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Registration
opens June 23
at 10 am!



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Registration Opens Monday, June 23!

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.



Please note that leaving a telephone message for a staff member does **not** guarantee admission to a program. Please be aware that registration may not be valid without email confirmation. Speak to a staff member if you do not receive a confirmation email.

Get yourself registered!

Self-registration is simple, quick, and won't have you waiting and potentially losing a seat for a popular program. On our online calendar, you can sign up at 10 am on registration day. We often experience 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 at poklib.org ► Events ► Calendar of Events & Programs.



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



Upcoming Closures

- Sundays in July & August (we will reopen on Sundays in September)
- Independence Day: Thursday, July 3 at 5 pm; Friday, July 4
- Labor Day: Saturday, August 30 – Monday, September 1

Photography Policy

The Library often photographs or videotapes programs for use in publicity materials. By being present during these activities, you consent to use of your appearance or likeness by the Library, and its licensees, designees, or assignees, in all media, worldwide, in perpetuity. To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent or legal guardian.

On the Cover: A family of patrons enjoys a visit to Rover. Photo: Maintenance Technician and Bookmobile Operator Joe Lenahan.

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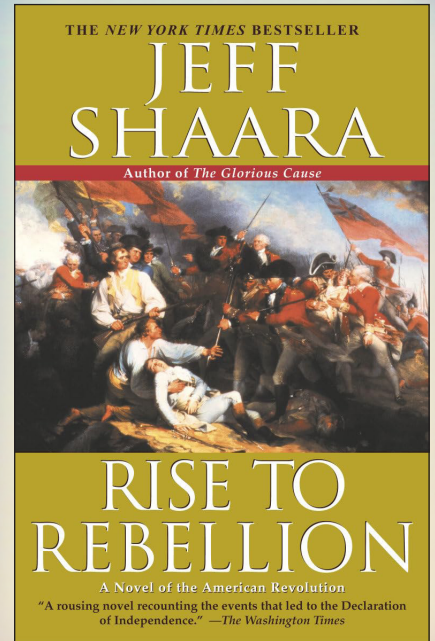
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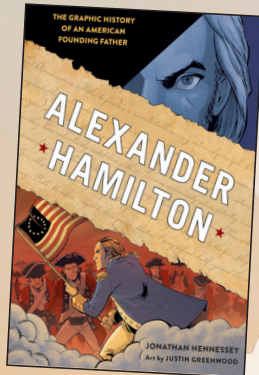
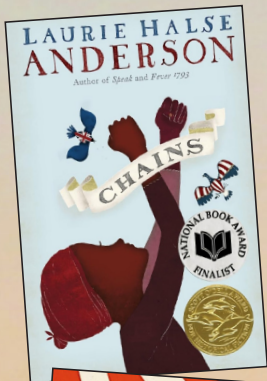
The Poughkeepsie Public Library District will have vibrant libraries where people want to be. It will meet the needs of a diverse and growing constituency by providing services and partnering with other community organizations. The Board of Trustees and the staff will work together to serve the public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

POUGHKEEPSIE BIG READ EVE OF REVOLUTION

Gathering the community
around great books.



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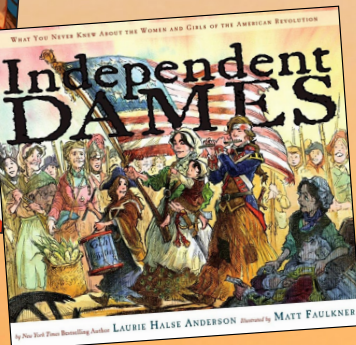
This Fall, 2025's Big Read begins a two-year commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with the events leading to and eventuating in the Revolutionary War.

Our flagship title is *Rise to Rebellion: A Novel of the American Revolution* by **Jeff Shaara**, a vivid account of the events leading up to the American Revolution from the Boston Massacre in 1770 to the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Jeff Shaara will be the keynote speaker this fall.

Local educators have had a chance to choose between several titles for their students to read: *Chains*, the compelling first novel in the Seeds of America series, the newest work, *Rebellion 1776*, or the picture book *Independent Dames* by

Laurie Halse Anderson; and *Alexander Hamilton: The Graphic History of an American Founding Father* by **Jonathan Hennessy** and **Justin Greenwood**. As part of their Big Read participation, schools may host one of the authors for a classroom visit or assembly.

Watch the space at
poklib.org/big-read
as details develop.



Free Resources!

*Open to PPLD resident cardholders only.

Arts & Entertainment Streaming

Creativebug* online instructional craft videos

Freegal* 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

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

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

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 Primeria 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

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

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

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

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



Mass Mailing Update

The Library District is updating our mass mailing lists in an effort to conserve paper and distribution costs. Starting in September, hard copies of the magazine will now be mailed primarily to addresses within the Library District and will continue to be available as supplies last at all three library locations and on Rover. A PDF copy will always be available on our website at poklib.org. If you reside in the City or Town of Poughkeepsie and believe your address has been removed in error, please contact pio@poklib.org. Thank you.

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SUMMER READING

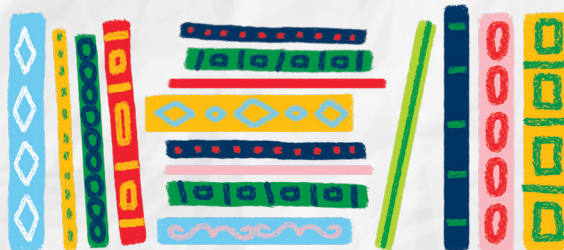
AT YOUR LIBRARY

FOR CHILDREN

Sign up at the **Kickoff Event on Saturday, June 28 at Adriance**, or from the Adriance children's desk, Rover, or the Boardman check-out desk after the Kickoff. **Open from June 28 – August 15.** To complete the reading log, fill in one bubble for every 15 minutes you read. When all the bubbles are filled in, simply bring your sheet back to the library! There, you will be entered in a drawing for awesome prizes, and also play Plinko for a small prize upon returning your log. *Rules and restrictions apply.*

FOR TEENS

Engage in reading and earn entries to win fantastic prizes from June 21 – August 30! Every 100 pages read or teen program attended will earn one entry into the prize draw, which will be held in August. Manga and graphic novels count toward reading goals. *Rules and restrictions apply.*



FOR ADULTS

Pick up a Bingo sheet at any PPLD location (ground floor and reference desks at Adriance; check-out desks at Boardman or SPD; also available on Rover) or print a copy online. **Open June 28 – August 2.** Return sheet to Adriance (ground floor only), Boardman, or SPD, or email a photo of your completed sheet to cmarriott@poklib.org by Sunday, August 2 to be entered to win a gift bundle that includes an Adams gift card valued at \$25, \$50, or \$100, and some PPLD swag! Ages 18 and up. *Rules and restrictions apply.*

Visit poklib.org/summer-reading for information on all three challenges!



