through the research process, discovering culinary gems carved in stone, and what they tell us about the individuals they came from. **Registration required.**

## On the Big Screen: *The Phantom of the Opera*

*Friday, October 25, 7:30 pm, Bardavon*

Lon Chaney stars in the title role of the deformed Phantom who haunts the Paris Opera House, causing murder and mayhem in an attempt to make the woman he loves a star. Juan Cardona, Jr. will again play the score for this silent masterpiece on the Bardavon Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, with the support of the New York Theatre Organ Society. **Free tickets will be available at the Bardavon and the three library locations, starting October 1.**

## Bewitched: Styles During the Time of the Salem Witch Trials

*Wednesday, October 30, 7-8 pm, Virtual* 

We will explore the various aspects of dress for men and women of the 1690s, while viewing images and movie clips to supplement our discussion. Presented by Karen ‘Ren’ Antonowicz, M.S., proprietor of Spirits of Fashion and former history professor. **Registration required.**

## Rover Stops

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. **No registration required.**

## Grocery Store Visits

*Thursdays, 10 am - 12 pm*

### Stop & Shop at 44 Plaza

*(59 Burnett Boulevard)*

*September 5, October 3*

### Stop & Shop at Post Road Plaza

*(2540 South Road)*

*September 12, October 10*

### ShopRite of North Poughkeepsie

*(Route 9 and Winslow Gate Road)*

*September 19, October 17*

### Adams Fairacre Farms

*(765 Dutchess Turnpike, Route 44)*

*September 26, October 24*

## Senior Center Visits

### Office For the Aging (OFA)

*(114 Delafield Street)*

*Tuesday, September 10, October 8, 10:30 am - 12 pm*

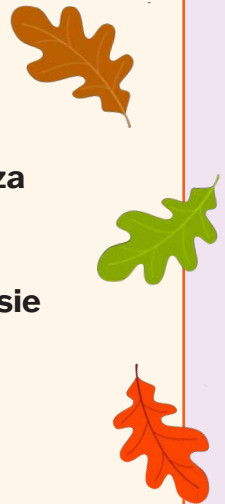
**New!** *Bilingual services now available on-site!*

### Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center

**(TOP)** *(14 Abe’s Way)*

*Tuesday, September 17, October 15,*

*10:30 am - 12 pm*





# 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, unless otherwise noted. **Registration is required for all classes.** An instructor will be in touch via email (or phone) up to 1 week before class. You must reply to retain your seat and receive a handout in the class. **Closed September 1, 2, 13, October 14.**

## 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, Ground Floor*

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

*Tuesday, September 17, 1:30 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.

### Mouse & Keyboard

*Tuesday, October 15, 1:30 pm*

Learn about special key functions and shortcuts. Practice correcting typing mistakes and entering text into online forms. Explore the keyboard and practice with the mouse. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

### Basic Email

*Tuesday, October 29, 1:30 pm*

Learn how to organize your account, send email messages and attach documents such as your resume and cover letter. We will create a Gmail account in class. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

## Technology

### Medicare 101 / Navigate the Medicare Website

*Thursday, September 19, 3 pm or Monday, October 21, 5:30 pm*

Whether you're turning 65 and just starting out on Medicare, or figuring out how to renew your plan, we can help. We will help you understand the difference between Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans, and figure out which one is best for your situation. We'll help you figure out what each plan means, and which ones apply to you. We will also help you figure out how to navigate the website so you can find the answers you need, and show you where to sign up for your plan. 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.

### Internet 101

*Tuesday, October 1, 1:30 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.*

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

*Wednesday, October 30, 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.*



## MICROSOFT OFFICE COURSES

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prerequisites apply.



