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Registration Opens Monday, October 21!

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



A vibrant fall vista on the grounds at Vassar College. Photo: Librarian Karen Blovat

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

Upcoming Closures

Veterans Day

- Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving

- Wednesday, November 27 (closing early at 5 pm)
- Thursday, November 28
- Friday, November 29

Christmas

- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25

New Year's Eve & Day

- Tuesday, December 31 (closing early at 12:30 pm)
- Wednesday, January 1

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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.

On the Cover: A model altar for Día de Muertos, or Day of the Dead, created by Library Assistant Elva Margarita Corbatón at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Photo: Felipe Santos

Announcements



**Sunday, November 3, 3 pm,
Bardavon 1869 Opera House
The grand finale of the 2024 Big Read.**

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 are available at the Bardavon.*

Operation Warm Coat Giveaway

Saturday, November 9, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR



PPLD has teamed up with Operation Warm to provide free winter coats for families in the community. For children and teens only. One coat per person, while supplies last. Children/ teens must be present to get a coat. **No registration required.**

Obsequio de abrigos para los niños

Sábado, 9 de noviembre, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR

Para más información en español, consulta la pagina 19.



Staff Spotlight: Kristin Charles- Scaringi

**Meet our new Head of
Borrower & Technical
Services.**

How would you describe your position?

I oversee the department that gets materials to our patrons. The Borrower and Technical Services Department does everything from checking out books (and hotspots from our Library of Things) at our branches to making sure the correct identifying labels appear on the materials before they go on the shelves.

What do you like the most about your job?

That's easy! The part I like most about my job are the people I work with. I didn't know it before I became a librarian, but it is a very social field. You work with patrons and your coworkers all day. The main goal I have for this department is to provide my staff with what they need to do their jobs effectively and hopefully enjoyably when possible.

Can you share a personal fun fact?

I am a huge fan of Eleanor Roosevelt. I'm pretty sure if she were alive today she would hate the idea of having fans. But, I am a fan who owns socks, t-shirts, books, pins, stickers, and even a Barbie doll with her likeness. I, of course, knew of her, but it was through Overdrive that I checked out her autobiography and couldn't stop learning more about this extraordinary woman. As a librarian, her dedication to public service is one of the many things I admire about her. Small-world fact: Before I began working at PPLD, I appeared on a coworker's podcast [Historian Shannon Butler's *All My Favorite People Are Dead*] where we talked about Eleanor's life.

PPLD Team Places Second in 2024 Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our 2024 team!

"The team, all between the ages of 9 and 14, worked incredibly hard this past summer and demonstrated great strength and maturity at this event. They represented our library well and made me proud!" said Youth Services Librarian Jolie Hamer-Conroy, coordinator of PPLD's Battle of the Books team.

WINTER BIRD ID ANSWERS

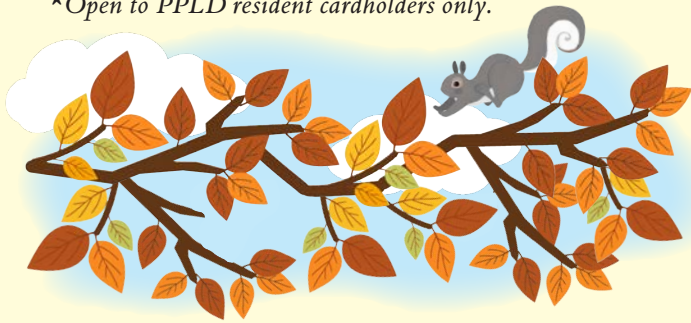
Can you recognize all six birds on page 19?

A. Tufted titmouse B. Northern cardinal
C. Blue jay D. Black-capped chickadee
E. American goldfinch G. Carolina wren



Free Resources!

*Open to PPLD resident cardholders only.



Arts & Entertainment Streaming

Access Video On Demand* movies
Creativebug* online instructional craft videos
Freemusic* music streaming service
The Great Courses* lectures from esteemed professionals
Hoopla* movies, music, e-books, audio books, and comics
IndieFlix* stream thousands of titles
Kanopy* stream thousands of titles
Qello* stream the greatest concert video moments
Universal Class courses by professionals – in Libby app “Extras”

Business & Personal Finance

Business Insights: Essentials (Gale) company profiles, industry rankings, products, brands, stock prices
Entrepreneurship (Gale) full-text, subject-appropriate periodicals
Reference Solutions business and residential directory (formerly Reference USA)
Value Line Investment Survey publicly traded stocks, with history and risk analysis – no remote access

Career & Job Search

JobNow create a resume, hone your interview skills, search for jobs
Library District’s Job Search webpage job seeking resources
Vocations & Careers (Gale OneFile) journals and career guides

DMV & Driving Tests

DMV-Permit-Test.com a wealth of driver-related resources
e-PermitTest.com free practice tests
Examen de Manejo de New York DMV free practice test in Spanish

Education

Educators Reference Complete (Gale OneFile) periodicals covering preschool to college and most educational specialties
Elementary (Gale In Context) fun topics and reliable facts
Scholastic ScienceFlix* 8,000 digital science-related videos, texts, projects, and interactive features for grades 5-9
Scholastic Teachables* printable lessons and activities for every age, grade, or skill level