Books, Writing, & More

Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 

Join our virtual graphic novel book club for adults!

Registration required.



July 10: **Soma** by Fernando Llor

Maya is a comic book artist in the middle of a creative crisis. In between trying to fight writer's block and doling out advice to her best friend on how to finally land a date, Maya receives an unexpected visitor...



August 7: **The One Hundred Nights of Hero** by Isabel Greenberg

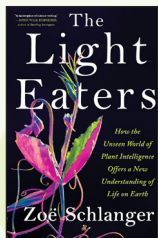
You will read of betrayal, loyalty, madness, bad husbands, lovers both faithful and unfaithful, wise old crones, moons who come out of the sky, musical instruments that won't stay quiet, friends

and brothers and fathers and mothers and, above all, many, many sisters.

Books & Brews Book Club

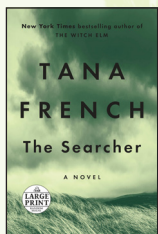
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub
(796 Main Street)

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



July 16: **The Light Eaters** by Zoe Schlanger

It takes tremendous biological creativity to be a plant. This groundbreaking work of popular science probes the hidden world of the plant kingdom and reveals the astonishing capabilities of the green life all around us.



August 20: **The Searcher** by Tana French

Retired Chicago detective Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape. But when a local kid whose brother has gone missing arm-twists him into investigating, Cal uncovers layers of darkness beneath

his picturesque retreat, and starts to realize that even small towns shelter dangerous secrets.

How to Write a Monologue and Perform It!

Tuesdays, July 15, 22, 29, 6:30 pm, ADR

Everyone has a story! Experience yours transformed into a monologue to perform. A fun, supportive environment if you have ever wanted to write, act, or do both! Build confidence, master public speaking, develop stage presence, utilize your voice effectively, learn to speak with presence, and improve your imaginative and presentation skills. Please bring your own pen and paper. You are registering for and committing to all three sessions. **Registration required.**

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, July 19, August 16, 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 poets followed by open mic. **No registration required.**

July 17: **Raphael Kosek** August 21: **Kateri Kosek**

Poetry Writing Workshop: The Art of Ekphrasis

Saturdays, July 26, August 16, 2 pm,
Frances Lehman Loeb Arts Center, Vassar College

Come explore the treasures of the Lehman Loeb Art Center and write poems about the art in your midst. We will spend about two hours writing and then gather to read our poems in front of the pieces of art we selected. The Loeb is also home to a beautiful sculpture garden outside. Please bring a journal and your favorite writing implement. You may attend both sessions. Although the lesson will be the same, the experience will be different. **Registration required.**

Writing & Illustrating Children's eBooks

Saturday, August 23, 10 am - 3 pm, ADR

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

Wellness & Environment



Raj Yoga Book Club

Thursdays, July 3, August 7, 10 am, ADR

We will meet on July 3 and August 7 and will be spending time discussing the book *Quest for Well-Being: Using Your 8 Powers* by Anthony Strano. The facilitator is Champa Patel and she will close the session with a meditation. *If interested, please call Debora Shon at (845) 485-3445 x3313.*

Free Tai Chi New session added!

Fridays, 9:15-10:15 am, 10:30-11:30 am, or 1 pm, BRD

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.*

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

Tuesdays, July 8, August 12, 6-8 pm, BRD

Come and spend an evening every 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.*

Indoor Plant Swap

Wednesday, July 16, 6:30-7:30 pm, ADR

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

Grounded in Nature: A Summer Earthing Meditation

Wednesdays, July 23, August 27, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Reconnect with the Earth in this grounding meditation workshop focused on aligning your energy with the natural world. Rooted in the energy of the summer season, we'll explore the foundational connection of the root chakra, the energy center tied to stability, security, and grounding. The workshop will include teaching the technique called earthing, leaving you with practical tools to maintain a balanced, secure foundation. We'll conclude with a calming guided meditation, light Reiki touch, and soothing sound immersion, helping you feel centered and deeply grounded. Bring your own mat or blanket. *Registration required. Please register for only one session.*

Defensive Driving

Saturday, August 2, 9:30 am, BRD

Completing the course may provide a 10% discount on your auto insurance as well as the elimination of up to four points from your NYS license. Cost: \$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.*

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Monday, August 11, 5:30-7 pm, ADR

This free, 1.5-hour training is led by a certified NYS Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) opioid overdose training specialist. This training will cover key topics such as stigma around substance use, the NYS 911 Good Samaritan laws, overdose risk factors, how to recognize and respond to an overdose, how to properly administer naloxone, and how to report its use. *Registration required.*

Training Objectives:

- Increase awareness of the impact of fatal opioid overdoses in the community
- Identify overdose risk factors
- Recognize signs of a suspected overdose
- Learn the five essential steps for first responders, based on the SAMHSA Opioid
- Overdose Prevention Toolkit
- Gain the skills to correctly administer naloxone and help save lives

History & Current Events

Walking Tours *with* Historian Shannon Butler

Outdoor events with lots of walking, so dress accordingly, with appropriate footwear. **Registration required per tour.**

Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery *Wednesdays, July 2, August 13, 3 pm, 342 South Avenue*

We'll visit with some of the most fascinating characters in local history and discuss the creation of the cemetery itself. This program is presented in partnership with the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.



Photo: William Dickinson

Historic Academy Street *Saturday, July 26, 11 am, 20 Carroll Street*

Meet the group at Christ Church near the bell tower, to stroll to Academy Street. Admire and learn about the various houses and the interesting characters who once owned them.

Dwight Street – Hooker Avenue Historic District *Saturday, August 23, 11 am, Bartlett Park*

Tour 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.