### Microsoft Word: Word processor

#### Word 101 **B**

Monday, September 9, 3 pm;

Wednesday, September 11, 6:15 pm

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

#### Word 102 **B**

Monday, September 16, 3 pm; Wednesday, September 18, 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. *Prerequisite: Word 101 or equivalent experience.*

#### Word 103 **I**

Monday, September 23, 3 pm; Wednesday, September 25, 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.*

#### Word 104 **I**

Monday, October 7, 3 pm; Wednesday, October 9, 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.*



### Microsoft PowerPoint: Presentations

#### PowerPoint 101 **B**

Saturday, September 21, 11 am

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



### Microsoft Publisher: Layout design

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

Saturday, October 5, 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.*



### Microsoft Access: Database management

#### Access 101 **A**

Wednesday, October 16, 6:15 pm

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

## PCC Testimonials

“The workshop is very informative, precise and hands on. Instructors were very helpful.” (*PC Basics*)

“I learned a lot in the classes I took. Thank you, Tino.” (*Word 104*)

“Class was fun and interesting.” (*PowerPoint 101*)

## Early Voting Information

Early Voting will take place at Boardman Road Branch Library inside the Greene Rooms from Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3 from 6 am - 9 pm. See [elections.dutchessny.gov](http://elections.dutchessny.gov) for more information.

## Gilder-Lehrman Voting Exhibit at Boardman

This exhibition examines voting rights with an emphasis on the role of the US Constitution and the interplay between the states and federal government in determining who is allowed to vote. Beginning with the founding era and going up to the election of 2000, this exhibition explores the complex history of the right to vote that forms the core of our nation's democracy. Topics include voting as a constitutional right, women's suffrage, Reconstruction and Jim Crow era voting rights, the Civil Rights Movement, and the enfranchisement of Indigenous peoples.

## Grab a MAP Pass!

Visit over 45 amazing destinations for free or discounted admission with a PPLD MAP Pass to museums, attractions, and parks in the Hudson Valley and beyond!



Scan the QR code or visit [poklib.org/map-pass](http://poklib.org/map-pass) to view available venues.



# Programas en español

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

## Clases de primaria para adultos

*Inicio el 3 de septiembre, 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 obtener más información e inscribirte. 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

*Inicio el 3 de septiembre, 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 obtener más información e inscribirte.

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.**

## Adultos aprendiendo a leer y escribir

*Inicio jueves 5 de septiembre, 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 desean aprender a leer y escribir para que se inscriban. 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.**

## Área Común Digital

*Jueves del 12 de septiembre al 17 de octubre, 5:30-7:30 pm, ADR*

Espacio individualizado de aprendizaje de tecnología para explorar y adquirir conocimientos de computación e internet básicos. Se ofrece apoyo en llenado de formas y manejo de teléfono inteligente. **No requiere inscripción.**

## Crocheteras en otoño

*Sábado, 21 de septiembre, 12 y 26 de octubre, 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, 27 de septiembre y 25 de octubre, 6-8 pm, Virtual*

**Libro: *Inés del Alma Mía* escrito por Isabel Allende**

Novela de ficción histórica sobre la vida de Inés Suárez, quien nació en España a principios del siglo XVI. La historia se sumerge en las aventuras que la protagonista vive al viajar a Sudamérica con su sobrina para encontrar a su marido, Juan de Málaga, el cual había viajado con anterioridad en busca de oro. El libro se dividirá en dos sesiones. **Inscríbete para recibir una copia del libro prestada y el enlace de Zoom para la reunión.**

## Consulado Mexicano sobre Ruedas

*Del 8 al 12 de octubre, 9 am – 1:30 pm, MHLS Auditorium*

Tramita tu pasaporte, matrícula consular, acta de nacimiento y credencial para votar. Puedes hacer tu cita gratuita llamando a MiConsulado +1 (424) 309-0009. Horario para citas por teléfono de 11 am - 7 pm. También puedes hacer tu cita en línea en **[citas.sre.gob.mx](https:// citas.sre.gob.mx)**. **Se recomienda hagas tu cita tres semanas antes de la fecha de la visita del consulado.**

# El Mes de la Herencia Hispana

## Exhibición de Arte Oaxaqueño

Del 6 de septiembre al 24 de octubre, ADR

Muestra pictórica que resalta las costumbres, tradiciones, usanza y el colorido de todo un pueblo asentado al suroeste mexicano: OAXACA. Esta colección es el trabajo más reciente del pintor oaxaqueño Eduardo Guzmán Valverde. Gracias a la colaboración de Wilfredo Morel y Sun River Health tenemos la oportunidad de apreciar esta obra.