Español / Spanish

Britannica Escolar Contenido en español preciso y apropiado para la edad para hablantes nativos de español, estudiantes bilingües y estudiantes que aprenden español. Disponible en dos niveles: Britannica Escolar Primaria y Britannica Escolar Secundaria
Informe Académico (Gale OneFile) la interfaz en español brinda acceso a revistas académicas en español y portugués tanto de América Latina como sobre ella
Transparent Language Los estudiantes de idiomas pueden desarrollar vocabulario, practicar habilidades y mantener lo que han aprendido disponible en cualquier momento y en cualquier lugar en más de 110 idiomas

Genealogy

African-American History Online* 500 years of African American history with primary sources
Ancestry.com census, birth, marriage, death records, and more – no remote access
Dutchess County Clerk Ancient Document Search legal documents from the eighteenth-century
HeritageQuest census records and other documents for genealogy and family research. Offsite access limited to PPLD residents.
NYS Historic Newspapers Project newspapers reflecting NY history

Current Affairs

CQ Researcher issues covered factually offering pro/con viewpoints
Opposing Viewpoints (Gale in Context) today’s hottest social issues

Health & Wellness

e-Resources on General Health general health and nutrition resources compiled and vetted by the National Library of Medicine
Health & Medicine (Gale OneFile) articles on general health issues

Language Learning / ESL Learning

Transparent Language language learning service – replaces Mango

Law

Legal Forms (Gale) access a wide selection of state-specific (and multi-state) legal forms and resources across the most popular legal areas

Newspapers, Magazines, & Journals

Academic OneFile (Gale) over 17,000 publications on a variety of subjects
African-American History Online* 500 years of African American history with primary sources
Elementary (Gale In Context) fun topics and reliable facts for kids
General OneFile (Gale) news covering general interest topics, updated daily
Historical New York Times 1851 through 2005, searchable by keyword or date. Offsite access limited to PPLD residents.
Libby, by Overdrive available to all MHLs patrons; however, PPLD residents can access additional premium services and titles. eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, online classes
Middle School (Gale in Context) magazines, newspapers, primary sources, and videos
News (Gale OneFile) – New York Times (1985–present), The New York Post, The Daily News, Albany Times Union, and others
NewsBank: America’s Historical Newspapers* three centuries of early American history (1690–1922)
Newspapers.com: New York page-image newspapers that are keyword searchable. Offsite access limited to PPLD residents.
New York Times full-text access from 1985 to the present
novelNY journals, magazines

Nonprofit Resources

Foundation Center and other resources nonprofits can learn how to win more grants. No remote access

Reference Books Online

African-American History Online* 500 years of African American history with primary sources
American Indian History Online* primary sources on Indigenous history
Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) searchable electronic-format reference books
Britannica Academic Encyclopedia Online magazines, periodicals, and more
Salem Press Reference Titles American Book of Days; Famous First Facts; Great Lives From History; Inventors & Inventions; Cyclopedia of Literary Characters

Technology

Computer Science (Gale OneFile) publications about computer, electronics, telecommunications industries
Universal Class courses are available, and all are designed and led by professionals – in Libby app “Extras”

Books, Writing, & More

An Evening of Poetry

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR

Featured poet followed by an open mic.

No registration required.



November 21: **Carole Ione**

Ione is a noted author, playwright/director and poet whose works include the critically acclaimed memoir, *Pride of Family: Four Generations of American*

Women of Color, *Listening in Dreams*, and *This is a Dream!* Other works include *The Night Train to Aswan*, *Nile Night: Remembered Texts from the Deep*, *Spell Breaking: Remembered Ways of Being*, and *Anthology of Women's Mysteries*. Visit ionedreams.us to learn more.



December 19: **Wanda Phipps**

Wanda Phipps is a writer, translator, and performer. She is the author of *Wake-Up Calls: 66 Morning Poems* (Soft Skull Press) and three other collections.

Her poems have been widely published, anthologized, and translated. She has been funded by NYFA, Meet the Composer, the National Theater Translation Fund, and NYSCA. Wanda curated readings at The Poetry Project at St. Mark's Church, and has written about the arts for Time Out NY, NYC Metro, and Paper Magazine. Learn more about her at mindhoney.com.

Exercise Your Writing

Sunday, November 3, December 1, 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.*

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Select Saturdays, November 16, December 21,

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.*



Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 📺

Registration required.



November 14: **Bad Dreams in the Night** by Adam Ellis

This collection of original horror tales is packed with urban legends, terrifying twists, and delightfully haunted stories by one of the biggest stars in webcomics. Each story will make you scream for more!



December 19: **Monica** by Daniel Clowes

Monica is a series of interconnected narratives that collectively tell the life story—actually, stories—of its title character.

Books & Brews Book Club

Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub

(796 Main Street)

Contact Kira Thompson at kthompson@poklib.org or x3350 for details. *No registration required.*



November 20: **The House Is On Fire** by Rachel Beanland

Told from the perspectives of four people whose actions changed the course of history, this masterful work of historical fiction takes readers back to 1811 Richmond, Virginia, where, on the night after Christmas, the city's only theater burned to the ground, tearing apart a community.