Presidential Papers and the National Archives

Tuesday, August 5, 7 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Take a look into the more than 17 million pages of primary source material maintained at the Roosevelt Presidential Library (the nation's first presidential library). Education Specialist Jeffrey Urbin will provide a brief history of the Presidential Library System in general, and the FDR Library specifically, shedding light on the lives of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, the Great Depression, and World War II. Special emphasis will be paid to the use of primary sources as learning tools, both in the classroom and in everyday settings. **Registration required.**

Film Screening: 1776

Tuesday, August 19, 6 pm, BRD

1776 (1972, PG) is “a musical retelling of the American Revolution’s political struggle in the Continental Congress to declare independence.” Light refreshments will be provided. Presented by a partnership between the Poughkeepsie Public Library District and the Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Preservation Commission. **Registration required.**

An Evening of Colonial Foodways: Lecture & Tasting

Wednesday, July 16, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (14 Abe's Way)

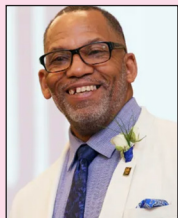
Step back in time for an evening exploring the culinary traditions of colonial America and the early United States. Food historian Dr. Beth Forrest and Chef-Professor Bobby Perillo, along with students from the Culinary Institute of America, will present an evening of lecture and tastings centered on colonial and early American foodways featuring local ingredients. Learn how Indigenous, African, and European influences shaped the meals in the Hudson Valley and beyond, and discover how food reflected broader themes of environment, heritage, and identity in the colonies and the emerging republic. Following the lecture, enjoy a curated tasting of dishes prepared from historic recipes. Savor flavors both familiar and unexpected, where each bite offers a deeper understanding of the past. Presented by a partnership between the Poughkeepsie Public Library District and the Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Preservation Commission. **Registration required.**



BIG READ 2025: EVE OF REVOLUTION — see page 3 for details!

Celebrate Frederick Douglass!

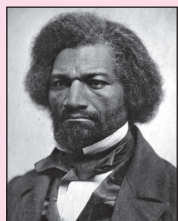
Legendary abolitionist and social reformer Frederick Douglass visited Poughkeepsie in 1858. PPLD presents these programs to commemorate the event in partnership with Celebrating the African Spirit.



A Meeting with Kevin Douglass Greene

*Friday, August 1, 7-9 pm,
Lateef Islam Auditorium (FPC)
29 N. Hamilton Street*

A senior advisor with the Frederick Douglass Family Initiative, Kevin Douglass Greene will talk about the substantial influence of his great-great-grandfather, and engage the audience in conversation and Q&A. **Registration required.**



A Celebration and Remembrance of Frederick Douglass

*Saturday, August 2, 12-3 pm,
College Hill Park
(149 North Clinton Street)*

Honoring Douglass' legacy and the 1858 speech in Poughkeepsie, music by Souls United, dance, food, and presentations by students from Celebrating the African Spirit's Hidden History Summer Program. **No registration required.**

Open House at the Local History Room

Tuesday, August, 19, 6 pm, ADR

Come into the Local History Room and view some of our interesting archives and objects in person. Chat with the historian and Local History librarians about all things Poughkeepsie! **No registration required.**

Poughkeepsieans: Artists, Eccentrics, and Weirdos!

Wednesday, August, 27, 6 pm, BRD

Poughkeepsie has had some interesting characters over the years, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Join Historian Shannon Butler and Librarian Bill Kleppel as they tell the stories of the odd, the strange, the creative, and all the amazing people of Poughkeepsie's unique past. **Registration required.**

Bard College Air Quality Network

The Library District is proud to partner with the Center for the Environmental Sciences and Humanities at Bard College (CESH) in the installation of an Air Quality Station on the roof of the Adriance Memorial Library.



Photo: Yvonne Laube

The Air Quality Station provides CESH with real-time data, and in the future, CESH will be able to provide this data to the public in real-time. The station is equipped with sensors from PurpleAir and QuantAQ which measure particulate matter concentrations in the air. The rooftop weather station also collects black carbon measurements, weather data on rainfall, barometric pressure, temperature, wind direction, wind speed, and solar radiation.

This is extremely important because the weather and air quality that most people rely on comes from monitoring sites, which may be far from where users people live. And so, it cannot be accurately used to help make decisions about air quality, and can result in misleading data that can be harmful to public health.

Since 2020, Bard College Community Sciences Lab (CSL) has worked to establish an outdoor air quality monitoring network with dozens of monitors across the Hudson Valley to capture data on a hyperlocal neighborhood level.

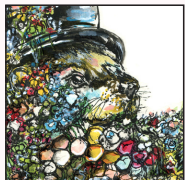
The CSL's work is conducted with the idea that academic institutions can be powerful community partners in developing climate resilience locally. Bard's CSL collaborates with communities by providing them the data they need to move develop and implement unified community responses to pollutants that pose public health concerns. Learn more: cesh.bard.edu/csl/purple-air-library-network



Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE



John Breiner

July 1-August 29

Artist Talk:

July 10, *see right*

GROUND FLOOR CASES, ADRIANCE



James Wojciechowski

June 2 – July 29



O'Neill Collection of East Asian Art

August 4 – September 10

BOARDMAN ART WALL



Suzanne Bonser

Through July 29



Jake Geffner: *Quiet Horizons*

August 1 - October 8

INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?

Artists, artisans, and collectors, please 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.

Disc Golf

*Saturdays, July 5, August 2, 10 am – 12 pm,
Hackett Hill Park (79 E. Market Street, Hyde Park)*

Find new friends and enjoy the outdoor activity of disc golf in a casual, encouraging setting. Bring your own discs, or there will be a few to lend. Bring your own water/ snacks and wear proper clothing/ footwear. **All players are required to have a signed waiver on file before they are able to join. Registration required.**

Open Mic

Wednesdays, July 9, August 13, 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.**

Strategy Board Game Night

Thursdays, July 10, August 14, 5–7:30 pm, BRD

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

Author / Artist Talk with John Breiner

Thursday, July 10, 6:30 pm, ADR

John will speak about his book, *Power Kingdom: a History of Poughkeepsie's Graffiti*, and the archiving process he has been doing since he was a teenager. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after the artist/author talk. **Registration required.**

Color My World with Artist John Breiner

Saturday, July 12, 2–4 pm, BRD, Outside by the birches

This is a drop-in art session where people of all ages can watch and/or help John work on one of his murals. Supplies will be provided for people to create their own artwork to bring home with them. Rain date: July 19. **No registration required.**

Preserving Resources: Pickling in Practice

Monday, July 14, 6:30–8 pm, ADR

Curious about food preservation, in particular pickling? Join Rebecca Echevarria, a local artist and food preserver, for a presentation on a community digital resource focused on food preservation, diverse cultural practices of pickling, and three popular pickling methods, including fermenting, quick-pickling, and canning. A pickling demonstration and pickle recipe cards will also be provided. **Registration required.**