## Recepción de Exhibición de Arte Oaxaqueño

Sábado, 28 de septiembre, 1-4 pm, ADR

Aprecie la obra del artista oaxaqueño Eduardo Guzmán Valverde, deléitese con bailables realizados por el Grupo Folclórico de Poughkeepsie, y deguste el sabor de la cocina auténtica de la región de los Valles. *No requiere inscripción.*

## Bebidas del Sur

Sábado, 14 de septiembre, de 2-4 pm, ADR

Desde el jardín de su casa, la chilena Carol Montes nos trae hierbas orgánicas y aromáticas y enseña la forma correcta de preparar un té herbal energizante y relajante; sin que pierda sus propiedades. Además, se degustará otras bebidas tradicionales de Sudamérica. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Camarón que se duerme ... ¡lotería!

Miércoles, 18 de septiembre, 5:30-7:30 pm, ADR

La lotería mexicana, juego tradicional familiar super divertido para chicos y grandes. Pásate una tarde de fiesta y diversión jugando con las cartas y sus imágenes de personajes tradicionales mexicanos. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Muñequita quitapenas

Sábado 21 de septiembre, 10:30 am – 12 pm, ADR

La leyenda indígena maya indica que colocar tus muñequitas debajo de una almohada, en una caja de madera o en un bolso, las muñequitas se encarga de las preocupaciones y la persona duerme bien. Programa bilingüe. Ven y aprende cómo hacer estas muñequitas. *Requiere inscripción.*

## La domesticación del cacao y su migración

Sábado, 5 de octubre, 1-3:30 pm, MHLS Auditorium

Federico Fridman ofrece una formidable presentación sobre la domesticación del cacao en la cuenca amazónica hace unos 5.000 años y su migración hacia el norte a través de las rutas del Pacífico hasta Mesoamérica, la actual Guatemala, Belice y México. Esta presentación irá acompañada de una demostración práctica de elaboración de chocolate en la que los participantes podrán pelar granos de cacao y presenciar cómo se muelen los granos para convertirlos en chocolate con un molinillo de mesa, así como degustar chocolate al final del programa. Programa bilingüe. *Requiere inscripción.*

## Poesía latina: Lugares que llamamos hogar

Una gran iniciativa pública en el campo de las humanidades, dirigida por Library of America con el generoso apoyo del Fondo Nacional para las Humanidades y Emerson Collective, que comprende programas públicos por todo el país; un archivo multimedia; y una nueva antología sin precedentes. Para más información: [dshon@poklib.org](mailto:dshon@poklib.org).



## Con Esthela Calderón

Jueves, 12 de septiembre, 7-8 pm, ADR

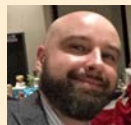
Autora de varios libros entre los que destacan: *Las manos que matan* (2016), la antología bilingüe *Los huesos de mi abuelo* (2018) y *Colmena de papel / Paper Beehive* (edición bilingüe y pintura, 2022). Su poesía ha sido antologada en: *The Mind of Plants: Narratives of Vegetal intelligence*, *Ayahuasca Reader: Encounters with the Amazon's Sacred Vine*, así como también en *El consumo de lo que somos: muestra de poesía ecológica hispánica contemporánea*, *Ghost Fishing: An Eco-Justice Poetry Anthology*, *The Latin American Eco-Cultural Reader*, *Naturaleza poética* y *La poesía de los árboles*. Su labor literaria está enfocada en la eco-poesía, el medioambiente y la etnobotánica. *No requiere inscripción.*



## Con Yrene Santos

Miércoles, 25 de septiembre, 7-8 pm, ADR

Escritora y profesora en la (CUNY) y St. John's University. Entre sus publicaciones se encuentran: *Poemas que nunca leo* (Puerto Rico, 2019), *Pozos* (El Salvador, 2017), *Septiembre casi termina*, (República Dominicana, 2016), *Por el asombro*, (Ecuador, 2015), *Me sorprendió geométrica* (Nueva York, 2013). Es co-organizadora del Festival de Poesía de Las Américas, Nueva York (TAPFNY), Secretaria general de la Asociación de Escritores Dominicanos en Estados Unidos (ASEDEU) y forma parte del Comité editorial de la revista digital *EntreTmas*. *No requiere inscripción.*