Arts & Entertainment

Zentangles

Friday, November 1, 10 am, ADR

Tuesday, November 12, 3 pm, BRD

Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. The library will provide a take-home kit for each student. Please register for only one section, as each class will be the same. Instructor: Karen Abramson, Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT). **Registration required. If you have taken this class already please do not sign up again. It is the same class.**

Coffee Roasting 101 with Willie Needham

Tuesday, November 5, 6 pm, ADR

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.**

Art and Fashion

Thursday, November 7, December 12, 6 pm, BRD

Join David O. Roberts, local lecturer at Vassar College LLI and Marist College CLS, as we explore the connection between art history and fashion. This presentation includes iconic paintings showing important styles of clothing, famous artists as designers, designers who have been inspired by famous works of art, and how textiles have been depicted in paintings. This series will be presented in two parts. **Registration required. Please register separately for each session.**

Open Mic

Wednesday, November 13, December 11, 7 pm, ADR

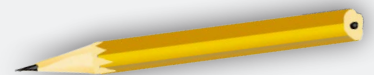
Come out and share your talent: spoken word, singing, playing an instrument, comedy with the community or just come and watch the impromptu show! Your hosts this evening are Tina Jaafar and Debora Shon. **No registration required.**



Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wednesday, November 20, December 18, 10-11:30 am, BRD

This is a group practice session with a critique at the end, facilitated by retired Art Instructor Eileen Bailey. 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. Participants are expected to bring their own drawing utensils and sketchpad. **No registration required.**



GALLERY EXHIBITS

BOARDMAN GALLERY



Daniel Baxter

October 9 - January 8

Artist Talk: Thursday, November 14, 5:30 pm, BRD
Registration required.

SADIE PETERSON DELANEY



Onaje Benjamin

October 30 - January 7

INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?

Visit poklib.org/art-in-the-library and scroll to the bottom of the page to view and fill out the interest form. A member of our art exhibit committee will be in touch to let you know of the committee's decision.



Closing Reception for Tiny Art Show

Saturday, December 21, 3-4 pm, ADR

Come meet the artists who entered this year's Tiny Art Show. The artists who entered the show may take their work home with them. This will also be the last day to purchase a piece of art from the show. **No registration required.**

History & Current Events

Walking Tour of Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery
Saturday, November 2, 10 am, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery
(342 South Avenue)

Join Historian Shannon Butler as we visit with some of the most fascinating characters in local history, from businessmen and doctors, to artists and musicians. As we make our way through the property, we'll discuss the creation of the cemetery itself. This program is made possible through the partnership between the Poughkeepsie Public Library District and the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. This will be an outdoor event with lots of walking, so dress accordingly with appropriate footwear. **Registration required.**



Wacky Weapons of World War II
Tuesday, November 12, 7 pm, Virtual 📺

This session by Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library & Museum, explores some of the strange and unusual weapons developed by the United States, England, the Soviet Union, Nazi Germany, and Japan during World War II. **Registration required.**

Local History Room Open House
Wednesday, November 13, 6-8 pm, ADR

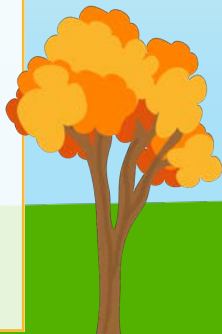
Join the staff of the Local History Room for a look at some of the library's fascinating collections. Examine objects, maps, and photos from over 200 years of Poughkeepsie's History. **No registration required.**

1620: The First Year
Monday, November 18, 6:30 pm, Virtual 📺

In 1620, the Pilgrims struggled with disease and death, and survived with the help of the "People of the Dawn," the Wampanoag Nation. Presented by author, historian, and retired history teacher Christopher Daley. **Registration required.**

“Wow! I appreciate your getting back to me so quickly. **The information was very interesting and helped my research a lot.** Thank you for taking the time to look this article up. **You are part of why Adriance is a wonderful place for so many things.**”

— Patron appreciation for Librarian Bill Kleppel



Great Decisions
Select Mondays, 6:30 pm, BRD

No registration required.

November 18: US-China Trade Rivalry

China's economic rise and its current policies of increasing the role of the state in the economy have led some U.S. policymakers to seek to deny China access to U.S. technology and investment. This is seen as a necessary corrective to decades of predatory Chinese economic policies. Is this a wise strategy, and how effective can it be? Facilitated by Martin Charwat.

December 2: Pandemic Preparedness

Looking back at the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many lessons to take away in terms of domestic and international policies. Although this pandemic seems to have waned, how can we apply these lessons to future pandemics? Will countries cooperate, and will a consensus emerge on how to manage global health challenges?

Queen City in Flux: Three Centuries of Growth and Loss in Poughkeepsie
Thursday, December 12, 6:30-8 pm,
Lateef Islam Auditorium
(Family Partnership Center, 29 N. Hamilton Street)

From the earliest Dutch and English settlers with their small stone houses, to our modern-day luxury apartments at One Dutchess, Poughkeepsie has seen a lot of change. Join Historian Shannon Butler on a journey that spans over three centuries of the ever-changing landscape that is the Queen City. **No registration required.**



Health & Wellness

Free Tai Chi

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.**

Hands-Free CPR

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 pm, ADR

More than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year in the US. The American Heart Association wants everyone to become a part of the Nation of Lifesavers that are prepared to act in an emergency with three simple steps: Share, Practice, and Activate. During cardiac arrest, CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival. Join an educator from Heart Corps for a presentation and demo of hands-free CPR. **Registration required.**

Advancing the Science: The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research

*Thursdays, November 7, December 5,
11:30 am - 12:30 pm, BRD*

Updates on exciting new developments in Alzheimer's and dementia research, including recently approved drugs that can slow disease progression.

