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Registration Opens Monday, February 24!

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.

Get yourself registered!



Have you spotted a great program and want to register for it? Register online! It's simple, quick, and won't have you waiting and potentially losing a seat for a popular program. By going to our online calendar, you can sign up at 10 am on registration day. PPLD often experiences higher call volume than we are able to easily accommodate, so don't wait on the phone — register online.

Browse and register for upcoming programs from our new library calendar, still accessible on poklib.org ▶ Events ▶ Calendar of Events & Programs. Scan the QR code or visit poughkeepsie.librarycalendar.com to get started.

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

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Upcoming Closure

Easter: Sunday, April 20



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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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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.

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POUGHKEEPSIE CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

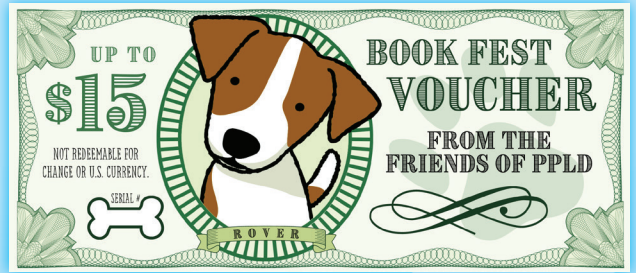
Saturday, March 29, 10-3

Falcon Hall, Dutchess Community College

Parking Lots A and D

**100+ authors,
illustrators,
characters, and
activities!**

**Books for sale!
Free book voucher
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**1,450 people
attended the
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Free Resources!

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Arts & Entertainment Streaming

Access Video On Demand* movies
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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)
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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
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Historical New York Times 1851 through 2005, searchable by keyword or date. Offsite access limited to PPLD residents.
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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

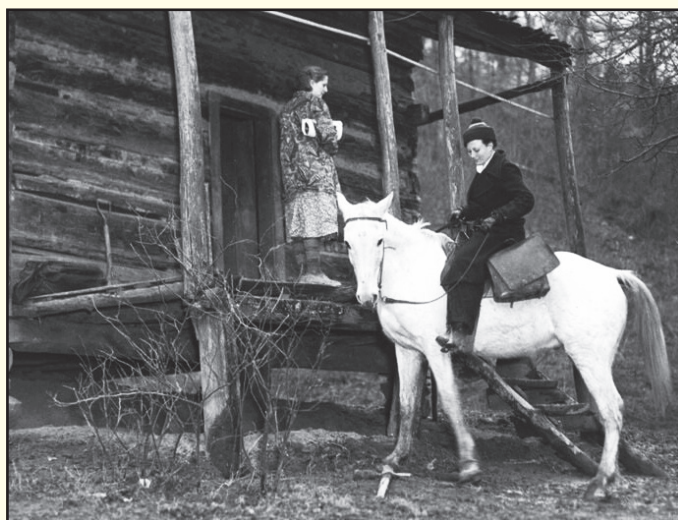
National Library Week: April 6-12



“**MY FAVORITE THING** about the library is their **amazing staff!** Everyone is so helpful and courteous, and they will always go the extra mile for you! Some of the librarians know me by name and by sight and they have my reserve items ready for me when they see me walk through the door. I also love the books and the vast amount of other services!” – *Donna*

“My favorite thing about the PPLD is **all the books** and the ability to ‘shop’ to my heart’s content and not have to ‘purchase’ anything.” – *Denise*

“Our library staff are wonderful people and **our library programs are amazing!** Between Libby digital offerings and the Book Festival which helps me introduce new books to my kids, I’m so grateful for PPLD.” – *Amber*



Packhorse Librarians

Tuesday, April 1, 7 pm, Virtual 🖥️

The Roosevelt era’s Works Progress Administration (WPA) is known for its many huge infrastructure projects and improvements. But it also consisted of a little-known program called the Packhorse Librarians. Jeffrey Urbin of the FDR Presidential Library & Museum explores the story of the Packhorse Librarians, a relatively small group of women, whose mission was to deliver and distribute reading materials to the far-off corners of Appalachia during the darkest hours of the Great Depression. Part of PPLD’s National Library Week celebration. This program will not be recorded. **Registration required via Zoom.**



Free For All: The Public Library

Wednesday, April 9, 6-8 pm, BRD

Free for All: The Public Library tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the “Free Library Movement” to today’s librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all. See it at the library before its April 29 premiere on PBS! After the screening, attendees will break up into small groups for discussion related to the film and their experience with the public library. **Registration required. Presented in partnership with PBS Books and Indie Lens Pop-Up.**

Books, Writing, & More

Exercise Your Writing

Sundays, March 2, April 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.*

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturday, March 15, April 19, 10 am - 12 pm, Lehman-Loeb Museum, Vassar College

Bring copies of your work(s) in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres. We are now meeting at the Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College, upstairs. There is an elevator on the ground floor. *No registration required.*

An Evening of Poetry

Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR

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

March 20: Lea Graham

April 17: Linda McCauley Freeman

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

The Art and Craft of Poetry

Thursday, April 10, 6 pm ADR

How does a poet get from a poem's beginning to its end? How do they shape their poems on the page? These are just some of the questions we will address with a close look at the work of contemporary poets, and use what we discover to jump start our own work. Facilitator is Linda McCauley Freeman. *Registration required.*

Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual

Registration required.



March 13: *The Night Eaters* Book 1: *She Eats the Night* by Marjorie Liu

When their mother Ipo forces them to help her clean up the house next door — a hellish and run-down ruin — twins Milly and Billy are in for a nasty surprise.



April 10: *Cormac McCarthy's The Road: A Graphic Novel Adaptation* by Manu Larcenet

Larcenet creates an adaptation originally, yet one that is completely faithful to McCarthy's vision.

Books & Brews Book Club

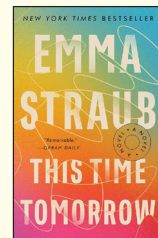
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub (796 Main Street)

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



March 19: *My Favorite Thing is Monsters*, Book Two by Emil Ferris

The concluding story of young Karen Reyes, one of the most inspiring "monsters" in contemporary fiction.



April 16: *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub

Alice's life isn't terrible. She likes her job, even if it isn't the one she expected. But when she wakes up the next morning, she finds herself back in 1996. Now armed with a new perspective on her life, some past events take on new meaning. Is there anything that she would change if she could?