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wednesdays, July 16, August 20, 10 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.**

With a Song in My Heart: A History of Singing in the Movies

Thursday, July 17, 7-8 pm, Virtual 📺

From the moment movies learned to talk, they learned to sing. Audiences back in 1927 were electrified when they heard Al Jolson belting out the top tunes of the day in *The Jazz Singer*, and through movie history some of our greatest vocalists have been star attractions in Hollywood musicals. The film industry did its best to showcase these performers with a variety of creative techniques, from elaborate production numbers to imaginative camerawork, all designed to enhance the emotional power of seeing and hearing singers like Judy Garland, Bing Crosby, Lena Horne, and Frank Sinatra come alive on the big screen. This talk will look at the varying ways Hollywood captured its star vocalists through the decades, and provided audiences then and now with an invaluable record of indelible performances. Presenter Brian Rose is a professor emeritus at Fordham University. **Registration required.**

Paper Crafting

Thursdays, July 24, August 28, 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.**

Skills of a Ba-Roasta: How to Roast Coffee

Tuesday, July 29, 6-7:30 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 second-generation coffee roaster and coffee shop owner. **Registration required.**

Staff Spotlight: Gail Murphy

**In 2025, PPLD celebrates
40 years with our longest
serving member of staff!**

**How do you describe your
job in your own words?**

I shelve. I reshelve books and DVDs, magazines, as they come in and try to keep the shelves in order.

What is your favorite thing about your job?

Shelving. And I love to pull holds — **I love being able to find things for people.**

**Thank you to Gail for 40 years of
service! With much appreciation
from your friends, coworkers, and
community at PPLD.**

Stained Glass: Method & History

Wednesday, August 6, 6-8 pm, BRD

This lecture will describe the way stained-glass is made: the creation of the colors and technique of assembling the pieces of glass into a window. There will follow an overview of the styles and subjects of stained-glass from the earliest time to the present day. Presented by David O. Roberts, local lecturer at Vassar College LLI and Marist College CLS. **Registration required.**

Tina's Adult Tea Party

Tuesday, August 12, 12-2 pm, ADR

Come and have some fun at Tina's Adult Tea Party. Enjoy some tea, snacks, games, and prizes. Bring your favorite teacup or mug. Let's have a teatastic time! **Registration required.**



Win an Adams gift card and some PPLD swag!

Our third annual Adult Summer Reading Bingo Challenge is open to ages 18 and up. *Details on page 5.*

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.*

Grocery Store Visits

Thursdays, 10 am – 12 pm

Stop & Shop at 44 Plaza

July 3, August 7 (59 Burnett Boulevard)

Stop & Shop at Post Road Plaza

July 10, August 14 (2540 South Road)

ShopRite of North Poughkeepsie

July 17, August 21 (Route 9 and Winslow Gate Road)

Adams Fairacre Farms

July 24, August 28 (765 Dutchess Turnpike)

Senior Center Visits

Tuesdays, 10:30 am – 12 pm

Office for the Aging (OFA) *Bilingual services onsite!*

July 1, August 5 (114 Delafield Street)

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

July 8, August 12 (14 Abe's Way)

Community Visit

Eastdale Village

Second Fridays, July 11, August 8, 6–8 pm

Observing Pollinators: Citizen Science Kit

Library users can now make a meaningful contribution to community awareness of pollinator activity and drought-resistant plant life. PPLD has received a Citizen Science Kit generously provided by a grant awarded from The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 7. The kit became available to borrow in May from our Library of Things.

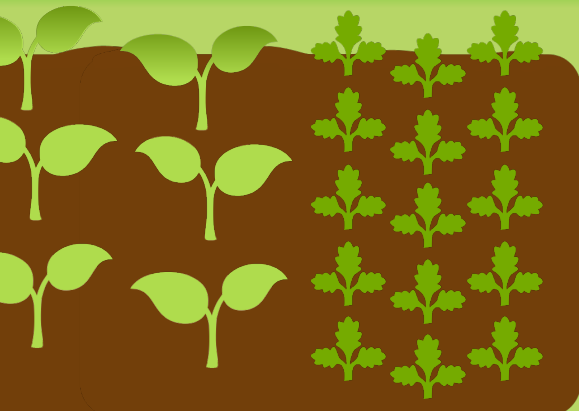
Citizen Science projects are an innovative way to connect individuals and communities to projects that could benefit from robust data collection. Through community science, people can be engaged in programs that can directly improve their community's health outcomes. Citizen science efforts allow communities to engage with science as well as contribute to a broad project that looks at environmental health factors in their community.

The Observing Pollinators kit includes:

- Binoculars (with instructions and supplies)
- Smartphone 7-in-lens kit (with instructions and supplies)
- Data sheets
- Stopwatch (with instruction manual)
- Local bee identification guide
- [NY & MA] Local tree and wildflower guide
- Field journal to share tips and questions for the next kit user
- 1 Dry-erase marker
- 1 small clipboard



Win an Adams gift card and some PPLD swag! See page 5.



Connecting

Drop In! *(Closed July 4, August 30.)*

Board Games

Mondays, July 7 – August 25, 1-4 pm, BRD

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

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, July 7 – August 11, 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, July 11, August 1, 8, 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, July 8, August 12, 1-3 pm, BRD

Ukulele Strumalong

Tuesdays, July 22, August 26, 6-8 pm, BRD

Come Play Modern American Canasta

Fridays, July 11 – August 29, 1-4 pm, BRD

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

MAP Passes are back!

After a long hiatus, we are excited to announce that our Museum, Attractions, and Parks (MAP) Passes are now available to borrow.



Visit over 40 destinations for free (or with reduced admission), including Storm King, the Guggenheim, the Eric Carle Museum, and now the New York Stage and Film performances at Marist College! The majority of passes are printable from home!



Visit poklib.org/map-pass or scan the QR code for more information or to view our list of available MAP Passes!

Take the MHLS Road Trip!

There are 66 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System across 70 locations in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, and Ulster Counties. From **June 6 to October 18**, visit as many MHLS member locations as you can to learn what makes each one unique and earn souvenirs* along the way for each visit milestone reached:

- Visit 10 locations to earn a sticker
 - Visit all member libraries in a single county to earn a special edition magnet
 - Visit 35 locations to earn a tote bag
 - Visit all 70 locations to earn a special edition library card
- Visit midhudson.org/roadtrip for more information.