Hospice Advance Care Planning

Thursday November 14, 2:30 pm, BRD

The Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State and Hudson Valley Hospice present: Lift Up Your Voice: The Importance of Making Your Health Care Choices Known. Please join Lisa Wilson from Hudson Valley Hospice for this important conversation. **Registration required.**

Heart to Heart Conversations

Thursday, November 14, December 12, 2:30-4 pm, ADR

Come 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.**

Hiking Club: Springside

*Sunday, November 17, 9 am,
185 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie*

Join us as we explore some great local hiking spots! Please bring your own water/snacks and wear proper clothing/footwear. Be prepared to navigate rough/muddy terrain, and hills. **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 for more info after signing up. Registration required.**



A misty view from Springside. Photo: Yvonne Laube

Virtual Narcan Training

Tuesdays, November 19, December 3, 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.**

Defensive Driving

Saturday, December 7, 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.**

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, November 4 – December 9, 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, November 1, 8, December 6, 13, 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

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, November 12, December 10, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD

Ukulele Strumalong

Tuesday, November 26, December 17, 6-8 pm, BRD

Paper Crafting

Thursdays, November 14, December 12, 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.*



Holiday cheer at a Rover visit to OFA. Photo: Library Assistant Veronica Martin-Follette

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, November 21, December 12, 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, November 26, December 17, 10:30 am – 12 pm

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

“Just want to let you know how much I enjoyed the conversation and meditation today — **it was a beautiful experience!**”
(Heart to Heart Conversations)



Public Computer Center

The PCC 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 November 11; closing at 5 pm on November 27; closed November 28, 29, December 24, 25; closing at 12:30 pm on December 31. Closed January 1.

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 **B**

Tuesday, November 19, 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 **B**

Tuesday, November 26, 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. *Prereq: basic computer skills.*

Basic Email **B**

Tuesday, December 3, 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, November 7, 9:30 am, BRD

Wednesday, December 4, 3 pm, ADR

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 will also help you figure out how to navigate the website so you can find the answers you need, and show you where to submit your information and 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.

Intro to Google Drive & Docs **I**

Saturday, November 23, 11 am

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.*

Internet 101 **B**

Tuesday, December 10, 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.*



MICROSOFT OFFICE COURSES

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prerequisites apply.



Microsoft Excel: Spreadsheets

Excel 101 **I**

Monday, November 4, 3 pm

Wednesday, November 6, 6:15 pm

Learn how to create a spreadsheet, including how mouse pointers work, formatting your document, inserting basic formulas and saving your work. We will make an annual budget from scratch. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Excel 102 **I**

Monday, November 18, 3 pm;

Wednesday, November 20, 6:15 pm

Learn how to work with multiple worksheets, sorting and filtering data, creating charts and additional functions. *Prerequisite: Excel 101 or equivalent experience.*

Excel 103 **A**

Monday, December 2, 3 pm

Wednesday, December 4, 6:15 pm

Learn how to use custom sort, group worksheets, create multi-sheet formulas, apply conditional formatting and protect formulas for file security. *Prerequisite: Excel 102 or equivalent experience.*

Excel Functions **A**

Monday, December 9, 3 pm

Wednesday, December 11, 6:15 pm

Learn to use several functions in Excel chosen by patrons. *Prerequisite: Excel 103 or equivalent experience.*



Microsoft PowerPoint: Presentations

PowerPoint 101 **B**

Saturday, December 14, 11 am

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

PCC Testimonials

“The learning material provided is very informative and useful.” (*PC Basics*)

“Great teacher — very easy to follow.” (*Word 104*)

“This was very informative. I had no knowledge of what Google Drive even was. Now I know all about it and how to use it comfortably.” (*Intro to Google Drive & Docs*)

“Our instructor Tino is very detailed and patient. He’s very precise with his teachings and it is very easy to understand and retain what he teaches. Thank you.” (*Excel 103*)

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.**



Photo: Supervising Library Clerk Kate Merry

Grocery Store Visits

10 am - 12 pm

Stop & Shop at 44 Plaza (59 Burnett Boulevard)

Thursdays, November 7, December 5

Stop & Shop at Post Road Plaza

(2540 South Road)

Thursdays, November 14, December 12

ShopRite of North Poughkeepsie

(Route 9 and Winslow Gate Road)

Thursdays, November 21, December 19

Adams Fairacre Farms

(765 Dutchess Turnpike, Route 44)

Friday, November 22

Senior Center Visits

Office For the Aging (OFA)

(114 Delafield Street)

Tuesdays, November 12, December 3,

10:30 am - 12 pm

Bilingual services now available on-site!