30 Years with Our Director



Can you describe your position in your own words?

When I went to library school, I always figured that I would be a library director at some time. Back then (over 40 years ago), I figured I would find a small community and settle in as an administrator. While the Library District is not unique for a community of this size, it's a much more complex organization than many would think it would be. And it's far from what I had envisioned as my career path those many years ago. The Library District is a business. We have a staff of over 90, we operate three physical locations plus a bookmobile, we have a union, and we are a Civil Service shop. One of my primary jobs is to scan the horizon for both opportunities and challenges and the guide the organization through them. Fortunately, we have an outstanding staff that makes it all work quite well.

What are your goals for your department and/or position?

Having been at the helm for 30 years, one of my goals is to prepare the organization for leadership transition for whenever

that happens. Institutions with long-tenured leadership need to prepare so that those who follow are successful. All of that is more easily said than done, so there is a considerable amount of work to be done. I like my job and I like challenging the staff to think outside the box so we can be as responsive as we can be when providing programs and services to the community. They always rise to the challenge.

What is a fun fact people might not know about you?

I am a marching band fanatic. I grew up in a community that valued that activity. I may not be a fan of where the art has gone but I understand how participation increases personal responsibility and how that relates to being part of a team. I went to the University of Oklahoma for graduate school and had the privilege of being in the Pride of Oklahoma, the University's marching band. Great camaraderie, great football games, and great travel. Boomer Sooner!



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Frederick Douglass Traveling Exhibit Now Available

This exhibit of six panels from Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is available to loan to schools and community

organizations, with an accompanying program guide. For inquiries, please contact administration@poklib.org.

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE



Staff Art Show,

March 4 – April 30

Left: Charlotte Tramontana,
Aureus, 2023

GROUND FLOOR, ADRIANCE



Taylor Flagler,

March 3 – April 29

BOARDMAN GALLERY



Jenny Sweeney

January 9 – April 29

SADIE PETERSON DELANEY



Elinor Levy

March 3 – April 29

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.

Coffee Roasting 101 with Willie Needham

Tuesday, March 11, 6 pm, ADR

Willie Needham from 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. Needham is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and is a 2nd generation coffee roaster and coffee shop owner. **Registration required.**

Open Mic

Wednesdays, March 12, April 9, 7-8:30 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.**

Adult Strategy Board Game Night **New!**

Thursdays, March 13, April 10, 5-7:30 pm, BRD

Join us to play strategy board games at the library. Find new friends, new games, and use our tables for those games that don't fit on the kitchen table. Bring your own games or play from our collection. **No registration required.**

Adult Fabric Tie Wreaths

Wednesday, April 16, 6-7:30 pm, BRD

Gather with fellow craft enthusiasts for an enjoyable evening where you'll learn to make beautiful fabric tie wreaths while watching a classic movie. **Registration required.**



L'chaim!

Jewish Cooking & Culture Series

The delicious journey through Jewish culture continues! The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, in partnership with PPLD, invite you to a unique series blending Jewish culinary traditions with rich cultural insights. Each part of the series brings Jewish cooking to life with live demonstrations, tastings, and stories that connect lifestyle and heritage.

Sinkers or Swimmers?

Not Your Bubbe's Matzo Balls

Sunday, March 16, 2:30 pm, ADR

Culinary Institute of America Chef Scott Swartz will create a modern twist on the classics, blending tradition with contemporary innovation. **Registration required.**

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16, 10–11:30 am, BRD

This is a group practice session with a critique at the end facilitated by a retired art instructor. 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.**

Making Instruments with Marta Knapp

Thursday, April 3, 6 pm, ADR

First we'll make our percussion instruments out of upcycled products and decorate them. Then we'll make music together. **Registration required.**

Fresh, Fab, Fly: All Things Hip-Hop Fashion

Saturday, April 5, 3:30 pm, SPD

Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) professor, journalist, and author Elena Romero traces the journey of hip-hop fashion from its early days to the high-fashion collaborations today. Gain a deeper understanding of how hip-hop has influenced what we wear, as well as how it has shaped attitudes in terms of race, beauty, and personal expression. Join us as we celebrate style, culture, and the iconic figures who have used fashion as a means of self-expression — creating a legacy that is both fresh and fabulous. **Registration required.**

A Taste of Korea

Saturday, April 19, 2:30 pm, BRD

Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will demonstrate preparing two dishes. After the demonstration, enjoy a home-cooked full Korean meal with a traditional table setting in Bangjja (bronzeware), and short films on Korean culture. Recipes and other books on Korean history and culture will be distributed. **Registration required.**

Film Music: Better Than You Think

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 pm, Virtual 🎧

One could say that music plays second fiddle to a film. And yet, many scores can stand on their own, or have been converted into celebrated classical works that have become popular in today's concert repertory. Jeffrey Engel will detail the early sporadic use of music in films and explain how it developed into the full symphonic score. Engel will also play recorded excerpts by several notable composers. **Registration required.**

Rover Pupdate

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: Jinay Senecal

Grocery Store Visits

Thursdays, 10 am – 12 pm

Stop & Shop at 44 Plaza (59 Burnett Boulevard)

March 6, April 3

Stop & Shop at Post Road Plaza

(2540 South Road)

March 13, April 10

ShopRite of North Poughkeepsie

(Route 9 and Winslow Gate Road)

March 20, April 17

Adams Fairacre Farms

(765 Dutchess Turnpike, Route 44)

March 27, April 24



Senior Center Visits

Tuesdays, 10:30 am – 12 pm

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

March 4, April 1

Bilingual services now available on-site!