*Pick up a Road Trip map from your local library, then get your map stamped at each location you visit. The MHLS Road Trip is open to everyone. *Souvenirs will be available while supplies last.*



Brain Games for Seniors

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

Office for the Aging Friendship Center

Thursdays, July 10, August 14, 12:30-2pm (114 Delafield Street)

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

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

Tuesdays, July 22, August 19, 10:30am - 12pm, (14 Abe's Way)

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



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 July 4, August 30, September 1, Sundays in July and August.**

Technology

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips B

Monday, July 7, 1 pm

Learn about the different types of personal computers and understand the different specifications to help you be an educated shopper. Note: we will not cover Apple computers.

Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.

Medicare 101 / Navigating the Medicare Site B

Tuesday, July 8, 9:30 am, ADR

Friday, August 15, 3 pm, 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. 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.

Introduction to 3D Printing Services I

Friday, July 11, 2 pm

Introduction to 3D Printing and how you can submit projects to our 3D Printing Service. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Tinkercad 3D Printing Workshop I

Friday, July 18, 2 pm

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: Introduction to 3D printing services.*

Online Security & Common Scams B

Monday, July 14, 1 pm

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

Windows 10 B

Monday, July 21, 1 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. *Prereq: basic computer skills.*

Windows 11 B

Friday, August 8, 2 pm

Learn how to navigate the Windows 11 operating system, perform basic work-related tasks, and personalize certain Windows 11 features to meet your needs. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Using a Smartphone B

Friday, July 25, 2 pm

This introductory two-hour class covers basic smartphone navigation features and functions of both Androids and iPhones. Whether you are considering a purchase, just got a new phone, or have had one for years, come to this class to learn how to get the most out of your smartphone.

Internet 101 B

Monday, July 28, 1 pm

Grasp the basics of internet surfing, such as opening Google Chrome, using the minimize, restore, and close buttons, resizing windows, using the address bar, and learning how to search with Google. We will also go over how you can be safe online so you can enjoy being on the internet. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Internet 102 B

Monday, August 4, 1 pm

Learn more about the Internet...What exactly is the World Wide Web? What do those different domain names (.com, .net, .org) mean? What is the difference between http and https? Also, discover great sites for practicing your new skills! *Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.*

New! Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1: The Blockchain A

Wednesday, August 20, 6:15 pm

We will discuss what the Blockchain is and how it works. Concepts such as keys, wallets, consensus, and hashing will be explained in preparation for the second class where we talk about cryptocurrency. Note: No financial advice will be given. *Prerequisite: Intermediate computer skills.*

New! Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 2: Cryptocurrency A

Wednesday, August 27, 6:15 pm

After learning about the Blockchain we will apply our knowledge to the most popular cryptocurrencies: Bitcoin and Ethereum. Additionally, we will cover Smart Contracts and Decentralized Apps. Note: No financial advice will be given. *Prerequisite: Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1: The Blockchain.*

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, Adriance Ground Floor

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

Basics

PC Basics

Tuesday, July 29, 1:30 pm

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

Mouse & Keyboard

Tuesday, August 19, 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

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

Recommended Experience

 **Beginner**  **Intermediate**

 **Advanced**  **Expert**

Testimonials

"The teacher made everything easy to understand and worked well with everyone." (*Windows 10*)

"Perfect pace, welcomed questions, great class, thank you" (*Basic Email*)

"Very good class. Teacher explained the material very well." (*Excel Functions*)



MICROSOFT OFFICE COURSES

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prerequisites apply.



Microsoft Excel: Spreadsheets

Excel 101

Monday, July 21, 3 pm

Wednesday, July 23, 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

Monday, July 28, 3 pm

Wednesday, July 30, 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

Monday, August 4, 3 pm

Wednesday, August 6, 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

Monday, August 11, 3 pm

Wednesday, August 13, 6:15 pm

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

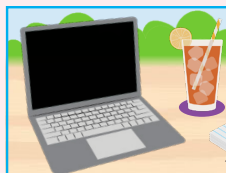


Microsoft PowerPoint: Presentations

PowerPoint 101

Monday, August 25, 3 pm

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



Programas en español

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

Clases de tejido en crochet

*Jueves, del 10 de julio al 14 de agosto,
5:30–8 pm, ADR*

Aprende a tejer haciendo dos proyectos: Tapete de baño y manteles individuales. Proporcionamos el estambre o lana, pero debes traer ganchos del 7mm y 8mm. Bienvenidos de 10 años en adelante. **No requiere inscripción.**

El Club de tejido con café

*Viernes, 11 y 25 de julio, y 8 de agosto,
6–8:30 pm, Panera Bread
(712 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie)*

Socializa y elabora la manualidad que te guste: tejido, bordado o costura. Ven, haz nuevas amigas, y tómate un rico café. **No requiere inscripción.**

Tejiendo con telar de cartón

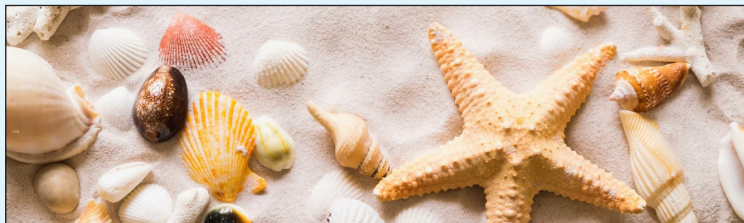
Sábado, 12 y 26 de julio, 2–4 pm, ADR

Aprende a hacer lindos portavasos con estambre o lana usando un pedazo con cartón como telar. Programa ideal para mamá e hija. **No requiere inscripción.**

Aguas frescas mexicanas

Sábado, 12 de julio, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, ADR

Refréscate con unas riquísimas preparaciones de agua combinadas con frutas de la temporada. **Requiere inscripción.**



PLAZA COMUNITARIA POUGHKEEPSIE

Es un programa de educación básica en español para adultos. Ofrecemos clases de: Alfabetización (aprender a leer y escribir), Primaria y Secundaria.

Los estudiantes que terminan la primaria y secundaria recibirán el certificado de estudios de la Secretaría de Educación Pública del Gobierno de México, el cual es válido el país de origen del educando, así como en los Estados Unidos.