## Lectura y discusión con Prof. John Burns

Miércoles, 23 de octubre, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

El profesor John Burns de Bard College dirigirá una lectura y discusión de poemas seleccionados que seleccionó de *Una antología de poesía latina*. Prof. Burns es educador, poeta, traductor y autor de *Poetas hispanos contemporáneos: producción cultural en la era digital global* (Cambria Press, 2015). Ha sido invitado a dar conferencias, leer o presentar artículos en todo el mundo. Los participantes recibirán una copia de la antología *Poesía Latina*. *Se requiere registro.*



# Teen

For ages 12-18. *All programs are at ADR and require registration unless indicated.* Register at [poklib.org](http://poklib.org) or call (845) 485-3445 x3320.

## Teen Chess Club

*Tuesdays, September 10 - October 15, 6-8 pm, ADR*

Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us weekly 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. Recommended for grades 7-12. *No registration required.*

## Anime / Manga Book Club

*Wednesdays, September 11, October 30, 5-6 pm, ADR*

Select a popular manga title to read and discuss, then watch an anime episode together. *Registration required; register once to attend both programs.*

## Young Adventurers Guild: D&D Club

*Saturday, September 14 - October 26, 2-4:30 pm, ADR*

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! For grades 6-12. *No registration required.*



## Teen Tiny Art

*Monday, September 16, 4-7 pm, ADR*

Make big art on a small canvas! You then have the option for your Tiny Art to be displayed in the Community Tiny Art Show during the month of December, with a reception to follow. *No registration required.*

## Teen LEGO Builders

*Tuesday, September 17, October 15, 5-6 pm, ADR*

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



## College Scholarship Workshop Series

*Wednesdays, September 18, 25, 5-6 pm, ADR*

Students will create a personal scholarship eligibility profile, learn how to research scholarship opportunities suitable for them, and begin drafting scholarship essays. *Registration required; register once to attend both programs.*

## Horror Book Club for Teens

*Thursday, September 26, October 24, 5-6 pm, ADR*

The young adult horror book club is open to anyone aged 12-18 who enjoys reading and discussing horror literature. We meet once a month to explore new and classic horror novels, share recommendations, and dive into group discussions about our favorite spooky tales. Whether you're a die-hard horror fan or just looking to explore the genre, our book club provides a welcoming and engaging environment to connect with fellow enthusiasts. Join us for a thrilling journey through the world of young adult horror fiction! *Registration required; register once to attend both programs.*

## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you a teenager looking for a way to give back to your community and gain valuable experience at the same time?

Consider becoming a teen volunteer with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District! Our teen volunteers assist with a variety of tasks, like helping with programs, and more!

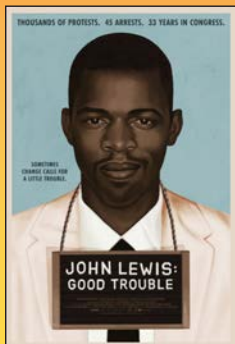
*Required Certificate:* All library volunteers must be certified in NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. Visit [poklib.org/youth](http://poklib.org/youth), contact [youthevents@poklib.org](mailto:youthevents@poklib.org), or call x3320.



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

# THE BIG READ

## 2024 TEEN READ



**Film Screening:**  
**John Lewis: Good Trouble**  
Wednesday, October 16,  
6:45-8:20 pm, BRD

Come and view “an intimate account of legendary US Representative John Lewis’ life, legacy, and more than 60 years of extraordinary activism – from the bold teenager on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement to

the legislative powerhouse he was throughout his career.”  
Rated PG. All ages welcome. **Registration required.**

**Activism-Inspired Art Workshop**  
Wednesday, October 23, 6-8 pm, BRD

Join us at the public library for an exciting Activist Art Workshop designed specifically for teens! Express yourself through various forms of art while exploring important social and environmental issues. Led by experienced artists and activists, this workshop aims to inspire and empower young minds to advocate for positive change through creative expression. No prior art experience is required, and all materials will be provided. Don’t miss this chance to channel your creativity into meaningful activism! All ages welcome. **Registration required.**



### THE TEEN READ

Graphic novel *Run* by civil rights icon John Lewis and Andrew Aydin is the sequel to #1 *New York Times* bestselling graphic novel series *March* and Lewis’ autobiography.