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center

(TOP) (14 Abe’s Way)

Tuesdays, November 19, December 10,

10:30 am - 12 pm

Holiday Headquarters

Day of the Dead Sugar Skull-Inspired Craft

Sunday, October 27, 2:30-4:30 pm, ADR **All ages!**

Please join us in creating and embellishing a sugar skull-inspired tin craft in commemoration of the Day of the Dead. While supplies last. **No registration required.** Para español, consulta la pagina 15.

Wreath Making **All ages!**

Saturday, November 9, 11 am – 2 pm, BRD

Clear out your craft closet, and together we will make wreaths from leftover craft supplies from the library and community. Let your creativity shine! All ages. **Registration required.**

Holiday Family Photo Booth **All ages!**

Saturday, November 2, 10 am – 2 pm, ADR

Get together with your loved ones, smile, and enjoy the holidays together with a digital photo taken by The Art Effect. Please, no pets. Photos will be emailed, not printed. First come, first served. **No registration required.**

DIY Citrus-Spice Garlands **All ages!**

Wednesday, November 13, 6-8 pm, BRD

Join us for another whimsical DIY pop-up craft! We'll be creating citrus-spice garlands using dried citrus and a variety of herbs, spices, and wooden beads. All ages and families are welcome! **No registration required.**



Day of the Dead in Mexico: Symbols, Customs and Practices

Saturday, November 23, 11 am-12:30 pm, ADR

Dan Sandford is part of two-person team that has been working on a documentary project entitled *Death in Mexico: Traditions of Remembrance*. Using a twelve-year span of onsite recorded video and commentary, this presentation will provide a general overview of some of the astonishingly varied ways the people of Mexico carry out acts of remembrance to honor their dearly departed. It will consider key ritualistic practices endemic to all of Mexico, and also highlight regional differences. How does a pre-encounter worldview affect the practices in those communities where a native tongue is still vibrant? **Registration required.**

Nosh & Noise

Sunday, December 1, 2:30-4 pm, BRD

Enjoy the holiday season with music from the ever-popular Big Galut(e) along with favorite holiday sweet treats from around the world. In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. **Registration required.**

Wild Twig Stars

Monday, December 2, 6:30 pm, ADR

We'll create a rustic 22-inch star from mulberry twigs and then decorate it using wild foraged evergreens, berries, and vines. Adorned with ribbons and jingle bells these will look terrific on your front door or displayed over a mantle for the holidays. Join local gardener Jessica Williams for this engaging workshop. **Registration required.**



An Inside Look at *It's a Wonderful Life*

Wednesday, December 11, 7 pm, Virtual

Voted the most inspirational movie ever made by the American Film Institute, Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* has been a beloved

Christmas classic for many generations. This talk will examine the fascinating story, looking at the challenges of how it was made, its surprisingly dark portrait of small-town life, and how it became the ultimate portrayal of holiday goodwill and cheer. Presenter Brian Rose is a professor emeritus at Fordham University. **Registration required.**

Felting Workshop: Snowmen

Saturday, December 14, 11 am, ADR

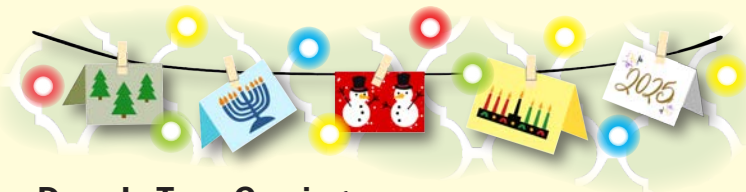
Felting is a fiber art that uses natural materials, such as wool, and special tools to create unique objects both fun and functional. Many who try it consider it therapeutic. Join fiber artist Christine Adams and make a cute snowman that's perfect for the winter season! **Registration required.**



Teen

Registration is required except where noted. Programs are held in the Teen Room at Adriance Memorial Library unless otherwise noted.

Closed November 11; closing at 5 pm on November 27; closed November 28, 29, December 24, 25; closing at 12:30 pm on December 31. Closed January 1.



Drop-In Teen Gaming

Mondays, November 4 – December 30, 4-8 pm

Visit the Teen Room to play games on our Nintendo Switch! Up to 4 players at a time; please bring positivity and kindness to our gaming community. *No registration required.*

Teen/Tween Chess Club

Tuesdays, November 5 – December 10, 6-8 pm

Join us weekly — the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. Recommended for grades 7-12. *No registration required.*

Anime/Manga Club

Wednesday, November 6, 13, December 4, 5-6 pm

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

Young Adventurers Guild: D&D Club

Saturdays, November 9 – December 14, 2-4:30 pm

Want to play D&D or learn how? 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 LEGO Builders

Tuesday, November 12, 19, December 17, 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.

Horror Book Club

Thursday, November 14, December 5, 5-6 pm

We meet once a month to explore new and classic horror novels, share recommendations, and dive into group discussions about our favorites. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just looking to explore the genre, our book club provides a welcoming and engaging environment to connect with fellow enthusiasts aged 12-18. *Registration required; register once to attend both programs.*

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, November 4 – December 9, 5-7 pm, BRD

All ages. More information on page 9. *No registration.*

Wreath Making

Saturday, November 9, 11 am – 2 pm, BRD

All ages. More information on page 12.