¡También te ofrecemos clases de computación gratis! Las clases son los martes y jueves de 6 – 8 pm. Contacta Elva Margarita para más información.

Información e inscripciones

Clases de alfabetización, primaria y secundaria para adultos para personas hispanohablantes de 18 años en adelante de cualquier lugar de origen.

Clases y materiales gratuitos. Al concluir los niveles de primaria y secundaria, el estudiante recibe un certificado válido en su país de origen. Las inscripciones están abiertas durante los meses de julio y agosto. Visita la biblioteca e infórmate. Deberás presentar acta de nacimiento e identificación con fotografía.



Para niños

No requiere inscripción.

Para información, contacta x3320.

Almuerzos gratuitos de verano para niños de 2 a 18 años

*Entre semana, 26 de junio al 15 de agosto,
11:45 am – 12:45 pm, ADR*

Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe

*Jueves, 10 y 24 de julio, 7 de agosto,
1:30–2:30 pm, ADR*



¡Gana una tarjeta de regalo de Adams y algunos obsequios de PPLD!

Recoja una hoja de bingo en Adriance, Boardman, SPD o Rover. Devuélvalo antes del 2 de agosto para participar y ganar una tarjeta de regalo de Adams y algunos obsequios de PPLD. Se invita a los usuarios mayores de 18 años a participar en este juego. Se aplican otras reglas; consulta el reverso de tu hoja de bingo para obtener todos los detalles. Visite poklib.org/summer-reading o contacta cmarriott@poklib.org para más información.



Rostros de perseverancia: La Plaza

Una educadora voluntaria

Estudié la licenciatura en Educación Primaria. Como parte de mi trabajo voluntario, trabajo en la plaza comunitaria y, también, formo adultos en la fe católica dentro del programa RICA. Me di cuenta de que había gente que no sabía leer la Biblia porque no había ido a la escuela.

Me invitaron a participar en el proyecto Plaza Comunitaria. Es una oportunidad para ayudar a la comunidad y poner en práctica mi profesión con adultos. Me hace feliz trabajar como voluntaria. Las personas con pocas o nulos estudios necesitan ayuda. Por eso les dedico un poco de mi tiempo.

Sé que algunos alumnos tienen dificultades para aprender ciertos conceptos, pero busco formas de que los entiendan. Utilizo técnicas de aprendizaje para adultos porque mi objetivo es que todos aprendan.

Trabajar y estudiar es difícil, pero el esfuerzo de estudiar merece la pena. Me encanta ver el entusiasmo de los alumnos por aprender y me emociono cuando veo que van avanzando. Yo también he aprendido mucho de ellos. Sus experiencias me han enseñado mucho.

Aprovechemos la Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie que temenos tan cerca. Y, en nombre de todos los que trabajamos como voluntarios en este proyecto, animamos a la gente que tienen su educación básica a que venga; que no tenga vergüenza. El conocimiento está al alcance de todos. Solo tienen que decidirse.

Una escritoria empoderada

Mis padres viajaban por trabajo. Estuve en muchas escuelas, pero nunca terminé un año. Tenía 11 años cuando nos establecimos. Me inscribieron en la primaria, pero solo llegué a segundo grado porque me resultaba duro estudiar con niños pequeños. Mis padres me sacaron de la escuela. Estudié sola con libros que mi tía me regaló. Me casaron a los 16 años. Tengo cinco hijos por los que lucho cada día.

Encontré un trabajo que me ofreció la oportunidad de crecer. Empecé desde abajo y, con mucho esfuerzo, conseguí ser la administradora de la tienda; solo tenía que hacer el GED y presentar los exámenes para el puesto. Ingresé a BOCES para estudiar inglés y el GED. Fue muy difícil. No pude avanzar por falta de educación básica. Dejé pasar un buen trabajo con un buen salario. Las oportunidades se van si no estudias.

En el trabajo, supe de un programa de educación para adultos en la biblioteca. Me inscribí y estoy estudiando primaria. Me gusta el módulo de Lengua y Comunicación. Me encanta escribir. Espero algún día escribir el libro de mi vida.

Una estudiante decidida

Estoy casada y tengo dos hijos. Los he criado para que sean buenos ciudadanos y se sientan orgullosos de sus orígenes.

Mi padre murió cuando yo era pequeña. Mi madre, que no sabía leer ni escribir, interna para que estudiara, pero al año me sacó porque se había casado de nuevo y necesitaba ayuda. A los once años, empecé a trabajar como empleada doméstica, y mi salario era a mi familia.

A los 20 años, ingresé a un programa llamado Jornada Sabatina. Sentía vergüenza porque pensé que era la única adulta sin estudios, pero el primer día de clase ese lugar estaba lleno. Dejé los estudios al quedar embarazada.

Traté de estudiar inglés, pero fue difícil. Intenté estudiar el GED, y no pude. No tenía las bases. Llegué a la biblioteca, y la he tomado como mi escuela. He aprendido y conocido gente, lugares, y hasta conseguí mi trabajo.

Empecé en alfabetización porque fue lo primero que se ofreció. Ahora estoy en primaria, y ha sido maravilloso. No es fácil, pues después de un día de trabajo, cansada y con hambre, solo quiero ir a casa, pero me obligo a aprender más. Mis maestras son pacientes, y mis compañeras me hacen sentir cómoda. Quiero acabar la educación básica y el GED. No he tenido una vida fácil, pero siempre veo lo bueno de ella.

Una abuela cumpliendo sus sueños

Soy madre y abuela, y quiero contarte mi historia. Estudié hasta segundo de primaria. Mi mamá decía que en la vida hay que ser limpio, trabajador y honrado. Estas tres cosas eran suficientes.

Cursé primer grado, pero en segundo grado mi madre me dijo: «De la escuela no se come». Empecé a trabajar haciendo recados y limpieza con una familia cercana. Tuve ocho hermanos y todos llegamos al segundo grado.

Aprendí a leer y escribir un poco, pero no ha sido suficiente porque la gente se aprovecha de uno cuando no sabes suficiente. Siempre he sentido frustración por no haber terminado mis estudios.

En la biblioteca acudo a buscar ayuda; y me sorprendió saber sobre las clases de educación básica para adultos. Pensé “esta es mi oportunidad”. Me inscribí en la Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie y estoy feliz. Me gustan las matemáticas. Mis maestras son muy pacientes. A mi edad, memorizar cuesta un poco más, pero no me rindo. No importa la edad que tengo, es mi momento de aprender.