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior

Center (TOP) (14 Abe's Way)

March 11, April 8

Marist College

Friday, March 7, April 4, 1:30–3:30 pm,

James A. Cannavino Library



History & Current Events

Gilded Age Scandals

Wednesday, March 19, 6 pm, ADR

This program focuses a spotlight on the scandalous behavior and intrigues of the very rich at the turn of the century. The talk will discuss a celebrity murder, scandals that reached as high as the king of England and the President of the United States, and the tale of the famous society figure who told his distraught bride on their wedding night, “Your money is your only asset in my eyes.” Presented by Donald Fraser from Staatsburgh State Historic Site. **Registration required.**

The History of Magic

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 pm, BRD

Join us for a program that will both amaze and inform you! Magician Chris Lengyel has performed all over the east coast for two decades and is now bringing his “History of Magic” show to Poughkeepsie! Chris talks about different magicians and events throughout history, and performs mind blowing tricks in between. This program is guaranteed to intrigue you! **Registration required. For adults 18+.**

Walking Tour: Dwight Street–Hooker Avenue Historic District

Sunday, April 27, 11 am, Bartlett Park (80 Hooker Avenue)

Join Historian Shannon Butler for a walk through the turn-of-the-century planned neighborhood of Dwight Street and Hooker Avenue. Beginning in 1895 the crescent-shaped road of Dwight Street was laid out by architect Horace Trumbauer, and over the next 20 years, several more houses of various styles and materials were built to establish a desirable place to live. **Registration required.**

Great Decisions

Mondays, 6:30 pm, BRD

March 24: American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead

What are the possible outcomes of the war in Gaza? Presented by Frederic Hof of the World Affairs Council of the Hudson Valley.

April 7: An Introduction to AI

This presentation will offer a short history and look at the applications and ethical issues surrounding AI development. Facilitated by Jean-Claude Fouere from the Hudson Valley World Affairs Council.

April 14: The Future of NATO & European Security

European security is more uncertain than it has been for decades. The presenter is Richard Levitt from the World Affairs Council of the Hudson Valley.



Day of the Dead series continues. See page 17!

Women’s History Month



Mary Anning: History’s Greatest Fossilist

Thursday, March 6, 7–8 pm, Virtual

In 1799, Mary Anning was born into a humble family in the medieval port

of Lyme Regis on the south shore of England, part of its Jurassic Coast. Little did she know she would go on to develop an unmatched eye for finding the undiscovered creatures embedded in 185 million years of geological history in the notoriously unstable cliffs. Completely self-taught, academia came calling to consult and buy her finds as she continued to make discoveries that changed the scientific world, yet she was unacknowledged and uncredited by the scientific community at that time. Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans for a lively discussion. **Registration required.**

“The Lady Doctor Will See You Now”: Early Female Physicians in Poughkeepsie

Thursday, March 27, 6 pm, BRD

This presentation is about the lives and works of some female physicians in late 19th and early 20th century Poughkeepsie. Known for its famous nicknames, “Sickly City” and “Queen City,” Poughkeepsie was a source of inspiration as well as a source of possible clients, and as a result it became a very attractive place for women who were practicing medicine to set up shop. Sources include articles and autobiographical pieces by the doctors themselves, personal correspondence, hospital yearly reports, YWCA reports, and newspaper articles of the period. **Registration required.**

Connecting

Drop In!

No registration required.

Board Games

Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD

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

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, March 3 – April 14, 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.

Brain Games

Friday, March 7, 14, April 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

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

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8, 1-3 pm, BRD

Ukulele Strum-Along

Tuesday, March 25, April 22, 6-8 pm, BRD



Paper Crafting

Thursdays, March 27, April 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.*

Play Modern American Canasta

Fridays, 1-4 pm, BRD

Come play Canasta with other Canasta enthusiasts. Please bring your own cards. No instruction provided. *No registration required.*



Seed Sowing Center

Visit poklib.org/seed-sowing to learn more about this initiative and how to get flower, vegetable, and herb seeds!



PPLD Tool Library

PPLD now has tools available to check out! Scan the QR code, call the Reference Desk at x3702, or visit poklib.libguides.com/ppldtoolibrary



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)

Thursdays, March 13, April 10, 12:30- 2 pm

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

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

Tuesdays, March 18, 10:30 am - 12 pm

Thursdays, April 17, 11 am -12:30 pm

Seniors 55+. Sign-up sheet at the Senior Center.

Wellness & World

Free Tai Chi **New session added!**

Fridays, BRD

9:15-10:15 am, OR 10:30-11:30 am, OR 1-2 pm

Free Tai Chi is a public outreach class offered by Complete Reality Tai Chi to promote the health and spiritual benefits of our practice to our community. Taught by Karen Abramson, Certified Free Tai Chi Instructor. Space is limited; first come, first served. *No registration required.*

World Tai Chi Day Free Classes

Saturday, April 26, 10 am – 12:30 pm, BRD

(Outside by the birches, rain or shine!)

Come celebrate with free Tai Chi and Qigong classes, refreshments, and sword demonstrations with World and U.S. Kuo Shu Champion Shifu Jesse Thundermoon. Bring lawn chairs and weather gear. *No registration required.*

Raj Yoga Book Club

Thursdays, March 6, April 3, 10 am, ADR

We will meet on **March 6**, when participants will receive copies of books selected for April and May. April's selection is *Stepping Into Happiness* by Dadi Janki and May's selection is *The Quest for Happiness: Using Your 8 Powers* by Anthony Strano. The facilitator is Champa Patel, and she will close the session with a meditation. *Registration required.*

Garden Enthusiasts Meetup

Select Tuesdays, March 11, April 8, 6-8 pm, BRD

Spend an evening each month with fellow gardening enthusiasts in a casual, laid-back atmosphere! You'll be able to exchange ideas, share experiences, and promote the joy of gardening. Whether you are experienced, a beginner, or just love to garden, all are welcome! *No registration required.*

Discovering Moths: Nighttime Jewels in Your Backyard

Thursday, March 20, 7-8 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Meet the beautiful, fascinating and underappreciated cousins of the butterflies. Chances are that hundreds of species of moths live just outside your door. John Himmelman is an author, illustrator, and naturalist. He has written and illustrated many books for children and adults on various natural history subjects. *Registration required.*



Know Your Medicare Options

Saturday, March 22, 10 am, ADR

Learn what Medicare is with greater clarity, 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, who is a local Independent Medicare Consultant who joined the Medicare Resource Group in 2017. *Registration required.*

Demystifying Dahlias!