DIY Citrus-Spice Garlands

Wednesday, November 13, 6-8 pm, BRD

All ages. More information on page 12. *No registration required.*

DIY Ornament Drop-In

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 3:30-8 pm

Pop in at your convenience and create unique ornaments to take home. *No registration required.*

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, or contact Anne Messley amessley@poklib.org, or Kayleigh khartnett@poklib.org, or call (845) 485-3445 x3320 for more information.



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

Volunteer Drop-In Days

Tuesdays, November 5, December 10, 5-8 pm

This is a monthly program for registered PPLD teen volunteers to have the opportunity to work on a project assisting a community partner and earn volunteer hours. Register at poklib.org/youth/teen-volunteers to become a Volunteer.



Operation Warm Coat Giveaway

Saturday, November 9, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR

Details on page 19.

Programas en español

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

Clases de primaria para adultos

5 de noviembre al 17 de diciembre, 6-8 pm, ADR

Concluye tus estudios de educación básica con La Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie. Te ofrecemos 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

5 de noviembre al 17 de diciembre, 6-8 pm, ADR

Finaliza la secundaria con La Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie. Las clases de secundaria en español son 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.**

Clases para adultos de lectura y escritura

7 de noviembre al 19 de diciembre, 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 y práctica de computación

Jueves, del 7 al 21 de noviembre, 5:30-7:30 pm, ADR

Introducción a la unidad de almacenamiento conocida como Google Drive. Aprende a guardar, recuperar, modificar y compartir tus documentos y fotografías. Sesiones dirigidas para adultos con conocimiento de teclado y ratón. **Requiere inscripción.**

Avances Científicos: lo último en investigación sobre el alzheimer y demencia

Sábado, 16 de noviembre, 10-11:30 am, ADR

En la actualidad, más de 6 millones de estadounidenses viven con Alzheimer, una crisis de salud en aumento que afecta a muchas personas de nuestra comunidad. Acompañenos para conocer lo último en investigación sobre el Alzheimer y cómo la Alzheimer's Association lidera el camino hacia un mundo sin Alzheimer y todas las demás demencias. Esta presentación es realizada por Jessica Flores, gerente superior de la Asociación del Alzheimer de la región del Valle del Hudson. **Requiere inscripción.**

Tejiendo lazos de amistad

Sábado, 16 de noviembre, 14 de diciembre, 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.**

Mostrador de Referencia e Información en español

Martes y jueves, 12-3 pm, ADR

Información general, llenado de formas, ayuda con aplicaciones de trabajo, inscripciones para los programas de la biblioteca, solicitud de pases gratuitos para parques, museos y atracciones que ofrece la biblioteca, solicitud de traducciones, servicio de notario en español, y más puedes encontrar con nosotros. **No requiere inscripción.**



Día de Muertos

Calavera de hojalata

Domingo, 27 de octubre, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, ADR

Únase a nosotros para crear y embellecer una artesanía de hojalata inspirada en una calavera de azúcar en conmemoración del Día de los Muertos. Hasta agotar existencias. Programa bilingüe. *No requiere inscripción.*

Cuentos de Día de Muertos

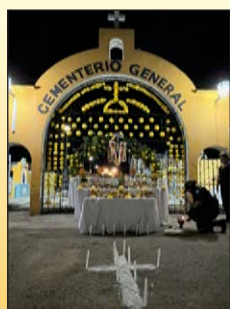
2 de noviembre, 2-4 pm, Auditorio FPC

El Grupo Folclórico de Poughkeepsie presenta un espectáculo que combina danza, música y una narración reflexiva sobre la vida después de la muerte. A través de esta presentación, se busca conectarse con la esencia misma de esta festividad recordando a nuestros seres queridos, celebrar sus legados y reconocer que, aunque sus cuerpos ya no estén, sus presencias viven eternamente en nuestros corazones. Juntos celebraremos la vida y honraremos a los que partieron. Habrá pan de muerto y chocolate para todos los asistentes. *Requiere inscripción.*

Exhibición de Altares de Día de Muertos

Del 28 de octubre al 5 de noviembre, ADR

Altares de Muertos tradicionales que dan la bienvenida a los que se nos adelantaron y han pasado a la otra vida. Creencia mexicana ancestral en la que se ofrenda pan, frutas, comida y bebida preferida de los seres queridos, y, al mismo tiempo, se dialoga con su recuerdo, con su vida. Los altares se estarán exhibiendo en Adriance Memorial Library.



Day of the Dead in Mexico: Symbols, Customs and Practices *¡Solo en inglés!*

Saturday, November 23, 11 am-12:30 pm, ADR

Using a twelve-year span of onsite recorded video and commentary, this presentation by filmmaker Dan

Sandford will provide a general overview of some of the astonishingly varied ways the people of Mexico carry out acts of remembrance to honor their dearly departed.

For more information, see page 12.

Registration required.