Teen

Drop-In Days

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am – 5 pm; Tuesdays, 12:30 – 8:30 pm; July 1 - August 30.

We have different projects lined up each week, so there's always something new to try! On Tuesdays, we're open a little later for you to stop by from 12:30-8 pm. Each day of the week brings a fun new theme. We can't wait to see you there!



Mondays: Art

June 30: Stained Glass Mirrors

July 7: Diamond Painting

July 14: Nail Art with Thread

July 21: Paint Spinner Sprints

July 28: Cardboard Face Sculpture

August 4: Air-Dry Clay Sculpture

August 11: Watercolor Painting

August 18: Yarn Mandalas

August 25: Mosaic Coasters



Tuesdays: Craft

July 1: Friendship Bracelets

July 8: Beaded Candle Holder

July 15: Felt Pennant/Garland/Wreath

July 22: Keychains with Charms

July 29: Loom Weaving

August 5: Perler Bead Coasters

August 12: Flower Lamps

August 19: Basket Making

August 26: Mobiles



Wednesdays: Wellness

July 2: DIY Meditation Stones

July 9: Terrarium Building

July 16: DIY Plant Pots

July 23: Scented Candle Making with Plants

July 30: Soap Making

August 6: Vision Boards

August 13: Mindful Coloring

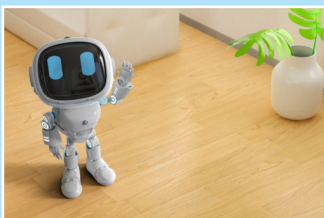
August 20: Seaglass Windchime

August 27: Bath Salts



Thursdays: Games & LEGO

Video games, LEGO sets, and board games will be available all day to use.



Fridays: Techcentric

July 11: 3D Printing

July 18: DIY Robots

July 25: Bottle Lamp

August 1: DIY Night Light

August 8: Hydroponic Garden

August 15: DIY Book Lamp

August 22: 3D Printing

August 29: DIY Robots

All-Ages Chess Club

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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 Chess Club

Tuesdays, July 8 – August 12, 6–8 pm, ADR

Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us biweekly for meetings-the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. Recommended for ages 12-18. ***No registration required.***

Young Adventurers' Guild: D&D Club

Saturdays, July 12 – August 9, 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 ages 12-18. ***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 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.

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SUMMER READING AT YOUR LIBRARY

FOR TEENS

Engage in reading and earn entries to win fantastic prizes from June 21 – August 30! Every 100

pages read or teen programs attended will earn one entry into the prize draw, which will be held in August. Manga and graphic novels count toward reading goals.

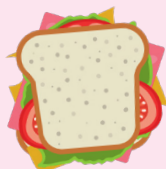
Rules and restrictions apply.



You could win an Apple iPad 11 with keyboard case, AirPods 4, or a \$10 gift card to a local business, including Tea Talk, the Crafted Kup, Chakra Bowls, and Amanda's Macaron Shoppe.



poklib.org/summer-reading



Summer Lunch Program

Weekdays, June 26 – August 15, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, ADR

In partnership with the Poughkeepsie City Schools, PPLD offers a **free** weekday lunch to ages 2-18. Lunch is served in the Cavallaro Room on the Children's Floor at Adriaance. ***No registration required.***

Early Childhood



PPLD supports early literacy through high-quality programs and resources. We'll help you find the answers you need as you raise the next generation of citizens. For these programs, children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. *Registration is not required, except where noted.* **Closed July 4, August 30, September 1.**

At Adriance

PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

Mondays, July 7 – August 11, 10-11:15 am

Tuesdays, July 8 – August 12, 10-11:15 am

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

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, July 8 – August 12, 10-11 am

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

Baby and Me

Wednesdays, July 9 – August 13, 10-11 am

Join us weekly for Baby and Me! We will explore the joys of songs, rhymes and movement you can practice at home to keep building early literacy and motor skills. Come early or stay late to play and socialize with other babies and caregivers! For children who are pre-walkers or crawlers. Siblings are welcome. For 0-24 months.

Music & Movement

Thursdays, July 10 – August 14, 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, July 11 – August 8, 10-11 am

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

Bilingual Family Story Time

Thursdays, July 10, 24, August 7, 1:30-2:30 pm

Join us for an interactive session in English and Spanish with stories, songs, and crafts! Whether you are fluent in either language or just starting to learn, this program will provide a fun and educational cultural exchange. For families with children aged 1-5 years old. *No registration required.*

At Boardman Road

Preschool Story Time

Mondays, July 7 – August 11, 10-10:30 am

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



Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, July 7 – August 11, 11-11:45 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, July 9 – August 13, 10-10:45 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 ages 18-24 months.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, July 10 – August 14, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, July 10 – August 14, 10:45-11:30 am

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



Summer Specials for Kids

Registration is required except where noted. Closed July 4, August 30, September 1, Sundays in July and August.



Summer Lunch Program

***Mondays-Fridays, June 26 – August 15,
11:45 am – 12:45 pm, ADR***

In partnership with the Poughkeepsie City Schools, Adriance offers a free weekday lunch to children aged 2-18. Lunch is served in the Cavallaro Room on the Children's Floor at Adriance. ***No registration required.***

The Wayfinder Experience

Saturday, July 19, 11 am – 12 pm, BRD

The Wayfinder Experience is a live-action role-playing company, based in Kingston, NY. They run summer camps, events, school programs, and workshops for teens, children, and adults. The centerpiece of their programs is the Adventure Game, a transformative experience that challenges players physically, mentally, and emotionally, while immersing them in an exciting world of fantasy. Adding foam swordplay to the schoolyard classic, Wayfinder's version of Capture the Flag is much more active, dynamic, and team-oriented than its tag-based counterpart.

The Nutty Scientists

Tuesday, July 29, 11 am – 12 pm, MHLS Auditorium

Help our Nutty Scientist who is lost on a deserted island! Kids will learn about chemical reactions, changes in matter, Newton's laws of motion, electricity and much more thanks to their participation in incredible experiments and amazing stories!

Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics

Tuesday, August 12, 1-2 pm, Lateef Islam Auditorium

Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics is a solo acrobatic performance. Li Liu performs hand balancing, plate spinning, ribbon dancing, diabolos, and foot juggling. A limited number of volunteers get to join her on stage to create an impromptu ribbon dance, and also to try their hand at plate spinning. Educational connections are made with the Chinese language and culture. Li explains some of the rituals of Chinese New Year, teaches the audience some basic Chinese phrases, and encourages them to think about what it might have been like to grow up in a different time and place.