Monday, March 24, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Learn how to start seeds and tubers, proper fertilizing, best practices for growing in pots, and how to avoid common problems. Hands-on demonstrations of how to make cuttings and divide tubers are included! We'll look at the history of dahlias to better understand their growth habits and discuss saving seeds as well as digging and storage of tubers. All participants will receive seeds and a dahlia tuber to take home. Presented by local gardener Jessica Williams. *Registration required. For adults 18+.*

Shred Free Day @ Your Library

Wednesday, April 2, 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.*

Future Shred Days: Friday, June 27, 9-11am, ADR; Wednesday, October 15, 9-11 am, BRD

Fig Tree Workshop

Wednesday, April 2, 6-8 pm, ADR

Learn about the history of figs; identify the parts of a fig plant, various methods of cloning, pruning, and winterizing figs. As a special takeaway, each participant will receive a rooted fig cutting at the end of the workshop. Visit thefigtreeguy.com to learn more about the presenter, Evan Panagiotopoulos, the Fig Tree Guy. *Registration required.*

Defensive Driving

Saturday, April 5, 9:30 am, 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: \$40/person, Cash Only (exact change)—no credit cards or checks accepted. Bring your own lunch and pen. Pay the day of the class. The instructor is Staci Cussick. *Registration required. Each person must register separately.*

The Druid's Deadly Darlings: The Dark Garden; Gardening with Poisonous Plants

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Madame Datura (Renee Fleury) is a distinguished horticulturist with a deep love for poisonous plants and their folklore. In her presentation, Renee guides audiences through the intriguing world of toxic flora. She combines her expertise in horticulture with a thorough understanding of plant toxicity to discuss how to responsibly cultivate a garden featuring poisonous plants. Attendees will learn about common and unique species, essential care practices, and the scientific principles behind their toxic properties. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this talk promises to be both informative and eye-opening. *Registration required. For adults 18+.*

Hospice Planning: The Importance of Making Your Health Care Choices Known

Thursday, April 10, 2 pm, BRD

Join us for a conversation about the importance of making your health care choices known. Think about who you would want to speak for you if you can't do so for yourself. Share the written documents with loved ones and medical providers. *Registration required.*

Tempestry Workshop

Tuesday, April 15, 6-8 pm, BRD

The Tempestry Project (tempestryproject.com) is a personal and collaborative fiber art, environmental education, and climate activism through data representation. To celebrate Earth Month, the Town of Poughkeepsie Climate Smart Task Force invites you to a mini-Tempestry Workshop with Emily McNeil and Asy Connelly. All ages welcome. Participants will go home with a completed mini-Tempestry and engage with the community on this critical topic. *Registration required.* Participants are welcome to drop in at any time during the activity.

Sustainability & Solid Waste in Dutchess County

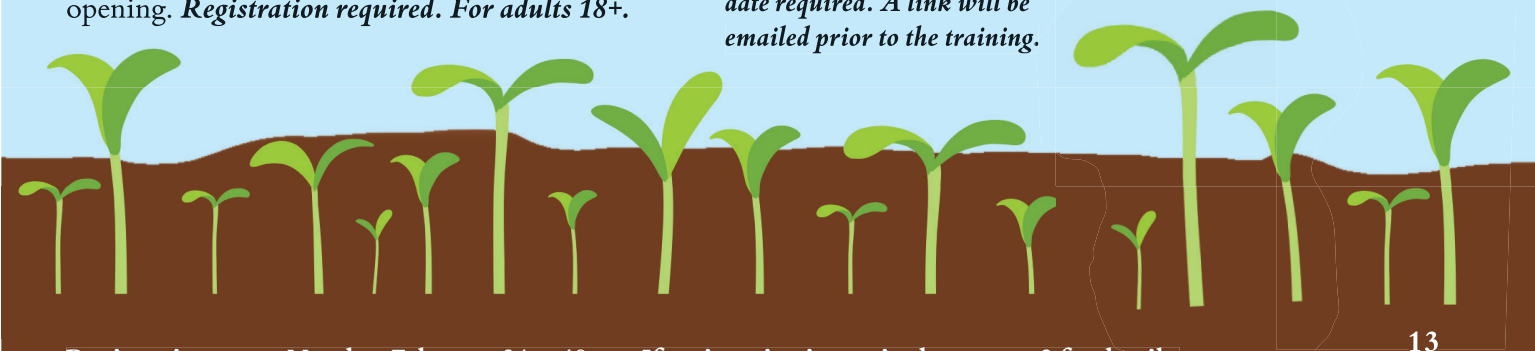
Tuesday, April 22, 2:30 pm, ADR

This presentation will provide information about the fundamentals of recycling and a brief introduction to composting. Presented by a recycling educator from the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management. Adults aged 18+. *Registration required.*

Virtual Narcan Training

Tuesday, March 11, April 8, 6 pm 🗓️

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.*





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.** You must confirm your attendance to retain your seat and receive a handout from the class.

Closed Sunday, April 20.

Technology

Medicare 101 / Navigate the Medicare Site **B**

Friday, March 14, 9:30 am, ADR

Tuesday, April 22, 9:30 am, BRD

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. 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.

Online Security & Common Scams **B**

Friday, March 14, 2 pm

The Internet can be very informative and entertaining, but it also presents certain risks. Learn about the various security threats and ways to make your online searches more secure. We will also identify some common internet scams. *Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent.*

Windows 10 **B**

Friday, March 21, 2 pm

Learn how to navigate the Windows 10 operating system, perform basic work-related tasks, and personalize certain Windows 10 features to meet your needs. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs **I**

Saturday, March 22, 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.*

Windows 11 **B**

Friday, March 28, 2 pm

In this Windows 11 online class you will learn how to perform basic tasks on a PC running the Windows 11 operating system. The session will provide an overview of many new Windows 11 features and improvements, including the new start menu, Widgets, Microsoft teams, snap layouts and virtual desktops and how to work with Cortana and the Microsoft Edge web browser. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Recommended Experience

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

Internet 101 **B**

Saturday, March 29, 2 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 3D Printing Services **I**

Friday, April 4, 2 pm

Introduction to 3D Printing and how you can submit projects to our 3D Printing Service.

Tinkercad 3D Printing Workshop **I**

Friday, April 11, 2 pm

Creating your own 3D object is very easy. Now that you know the basics of 3D printing, come and learn how to design your own models using Tinkercad.com. Tinkercad is an online 3D design application we will use during the workshop to create a model to print. *Prerequisite: Intro to 3D Printing Services.*

Using a Smartphone **B**

Saturday, April 12, 2 pm

This introductory two-hour class will help you unlock the unlimited potential of your smartphone. Whether you are considering a purchase, just got a new phone, or have had one for years, come to our Smartphone Class to learn how to get the most out of your smartphone. The class will cover basic Smartphone navigation features and functions.

Personal Assistance

Drop-in; no registration.

Computer Lab

Monday - Friday, 11 am - 1 pm, ADR

Monday, 6:15-8:15 pm, ADR

Thursday, 11 am - 1 pm, BRD

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.