**Andrew Aydin** will visit several local schools this fall to talk about the book! Contact your school to see if he will be there.

For more Big Read programs, please see page 4.

## All Ages Welcome!

### Chess Club

Mondays, September 9 - October 7,  
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 required.**

### Pickling 101

Saturday, September 14, 11 am - 12:30 pm

Learn how to make your own pickles with local pickling pro, Isabelle Molle! All supplies for this fun and educational program will be provided, and you’ll be going home with your very own jar of pickles! **Registration required.**

### DIY Resin Gaming Dice

Wednesday, September 18,  
6-7 pm, ADR

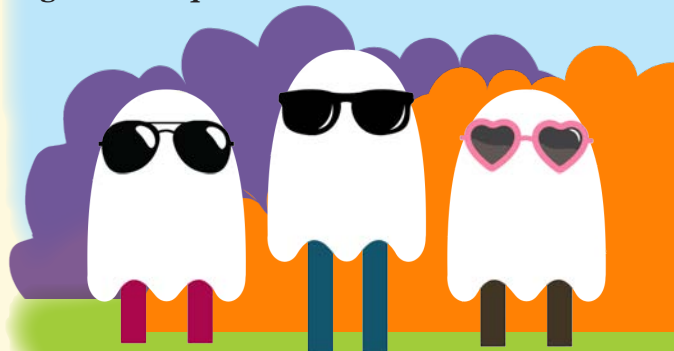


Calling all tabletop gamers! Create your very own set of resin dice with a personalized design! Great for D&D and other tabletop games. For ages 12 to adult. **Registration required.**

### Tiny Art Show Session

Thursday, September 19, 6-8 pm, BRD

Make big art on a small canvas! You may bring your own supplies or use the supplies the library will provide. This is not an instructional class. Each person will be given two canvases. Display your works in our Community Tiny Art Show which will be displayed for the month of December this year – displaying your work is not mandatory, but appreciated. **No registration required.**



# Early Childhood

PPLD 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 September 1, 2, 13, October 14.**

## At Adriance

### PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

*Mondays, September 9 – October 7, 10-11:15 am*

*Tuesdays, September 10 – October 15, 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 for either a Monday or Tuesday session.*

### Toddler Time

*Tuesdays, September 10 – October 15, 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, September 11 – October 16, 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, September 12 – October 17, 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

*Fridays, September 20 – October 18, 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, September 9 – October 7, 10-10:30 am*

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

### Baby Rhyme & Play Time

*Mondays, September 9 – October 7, 11-11:45 am*

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

### Walk & Wiggle

*Wednesdays, September 11 – October 16, 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, September 12 – October 17, 10-10:30 am*

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

### Toot & Scoot & Play

*Thursdays, September 12 – October 17, 10:40-11:30 am*

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

## At SPD

### Family Afternoon Story Time

*Friday, September 20 – October 18, 3-3:30 pm, SPD*

Join us for stories, music, and crafts. For families with children aged 1 to 5. *No registration required.*



# New for Kids!

## A Night at the Museum: Discover the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum **Free!**

Friday, September 27, 6-8 pm, Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum (75 N. Water Street, Poughkeepsie)

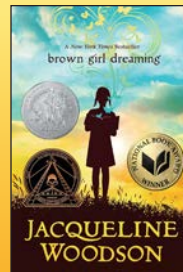
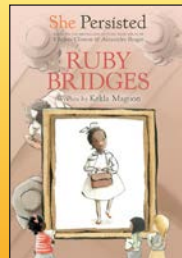
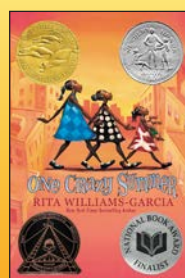
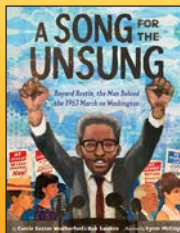
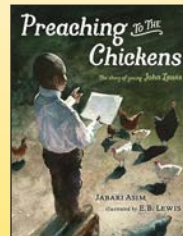
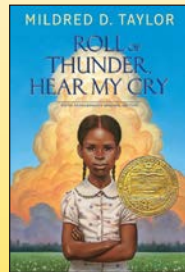
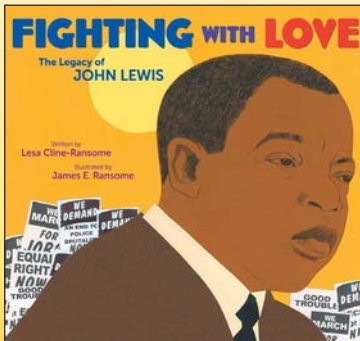
PPLD and the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum invite you to an evening of science exploration and demos, the wonders of living art, inspired crafting, and more! Rover the Roaming Library Bookmobile will be there too! September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, so why not get your library card from Rover? Free admission for library card holders. *No registration required.*