¿Cuánto es suficiente? Veteranos deportados

Martes, 12 de noviembre, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, ADR

Jaime Del Razo, profesor de Estudios Latinoamericanos de Vassar College y veterano militar de los Estados Unidos, conduce este conversatorio donde se explora algunas de las complejidades del sistema de inmigración de los EE. UU. que pone a quienes no son ciudadanos en riesgo de ser expulsados al examinar la práctica de deportar a los veteranos militares de este país. ¿Quién merece quedarse y quien merece ser expulsado de este país? Presentación bilingüe. *Requiere inscripción.*

Galletas navideñas

Sábado, 14 de diciembre, 9:30 am – 12 pm, ADR

Rosario Lara, amante de la repostería desde niña, y quien hereda las recetas de su familia, te invita a disfrutar de una mañana entre harinas y charlas, aprendiendo a elaborar galletas típicas de México y España para celebrar las fiestas navideñas. *Requiere inscripción.*

Hora de Cuentos bilingüe *¡Para los niños!*

Viernes, 8, 15 y 22, de noviembre, 6 y 13 de diciembre, 3-3:30 pm, SPD

Disfruta de cuentos, música y manualidades.

Para familias con niños de 1 a 5 años. Para más información: contactarse con Isabel Martínez-Pagan, (845) 485-3445 x3358.

Obsequio de Abrigos *¡Para los niños!*

Sábado, 9 de noviembre, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR

Para más información, consulta la pagina 19.



La inscripción comenzará el lunes, 21 de octubre a las 10 am.

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 November 11; closing at 5 pm on November 27; closed November 28, 29, December 24, 25; closing at 12:30 pm on December 31. Closed January 1.

At Adriance

PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

Mondays, November 4 – December 9, 10-11:15 am

Tuesdays, November 5 – December 10, 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, November 5 – December 10, 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, November 6 – December 11, 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, November 7 – December 12, 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 ages 2-5.

Sensory Lab

*Fridays, November 8 –
December 13, 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, November 4 – December 9, 10-10:30 am

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

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, November 4 – December 9, 11-11:45 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, November 6 – December 11, 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, November 7 – December 12, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, November 7 – December 12, 10:40-11:30 am

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

At SPD

Bilingual Family Afternoon Story Time

Fridays, November 8, 15, 22, December 6, 13, 3-3:30 pm

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



Series for Children

Registration is required except where noted.

Closed November 11; closing at 5 pm on November 27; closed November 28, 29, December 24, 25; closing at 12:30 pm on December 31. Closed January 1.



A young patron shows off a LEGO creation. Photo: Librarian Laura Pilkington

At Adriaance

Stories in the Story Nook

Monday, November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 4-4:30 pm

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

Kids' Chess Club

Tuesdays, November 5 – December 10, 6-8 pm

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 up to Grade 6. *No registration required.*

Kids' Retro Gaming Club

Thursdays, November 7, 21, December 5, 4-5 pm

Come hang out and play some NES and Super Nintendo games!

Winter Break Drop-In Craft

Friday, December 27; Monday, December 30;

Thursday, January 2; Friday, January 3, 2-3 pm

Drop in select days during winter break and create fun crafts and projects! While supplies last. Recommended for grades K- 6. *No registration required.*

At Boardman

LEGO and More: Brick Building

Monday, November 4, December 9, 4-5:30 pm

Join us for a family Lego open play. Come and build creations out of the library's collection of bricks. All ages welcome, best for ages 5+. *No registration required.*

All Ages Chess Club

Mondays, November 4 – December 9, 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.*

At SPD

Discovery Science

Thursdays, 3:30 pm, SPD

Every month, the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum will visit to create amazing science experiments and talk about important people not everyone has heard about. Grades 1-5. *Registration required.*

November 21: **Coding with Bots and Scientist & Mathematician**
Katherine Johnson

December 19: **Rockets & Satellites and Scientist & Astronaut**
Mae Jemison



Children

At Adriance

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Tranquil Lotus Yoga for Kids

Wednesday, November 13, 4:15-5 pm

Unwind, refresh and restore your inner peace and happiness as we come together, playing games and doing yoga movements tailored for kids and their families!

Come dressed in comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Bring your own yoga mat or borrow one of ours. Recommended for grades PreK- grade 5.

Collage Boxes

Tuesday, November 19, 3-4 pm

Collage a special box to hold your small treasures! Dress for a mess. Recommended for grades 2-6.

Holiday Gingerbread House Workshop

Wednesday, December 11, 4:30-5:30 pm

Get ready for a sweet time at our annual gingerbread house decorating! For grades PreK - grade 6. *Please register for only one workshop.*

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Saturday, December 14, 10:30-11:30 am,
MHLS Auditorium (103 Market Street, Poughkeepsie)

Baby, it's cold outside! Warm up with all of the cozy vibes at our winter wonderland celebration. Enjoy themed sensory activities, group play, craft activities, adorable photo ops and more! Come dressed in your coziest clothes for the fun! For ages 0-2. Families and siblings welcome. *No registration required.*

Save the date!



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Festive activities for all ages: page 12!

Holly Jolly Cookie Swap

Monday, December 16, 5:30-7 pm

Don your ugly sweaters and experience the joy of the holiday season with our kids' cookie swap exchange! Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to participate in the exchange. Play the Grinch Gift Exchange and Candy Cane Hunt. We'll end the night with a festive crafting session, hot cocoa, and cookie tasting. Recommended for grades PreK-5.

Noon Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 11:30-12:10 pm

3, 2, 1...Happy New Year! Come dressed in your best to celebrate an early New Year's Eve at the library! PreK- grade 4.