Basics

PC Basics **B**

Tuesday, March 18, 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, April 15, 1:30 pm

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

Basic Email **B**

Tuesday, April 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.*



MICROSOFT OFFICE COURSES

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prerequisites apply.



Microsoft Excel: Spreadsheets

Excel 101 **I**

Monday, March 10, 3 pm

Wednesday, March 12, 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, March 17, 3 pm

Wednesday, March 19, 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, March 24, 3 pm

Wednesday, March 26, 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, April 7, 3 pm

Wednesday, April 9, 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, April 19, 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

“Everything today requires you to do it online. I am very glad that these classes are available.” (*PC Basics*)

“This was very practically laid out and helpful. I will attend future classes.” (*Windows 11*)

“This was a great course. Tino was an amazing instructor, patient and polite. Really helped all class members. I would highly recommend taking a class with him.” (*Excel Functions*)

“I have had the mentioned problems with scams. Now I feel I have the tools to protect myself.” (*Online Security*)

Programas en español

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

Plaza Comunitaria POUGHKEEPSIE

Clases de primaria para adultos

4 de marzo al 29 de abril, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Primaria en español para personas hispanohablantes de 15 años en adelante de cualquier lugar de origen. **Inscripción en persona: Presentar acta de nacimiento de su país de origen y una identificación con fotografía.**

Clases de secundaria para adultos

4 de marzo al 29 de abril, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Secundaria en español para personas hispanohablantes de 15 años en adelante de cualquier lugar de origen. **Inscripción en persona: Presentar acta de nacimiento de su país de origen y una identificación con fotografía.**

Alfabetización 1 y 2: Clases para adultos de lectura y escritura

6 de marzo al 24 de abril, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Alfabetización en español para jóvenes y adultos en edad de 15 años en adelante de cualquier nacionalidad hispanohablante. Informa a tus conocidos y familiares que no obtuvieron su educación básica y desean aprender a leer y escribir.

Clases y materiales gratuitos. Al concluir los niveles de primaria y secundaria el estudiante recibe su certificado válido en su país de origen.

Inscripciones directamente en la biblioteca.

Presentar acta de nacimiento e identificación con fotografía.



Cuenta de Google

Jueves, 6 de marzo, 5 pm, ADR

Conoce los beneficios de tener una cuenta de Google; cómo manejar tu información personal, revisar y hacer cambios en la seguridad y privacidad de tu cuenta. **No requiere inscripción.**

Manejo de Gmail

Jueves, 13 de marzo, 5 pm, ADR

Aprende a enviar y recibir correos; abrir correos, organizar los correos, y otras herramientas en el Gmail. **No requiere inscripción.**

Limpieza de correo electrónico

Jueves, 20 de marzo, 5 pm, ADR

¿Recibiste un mensaje diciendo que ya no tienes espacio de almacenamiento?, ¿tienes un montón de correos que no necesitas y deseas borrarlos? Aprende como eliminar lo innecesario. **No requiere inscripción.**

Fotos de Google

Jueves, 27 de marzo, 5 pm, ADR

Organiza tus fotos, y elimina lo que no necesitas. **No requiere inscripción.**

Calendario y Mapas de Google

Jueves, 3 de abril, 5 pm, ADR

Aprende el uso de las aplicaciones de Calendario y Mapas. **No requiere inscripción.**

Martes laboral

Martes, 4 y 18 de marzo, y 1 y 15 de abril, 5 pm, ADR

¿Buscas trabajo?, ¿deseas aplicar para una oferta de trabajo? Haz uso de las computadoras de la biblioteca, y, con nuestra guía, navega en sitios de búsqueda de trabajo. Ofrecemos asistencia para que puedas crear una hoja de vida, y llenes una aplicación de trabajo. Prerrequisito: tener conocimiento del uso de la computadora. **No requiere inscripción.**



Conocimientos básicos sobre inmigración en EE.UU.

Sábado, 26 de abril, 10:30 am, ADR

Infórmese sobre los conocimientos básicos y fundamentales para poder inmigrar a los Estados Unidos. Así mismo, conozca los derechos que todo individuo tiene dentro de la unión americana. Este programa es llevado a cabo por GMHC, Inc. **Programa bilingüe. No requiere inscripción.**

Marzo es el mesa de la HISTORIA DE LA MUJER

Taller: Mujer, ¿cuál es tu lugar seguro?

Sábado, 8 de marzo, 10 am-12 pm, ADR

La morada es el lugar donde te detienes, permaneces, te demoras; es un lugar para quedarse y recuperarse. Reflexionar sobre las situaciones y cambios que le tocó enfrentar a la mujer migrante para llegar hasta el lugar en que se encuentran ahora. Taller dinámico y participativo para trabajar desde su mundo personal hacia la proyección de sus relaciones con los demás. Dirigido por Gloria Urrego, profesional de Desarrollo Humano. *No requiere inscripción.*

El Hogar en Mí: Presencia Invisible

Sábado, 22 de marzo, de 2-4 pm, ADR

Presentación bilingüe a cargo de la artista Carmen Lizardo, que, a través de su trabajo, explora la memoria y el desplazamiento a través de fotografías de su hogar ancestral. El proyecto examina la intersección entre la autobiografía y la historia cultural, investigando cómo la migración transforma las identidades y redefine el concepto de hogar, junto con las complejidades de construir identidad a través de fronteras. *Requiere inscripción.*

La mujer que me inspira

Sábado, 22 de marzo, 10 am – 12:30 pm

¿Sabes preparar un plato que te enseñó una mujer a la que admiras? Hónrala hablando sobre ella y lo que significa en tu vida, y comparte su receta junto con la preparación. Cocina con antelación y llévala a la biblioteca para compartirla con otras participantes. Para participar y degustar en este programa, envía tu receta a ecorbaton@poklib.org. Solicita más información a Elva Margarita en el 845-485-3445 ext. 3321. ¡Comparte y degusta! Cupo limitado. *Requiere inscripción.*

Consulado Mexicano sobre Ruedas

Del 8 al 12 de abril, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm, Auditorio del MHLS

Obtén tu pasaporte, matrícula consular, credencial para votar, acta de nacimiento, e información sobre los servicios que el consulado te proporciona en sus oficinas generales.