“ We are excited to join forces with [PPLD] to debut the Night at the Museum. This initiative will offer families... **an enriching and memorable experience.** Our sincere thanks go to the library for their invaluable support and partnership.”

– DIEGO PATRIMONIO,  
Director of STEAM Engagement, MHDM



# LITTLE READ 2024 TITLES



## Gathering the community around great books!

**Fighting with Love: The Legacy of John Lewis** by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
**Love Is Loud: How Diane Walsh Led the Civil Rights Movement** by Sandra Neil Wallace

**A Song for the Unsung: Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the 1963 March on Washington** by Carole Boston Weatherford & Rob Sanders

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** by Mildred D. Taylor

**One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham** by Christopher Paul Curtis

**She Persisted: Ruby Bridges** by Kekla Magoon

**Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis** by Jabari Asim

**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson



See page 4, visit [poklib.org/big-read](http://poklib.org/big-read), or scan the QR code to learn more about this year's program!

# Children

## Series at Adriance

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

### Build a Monster for Library Card Sign-up Month!

Entire month of September, ADR

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Register for a special program by signing up for a new library card, or showing us the one you have. Collect different Monster Part cards each week and borrow books to get more cards all month long! Visit the Children's Room on **Monday, September 30 at 4 pm** to create your own monster. **Register at the Children's Desk at Adriance.**

### Kids' Chess Club

Tuesdays, September 10-October 15, 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. Recommended for up to Grade 6. **No registration required.**

### Tiny Art

Tuesday, September 10, September 24, 4-4:50 pm

Create miniature paintings and then see your artwork on display at the Community Tiny Art Show in December! Dress for the mess. Recommended for Kindergarten - 6th grade. **Registration required; please register for one session only.**

### Kids' Brick Builders' Club

Wednesday, September 11, 25, October 9, 5:30-6:30 pm

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

Recommended for grades K-6.



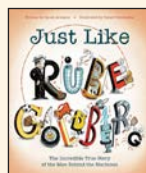
### Little STEAMers for Homeschoolers

Wednesdays, September 18, 25, October 9, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Thursdays, September 19, 26, October 10, 1:30-2:30 pm



If you love the library and are a homeschooler, come and enjoy completing various STEAM challenges related to some fantastic stories! Aligned with NYS curriculum standards. Recommended for grades 1-5. **Please register for only one session.**



**Week 1:** *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again* by Dan Santat  
**Project:** Egg Drop Challenge!



**Week 2:** *Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines* by Sarah Aronson  
**Project:** Contraption Action!

**Week 3:** *The Creature of the Pines* by Adam Gidwitz  
**Project:** Monster Mayhem!

### Homeschool Social Hour

Friday, September 20, October 4, 18, 1-2 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.**

## Series at Boardman

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

### All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, September 9 - October 7, 5-7 pm, BRD

Play against and learn 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, September 16, October 7, 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.**

## At Adriaance

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

### Cardboard Party

Wednesday, September 18, 5:30-7 pm

What can you build using only cardboard boxes, tape, scissors, and your imagination? Stay for 10 minutes or hours—it is up to you. Open to all ages.

### Fairy Tale Family STEAM Saturday!

Saturday, September 21, 11 am - 1 pm

Prepare for some enchanting STEAM challenges as you explore the world of classic and twisted fairytales! Engage in a variety of exciting STEAM activities with your whole family. Perfect for parents/guardians and their children in grades 1-6.