Young patrons at the Día de Muertos diorama craft, 2023. Photo: Yvonne Laube

At SPD

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Author Talk with Jamai Leigh

Saturday, November 16, 11 am – 12 pm

Jamai Leigh reads and discusses her picture book, *Waking up for School is Cool*. This book celebrates the joy of being a child, feeling healthy, and thinking it's so cool to go to school!

Pom-Pom Pine Cone Ornament

Saturday December 14, 11 am – 12 pm

Come create a pom-pom pine cone ornament for the holidays. Children ages 5-11.

DINovember Scavenger Hunt

November 8 – December 31

Can you find all 10 prehistoric pals? *No registration required — just grab a sheet during our hours!*

At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Pop-Up Craft: DIY Citrus-Spice Garlands

Wednesday, November 13, 6-8 pm

Join us for another whimsical DIY pop-up craft! We'll be creating citrus-spice garlands using dried citrus and a variety of herbs, spices, and wooden beads. All ages and families are welcome! *No registration required.*

Mini Basketball Catapult

Wednesday, November 20, 4-5 pm

Join us to learn how to make a mini basketball catapult using simple materials. Recommended for grades 3-5.

Dinosaur Footprint Cookies

Thursday, November 21, 4-5 pm

Leave some mini dinosaur footprints in cookie dough! Recommended for grades K - 5.

Holiday Gingerbread House Workshop

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30-5:30 pm

Get ready for a sweet time at our annual Gingerbread House decorating! For grades PreK- grade 6. *Please register for only one workshop.*

Paper Bag Stars

Wednesday, December 11, 4-5 pm

Make a beautiful paper star decoration from lunch bags! Recommended for grades 1-6.

Winter Crafts

Wednesday, December 4, 4-5 pm

Snow might not be here, but winter is near! Join us and make some winter-themed paper crafts. Recommended for grades K-3.

Tissue Paper Luminaries

Thursday, December 12, 4-5 pm

Shine a little light on winter. Make a decoupage luminary with tissue paper and tea lights. Recommended for grades K-5.

Can you name the winter birds?

Answers on the bottom of page 3!



Operation Warm Coat Giveaway

Saturday, November 9, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR

PPLD has teamed up with Operation Warm to provide free winter coats for families in the community. For children and teens only. One coat per person; while supplies last. Children/ teens must be present to get a coat. *No registration required.*

Operation Warm Obsequio de Abrigos

Sábado, 9 de noviembre, 10 am - 2 pm, ADR

PPLD se ha asociado con Operation Warm para proporcionar abrigos de invierno gratuitos a las familias de la comunidad. Sólo para niños y adolescentes. Un abrigo por persona; mientras duren las reservas; Los niños/adolescentes deben estar presentes para recibir un abrigo.

poklib.org/about-the-friends



Friends News

The Friends of PPLD is an independent entity organized to support the Library District.

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

Monday, November 25, 11 am, BRD

Still Life by Louise Penny. *No registration required.* The group will not meet in December.

A Farewell from the Founder of the Mystery Mondays Book Club

After I retired as an administrator at Marist College in 1997, I was looking for a new challenge. So as a fervent mystery reader, I decided to start a mystery book discussion group called "Wheredunit" at Barnes & Noble. That group ran from 1998 to 2003.

Then Suzanne Christensen, who was head of the Friends of Adriance Library, approached me about moving my book group to the library and leading it with her. Thus, Mystery Mondays was born and met for the first time in December 2004 at the Arlington branch library with a discussion of S. J. Rozan's *Reflecting the Sky*. So we are about to celebrate 20 years in December!

It's been great fun to discuss so many different authors and to hear such different reactions from you!

Thanks for the memories,

Ellie Charwat

Holiday Book Sale

Friday, November 22, 12-7 pm

Saturday, November 23, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, November 24, 10 am - 5 pm

Locust Grove (2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie)



Browse a large number of gift-quality books and media, most priced at \$4 or less per item. All items will be half-price on Sunday. An additional room will offer specially priced vintage items, books of local interest, collectible books, and books signed by authors. There will be an **Early Bird Sale** (paid admission) on Friday. For ticket information and details, please visit the Friends' website.



Proceeds generated from the sale support PPLD. Visit poklib.org/holiday-book-sale or scan the QR code for more information.

Friends of PPLD Annual Meeting: Mysteries Around the World and Across Time

Sunday, December 8, 2:30-4 pm, BRD

In this panel, we'll discuss how writers capture unique time periods and bring them to life for the modern reader. Thanks to the imagination of our illustrious panel of local mystery writers, we'll travel with their heroes and villains to Kyoto, Japan, Revolutionary War America, Tudor-era England, and the Bronze Age of Crete without leaving the library.

Jodé Millman, Moderator: Award-winning author of the true crime-inspired mystery series, *Queen City Crimes*. She's an attorney, a reviewer for *booktrib.com*, and creator of *The Writer's Law School*.

Tina deBellegarde: Agatha Award-nominated author of the *Batavia-on-Hudson* mystery series

Mally Becker: Agatha Award-nominated author

Nancy Bilyeau: Author of seven historical novels of suspense

Eleanor Kuhns: Winner of the 2011 Minotaur Books / Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Competition for *The Simple Murder*