Se atenderá con y sin cita, pero para asegurar el servicio, preferible hacer cita. Para citas comunicarse al 1-424-309-0009. Puedes hacerla a través de WhatsApp. Para trámite de doble ciudadanía DEBE HACER CITA. Si requiere asistencia, solicítela en el mostrador de referencia e información en español de la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial.

IMPORTANTE: *Las citas para los servicios del Consulado sobre Ruedas se gestionan directamente con el número de teléfono 1-424-309-0009 (línea MI CONSULADO). La biblioteca no tiene control de estas citas. Por lo general, las citas se abren dos semanas antes de la fecha de la visita del Consulado sobre Ruedas. Para la próxima visita a Poughkeepsie, las citas se abrirán el 24 de marzo.*

La inscripción comenzará el lunes, 24 de febrero a las 10 am.

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

Saturdays, March 8, April 26, 2:30 – 4 pm, ADR

This series, based on Danus Sandford's twelve-years of filming across different states of Mexico, offers a deeper and more detailed look at the celebration of the Day of the Dead. *Registration required.* English only. Solo en inglés.



Crochet con café

Viernes, 21 de marzo y 25 de abril, 6 – 8:30 pm, Panera Bread (712 Dutchess Turnpike)

Socializa y elabora tu manualidad preferida: tejido, bordado, costura, colorear. Lo que a ti te guste más, ven y hazlo con nuevas amigas, y acompañada de un rico café. Si no tienes conocimiento de tejido, podemos ayudarte para que te inicies. Solo debes traer tus propios materiales para iniciar tu proyecto. *No requiere inscripción.*

Mostrador de Referencia e Información en español

Martes y jueves, 1 – 3 pm, ADR

Miércoles, 10 – 12 pm

Información general, llenado de formas físicas y en línea, navegar en sitios para búsqueda de trabajo, guía para aplicaciones de trabajo, dar formato a cartas o documentos, 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. *No requiere inscripción.*

Teen

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

Closed Sunday, April 20.

Drop-In Teen Gaming

Mondays, March 3 – April 7, 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.**

All-Ages Chess

Mondays, March 3 – April 14, 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 and skill levels welcome. **No registration required.**

Teen / Tween Chess Club

Tuesdays, March 4 – April 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 grades 6–12. **No registration required.**

Teen Drop-In Art

Tuesdays, March 4 – April 15, 4–8 pm

Join us every Tuesday for our Teen Drop-In Art Program at the library! Each week, we'll explore a different art project, allowing you to express your creativity and try new techniques. Whether you're into painting, drawing, or mixed media, there's something for everyone. This is a perfect opportunity to unwind, meet new friends, and unleash your artistic side. No prior experience is needed; bring your enthusiasm! So come ready to create and have fun! **No registration required.**

Young Adventurers' Guild: D&D Club

Saturdays, March 8 – April 19, 2–4:30 pm, BRD

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.**

Pi Day Challenge

Friday, March 14, 1–3 pm

Celebrate Pi Day the right way by solving a pi-based math challenge to earn a piece of pie! Choose from sweet or pizza for your pie prize. **No registration required.**

Therapy Dog Decompression Sessions

Session #1: Friday, March 14, 3–5 pm

Session #2: Saturday, April 12, 12–2 pm

Chill, relax, and decompress with therapy dogs from Positive Paws Visiting Pets! We'll also learn mindfulness and meditation techniques during your 15-minute session with a licensed (not to mention adorable!) therapy dog. **Registration required; drop-ins welcome as spots are available.**

Teen LEGO Builders

Tuesday, March 25, April 1, 15, 5–6 pm

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



Anime / Manga Club

Wednesday, March 26, April 9, 5 – 6 pm

Monthly, we'll watch a couple of episodes of a selected anime series and then discuss the corresponding manga. It's a great way to connect with fellow fans, share recommendations, and enjoy some fantastic stories together. Everyone is welcome.

Rubik's Cube Enthusiast Group

Thursday, March 27, April 10, 4–5 pm, BRD

Puzzle lovers of all ages unite to twist, turn, and tackle the iconic Rubik's Cube! Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the basics or an experienced cuber looking to sharpen your skills, this group is perfect for you. Receive tips and techniques from seasoned cubers on methods such as the CFOP, Roux, and more. Bring your own Rubik's Cube (and any other puzzles you enjoy), and come ready to solve, share, and make new friends who share your passion for cubing!



Children's and Teen Wreath-Making & Movie Night

*Wednesday, April 2,
6–7:30 pm, BRD*

Come together to create beautiful felt wreaths while enjoying a family-friendly film. Bond with your loved ones, unleash your creativity, and make a decoration to take home. We'll provide all the materials needed to make your stunning felt wreaths, guided by our friendly staff. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome — bring the kids and enjoy some quality time together!

Fresh, Fab, Fly: All Things Hip-Hop Fashion

Saturday, April 5, 3:30 pm, SPD

FIT professor, journalist, and author Elena Romero traces the journey of hip-hop fashion from its early days to the high-fashion collaborations today. Gain a deeper understanding of how hip-hop has influenced what we wear, as well as how it has shaped attitudes in terms of race, beauty, and personal expression. Join us as we celebrate style, culture, and the iconic figures who have used fashion as a means of self-expression — creating a legacy that is both fresh and fabulous. **Registration required.**

Babysitting 101

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, BRD

Babysitting 101 is a valuable course for teens ages 12–18 who are interested in becoming a babysitter. The course will cover topics such as interviewing tips, communication skills, ages/stages of young babies and toddlers, safety, first aid, and feeding and caring for young children. Each future babysitter will also get to learn how to hold a baby and change his/her diaper.

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

Tuesday, March 11, April 8, 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/teen-volunteers to become a Volunteer.

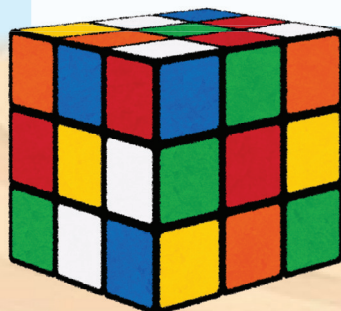
March 11: DIY Cat Toys / Shelter Supply Drive

April 8: "One for You, One for Me" Planters

Children's Book Festival Volunteers

Saturday, March 29

Please contact Michele Muir at x3325 or mmuir@poklib.org if interested. Thank you!



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 Sunday, April 20.