### Little Ghosts

Tuesday, October 8, 4-5 pm

Come to the library and make a small ghost out of cheesecloth! Dress for a mess. Recommended for Grades K-6. Younger children may need some assistance.

### Haunted House

Wednesday, October 30, 6-7:30pm

Are you brave enough to enter our haunted house? We promise you'll scream with delight! All ages. *No registration required.*

## Halloween Costume Party

Wednesday, October 30, 6-7:30 pm, ADR

Come dressed and ready for a frighteningly fun time at our Halloween Costume Party! Compete in your costume's category and enjoy spooky snacks! Don't forget to try out our Haunted House on the same night! Costume prizes for best dressed Mario character, best dressed Disney character, most original, and best dressed family unit. All families welcome. *No registration required.*

## At SPD

### African Drumming

Saturday September 14, 11 am – 12 pm, SPD

African Drumming workshops are both educational and enlightening as they help bring to life authentic African rhythms and culture. Experience African drumming with master drummer, Kazi Oliver. *Registration required.*

### Discovery Science

Thursday, September 19, October 17, 3:30-4:30 pm, SPD

The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum will be visiting the Sadie Peterson Delaney Library Branch to create some amazing science experiments and talk about important people in the science world. For kids grades 1-5. *Registration required.*

Registration opens Monday, August 26 at 10 am. If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

## At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

### Hubble Space Telescope Collage

Thursday, September 12, 4-4:50 pm

Combine Hubble space telescope images with other pictures to create something new!

### K-2 Stories & Crafts

Wednesday, September 25, 4-4:50 pm

Join us as we share some of our favorite picture books and make a special craft afterwards.

### Mushroom Village

Thursday, September 26, 4-4:50 pm

Use your imagination to make a cute mushroom village. Recommended for grades K-5.

### Halloween Crafts

Wednesday, October 16, 4-4:50 pm

Halloween is coming! Join us and make some spook-tacular Halloween-themed crafts. Recommended for grades K-5.

### Glow-in-the-Dark Painting

Thursday, October 17, 4-4:50 pm

Paint a glow-in-the-dark cat, or paint whatever you would like!

### SPD Scavenger Hunt Theme: Madeline Turns 85!

September 6 - October 31

*No registration required – just grab a sheet!*

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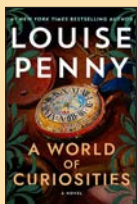
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*“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”*  
— RALPH WALDO EMERSON

**Visit the Friends’ Book Store:**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

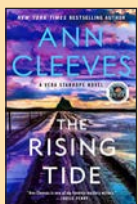
**Get in touch:** (845) 485-3445 x3423  
Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore

**Mystery Mondays Book Club**  
*Monthly, select Mondays, 11 am, BRD*  
*No registration required.*



**September 30: A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny**

It’s spring and Three Pines is reemerging after the harsh winter. But not everything buried should come alive again. Not everything lying dormant should reemerge.



**October 21: The Rising Tide by Ann Cleeves**

For fifty years a group of friends have been meeting regularly for reunions on Holy Island, celebrating the school trip where they met, and the friend that they lost to the rising causeway tide five years later. Now, when one of them is found hanged, Vera is called in.



## Adriance Honors Monday, October 21



Each year, the Friends honor longtime Library volunteers and community leaders whose efforts have helped the District grow and excel. You are invited to celebrate the Honors with us at Locust Grove, (2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie). The party begins at 5:30 pm. RSVP at (845) 485-3445 x3423 or [poklib.org/adriance-honors](http://poklib.org/adriance-honors).

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**LOUISE PEZANOWSKI** answered a help-wanted ad for the Friends Book Store 13 years ago, and has become one of the store’s most committed and respected volunteers. Retired from a long career as a legal secretary, from NYC law firms to McCabe and Mack, the Ossining native and longtime Dutchess County resident has two sons, Richard and John, and a daughter, Robin, three grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



**HON. ALBERT M. ROSENBLATT** is among the most well-known and highly respected members of New York State’s Judiciary, having served as District Attorney of Dutchess County, as county Court Judge and on the New York Court of Appeals. Among his many accomplishments, he created the New York State Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics. He is an active retiree who is married to Julia Carlson Rosenblatt and has a daughter, Elizabeth.