At Adriance

PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

Mondays, March 3 – April 14, 10–11:15 am

Tuesdays, March 4 – April 15, 10–11:15 am

Weekly themed stories and music 'n movement, followed by sensory art activities and 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, March 4 – April 15, 10–11 am

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

Baby Time

Wednesdays, March 5 – April 16, 10–11 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, March 6 – April 17, 10–11 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, March 7 – April 18, 10–11 am

No class on Friday, March 28!

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, March 3 – April 14, 10–10:30 am

Stories, songs, action rhymes, and small crafts for 3–5 year olds. Parents and siblings welcome.

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, March 3 – April 14, 11–11:45 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, March 5 – April 16, 10–11 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, March 6 – April 17, 10–10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

*Thursdays, March 6 – April 17,
10:45–11:30 am*

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

At SPD

Bilingual Family Morning Story Time

Fridays, March 7 – April 18, 10:30–11 am

Join us for stories, music, and crafts. For families with children ages 1 to 5.



POUGHKEEPSIE CHILDREN'S
BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 29, 10-3
Dutchess Community College
See page 3 for more details!

Series for Children

Registration is required except where noted.

Closed Sunday, April 20.

At Adriaance

Stories in the Story Nook

Mondays, March 3 – April 14, 4–4:30 pm

Join us for a storytime in the Story Nook! Recommended for ages 4–9. **No registration required.**

Kids' Chess Club

Tuesdays, March 4 – April 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.**

Homeschool Social Hour

Friday, March 14, April 11, 1–2 pm

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

Little STEAMers for Homeschoolers

Wednesdays, March 26, April 2, 9, 11:30 am

Thursdays, March 27, April 3, 10, 1:30 pm

If you like the library and are a homeschooler, come and enjoy completing various STEAM challenges! Aligned with NYS and NGSS standards. Recommended for grades 1–5. **Register for either the Wednesday or Thursday classes.**

Week 1: Egg drop is back! Bird Nest

STEM Challenge

Week 2: Construct a Space

Landing Pad

Week 3: Build a Bee

Pollinator Hotel!

At Boardman

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, March 3 – April 14, 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 and skill levels welcome. **No registration required.**

LEGO and More: Brick Building

Mondays, March 10, April 7, 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.**

K-2 Stories & Crafts

Wednesday, March 12, 4–5 pm

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

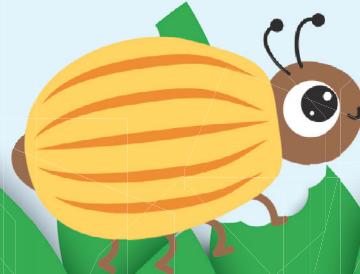
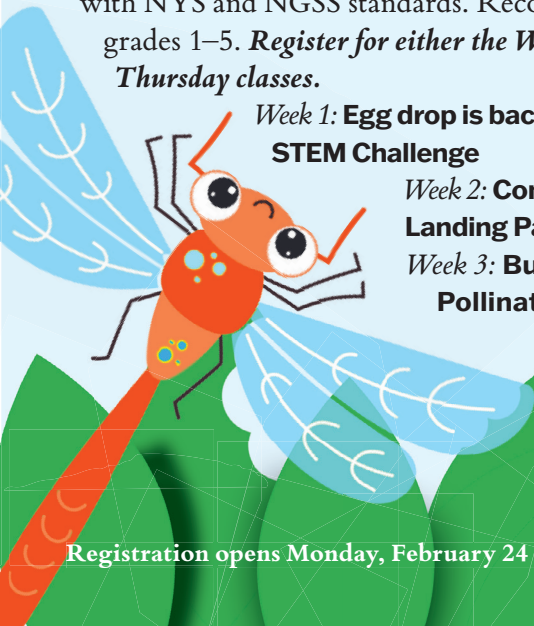
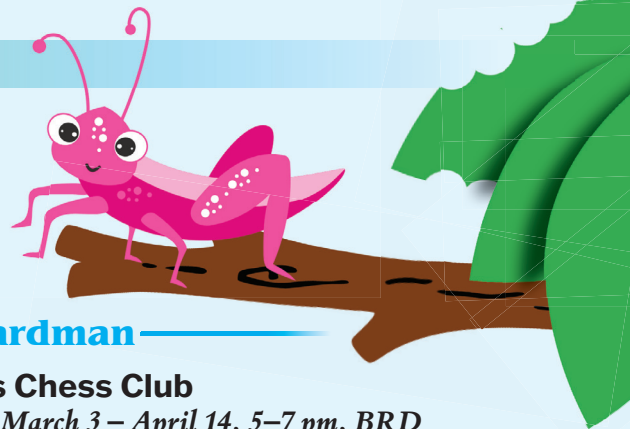
At SPD

Discovery Science!

Thursdays, March 20,

April 17, 3:30–4:30 pm, SPD

Each month, 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 that not everyone has heard about. For grades 1–5.



Children

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Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Fins, Fur, and Footie Pajamas!

Wednesday, March 5, 4–5 pm

Get cozy at the library with some fin-tastic stories before bed! Wear your footie pajamas, bring a favorite stuffy, and get ready to learn about animals and how they survive. Play a game, make a DIY pet name tag for your stuffy, and enjoy some refreshments. Then, adopt a new stuffy to take home! Recommended for grades PreK–3.

Popcorn Lovers' Day

Thursday, March 13, 4–5 pm

Popcorn Lover's Day is celebrated annually on the second Thursday of March. Join us as we sample some different popcorn flavors and create a popcorn kernel mosaic. Recommended for grades 1–6.

St. Patrick's Day Science & Snacks

Monday, March 17, 4–5 pm

Join us for some science experiment shenanigans and tasty treats. Recommended for grades 1–6.

Silly Stories & Play

Tuesday, March 18, 4–5 pm

Let's read, play, and laugh! Recommended for 18 months to 3 years.

Pepperoni Pizza and Cheese-y Mic Night Poetry

Tuesday, April 1, 4–5 pm

Create some cheese-y poetry topped with a smidge of silly, and take the stand as you read your crazy creations! You will be rewarded with pizza for your efforts! April Fools! Or is it? 😬 Recommended for grades 2–5.

Minecraft Pixel Art

Tuesday, April 8, 4–5 pm

Make Minecraft-style pixel mosaics on giant graph paper! Recommended for ages 4–11.

Yoga for Busy Moms and Crafts for Kids!

Thursday, April 3, 5–6 pm

The cure for the winter blues is here with some relaxing adult yoga just for moms! Come in and unwind with an hour of yoga while your child/children are kept busy doing an animal obstacle course and fun crafts. Recommended for all busy moms & grades PreK–5.

"Paws" to Read & Cuddle with Canines!

Session 1: Monday, April 7, 4–5 pm

Session 2: Wednesday, April 9, 4–5 pm

"Paws" your busy life to come in, relax, and read to our furry friends while celebrating National Library Week! Make a doggone cute craft while you wait. One child per 15-minute slot. Recommended for grades PreK–5.

Spring Break Drop-In Craft

April 15, 16, 17, 2–3 pm

Drop in select days during spring break and create fun crafts and projects! While supplies last. Recommended for ages 5–11. *No registration required.*



POUGHKEEPSIE CHILDREN'S
BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 29, 10-3
Dutchess Community College

100+ authors,
illustrators,
characters,
and activities!

Books for sale! Free
\$15 book voucher
for every kid.



See page 3 for more!

poklib.org/bookfestival



At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Paint a Slithery Snake

Wednesday, March 19, 4–5 pm

Paint your own wooden snake. Recommended for grades K–6.

Grass Head Minions!

Monday, March 24, 4–5 pm

Let's decorate a Minion. Take it home and watch the hair grow on its head. Dress for the mess. Recommended for grades K–5.

Pipe Cleaner Gardens

Wednesday, April 2, 4–5 pm

Now that spring is here, create your own beautiful indoor pipe cleaner garden. Recommended for grades 1–6.

Family Wreath-Making & Movie Night

Wednesday, April 2, 6–7:30 pm

Come together to create beautiful felt wreaths while enjoying a family-friendly film. Bond with your loved ones, unleash your creativity, and make a decoration to take home. We'll provide all the materials needed to make your stunning felt wreaths, guided by our friendly staff. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome — bring the kids and enjoy some quality time together!

Clay Critters

Wednesday, April 16, 4–5 pm

Use your imagination and make some colorful mini-critters out of air-dry clay. Recommended for grades K–6.

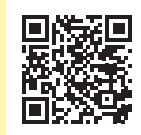
At SPD

Magical Unicorn Scavenger Hunt

March 7 - May 2

April 9 is National Unicorn Day! Can you find Unicorn, Pegasus, Regular Horse, and all their stuff hidden in the SPD? *No registration required — just grab a sheet!*

Get yourself registered!

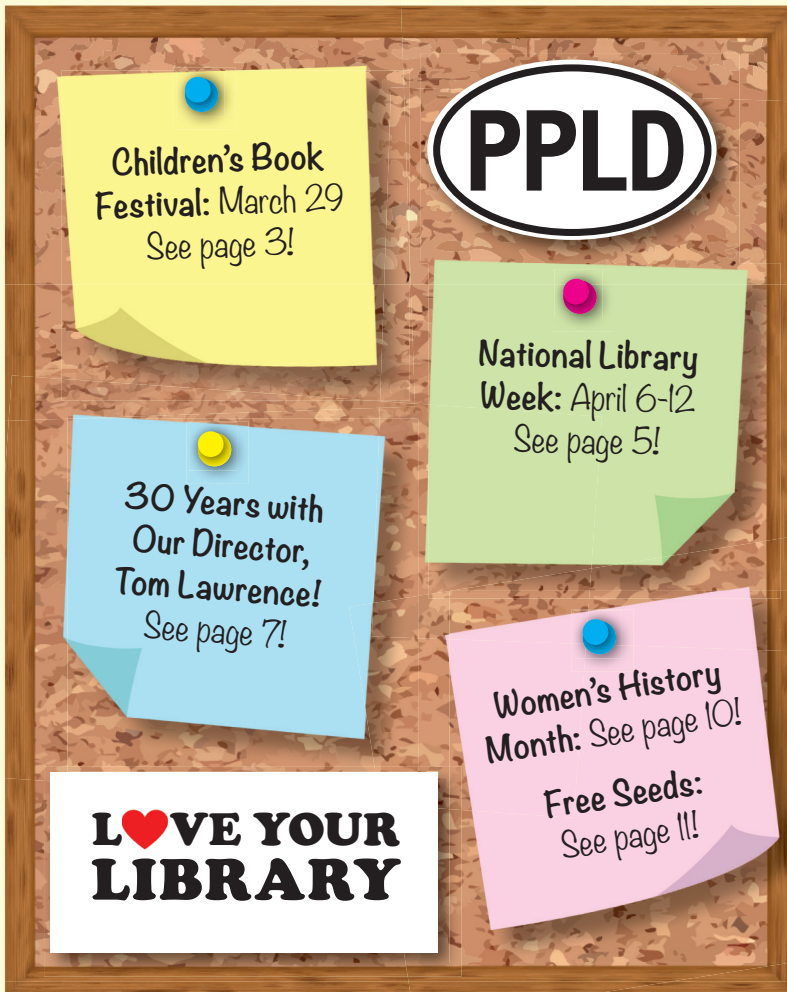


Have you spotted a great program and want to register for it? Register online! It's simple, quick, and won't have you waiting and potentially losing a seat for a popular program. By going to our online calendar, you can sign up at 10 am on registration day. PPLD often experiences higher call volume than we are able to easily accommodate, so don't wait on the phone — register online.

Browse and register for upcoming programs from our new library calendar, still accessible on poklib.org ▶ Events ▶ Calendar of Events & Programs. Visit poughkeepsie.librarycalendar.com or scan the QR code to get started.



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Friends News

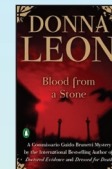
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Visit the Friends' Book Store:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423

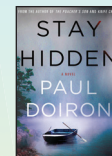
Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore



Mystery Mondays Book Club

Mondays, 11 am, BRD

March 31: *Blood from a Stone* by Donna Leon



April 28: *Stay Hidden* by Paul Doiron

Book Store Volunteers Needed

The Friends of the PPLD are seeking volunteer help in our Book Store, located at the Boardman Road Branch in Poughkeepsie. Help is needed for the positions of cashiers or counters, and we will train! Experience as a cashier is desirable, and cash handling experience is a plus.

Shifts are for two hours Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (Saturday help needed most.) The Book Store is open from 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Visit the Book Store to learn more!