Series at Adriance

Stories in the Story Nook

Mondays, July 7 – August 11, 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, July 8 – August 12, 6-8 pm

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

Crafty Thursdays

Thursdays, July 10 – August 7, 2-3 pm

Drop in each week to create fun crafts and projects! While supplies last. Dress for a mess. Recommended for ages 4-11. ***No registration required.***

Children

At Adriance

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Relax & Read Book Club

*Saturdays, July 5, August 9,
1:30–3:30 pm*

Unwind in the air conditioning with a good book! Bring your own book or choose one while you're here and read in the company of others. Recommended for ages 3–11. *No registration required.*

Unicorns, Fairies & Dragons, Oh My!

Wednesday, July 9, 5–6 pm

Polish your unicorn horn, wear your fairy or dragon wings, and get your dragon fire-breathing skills ready as we celebrate these notoriously popular mythical creatures with some storytelling, games, and magical crafts! Recommended for ages 5–10 years old.

Color Your World: Tie-Dye!

Saturday, July 19, 9:30–11 am

Looking for something easy but colorful and fun to do for you and your child this summer? Come in with your family and recycle your favorite pieces of clothing at our tie-dye event! Need a shirt or bandana to tie-dye? We've got you covered. Families with children encouraged to attend. Recommended for all ages.

Tranquil Lotus for Kids & Parents

Monday, August 4, 5–6 pm

Unwind, refresh, and restore your inner peace with some yoga movements for kids and families! Come in comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Bring your own yoga mat or borrow one of ours as we work together to bring balance to our minds, bodies, and spirits. Recommended for ages 4–10.

Life-Size Battleship

Wednesday, August 6, 3–4 pm

Get ready to step into the game like never before! In this action-packed program, kids become the ships in a giant, life-size version of Battleship! Will your fleet sail to victory or go down with a splash? Recommended for ages 6–11.

Paint & Play for Littles

Tuesday, August 12, 2–3 pm

Explore color and paint with your little one! Dress for a mess. Recommended for ages 3 and younger.

End of Summer Reading Celebration

Friday, August 15, 2–3 pm

Join us to celebrate the end of Summer Reading! *No registration required.*

At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

LEGO and More: Brick Building

Tuesdays, July 15, 29, August 5, 4–5:30 pm

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

Under the Sea: Octopus!

Thursday, July 17, 4–5 pm

Let's make a splash and create an under-the-sea octopus project. Recommended for ages 5–11.

Minute to Win It: Summer Edition

Wednesday, July 23, 11 am – 12 pm

Join us for some fun as we compete in several challenging summer-themed minute-to-win-it games.

Take & Make Craft-a-Palooza!

Wednesdays, July 23, August 13, 9 am – 8:30 pm

Thursdays, July 24, August 14, 9 am – 8:30 pm

Too busy to come to our library programs? Come pick up a fun take & make craft to bring home. For ages 4–10. While supplies last. *No registration required.*

Bird on a Branch Mini Canvas Painting

Wednesday, July 30, 4–5 pm

Try painting a bird on a branch with acrylic paint on a mini 4x4" canvas. Recommended for ages 5–11.

At SPD

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Discovery Science

Thursday, July 10, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Every 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 kids ages 1-5.

Color Our World: Wax Paper Lanterns

Saturday, July 19, 1 - 2 pm, SPD

Let's **Color Our World** together by making colorful paper lanterns that shine like stained glass! For ages 6-18.

Color Your World with Tie-Dye!

Monday, July 21, 3-4:30 pm

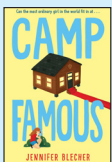
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Sharks! Scavenger Hunt

July 7 - August 29

Can you find all 10 of the sharks that are munching their way through the SPD? **No registration required.**

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!



Do you enjoy books & trivia? Are you in grades 5-8? Join our Battle of the Books team! Make friends and bring glory to PPLD! For more information, contact Jolie Hamer-Conroy at jhamer-conroy@poklib.org

◀ Check out our 2025 titles.

READ GREAT BOOKS, WIN GREAT PRIZES

FOR CHILDREN

Sign up at the **Kickoff Event on Saturday, June 28 at Adriance**, or from the Adriance children's desk, Rover, or the Boardman check-out desk after the Kickoff. **Open from June 28 - August 15.** To complete the reading log, fill in one bubble for every 15 minutes you read. When all the bubbles are filled in, simply bring your sheet back to the library! There, you will be entered in a drawing for awesome prizes, and also play Plinko for a small prize upon returning your log. *Rules and restrictions apply.*

FOR TEENS

Engage in reading and earn entries to win fantastic prizes from June 21 - August 30! Every 100 pages read or teen program attended will earn one entry into the prize draw, which will be held in August. Manga and graphic novels count toward reading goals. *Rules and restrictions apply.*

FOR ADULTS

Pick up a Bingo sheet at any PPLD location or print a copy online, then return it by Saturday, August 2 to be entered to win a gift bundle that includes an Adams gift card and some PPLD swag! Ages 18 and up. *Rules and restrictions apply.* **Open June 28 - August 2.**

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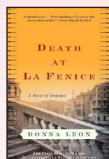
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Visit the Friends' Book Store:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423

Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore



Mystery Mondays Book Club

Mondays, 11 am, BRD

July 28: Death at La Fenice by

Donna Leon



August 25: The Waiting by

Michael Connelly

Book Store Volunteers Needed

The Friends of 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!

City of Poughkeepsie Downtown Revitalization Initiative



The City of Poughkeepsie was recently awarded \$10 million in funding as the Mid-Hudson Region winner of the eighth round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. As part of this exciting effort, the City is hosting a series of events, surveys, and workshops to give community members the chance to share their ideas about the future of Downtown Poughkeepsie. Visit poughkeepsiedri.npvoorhis.com or scan the QR code for more information.



Great Participation at the 2025 Children's Book Festival!

The energy this year at the 2025 Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival was infectious — excited children and enthusiastic authors filled the venue at Dutchess Community College. Every child who walked through the doors of the festival received a \$15 book voucher, generously donated by the Friends of the Library, to encourage a love of reading. With financial independence, children were empowered to choose books that spoke to them from among the works of over 100 incredible authors. As the author and illustrator of our newly released book, *The Snakelet's First Friend*, I cherished the opportunity to connect with like-minded creators and engage directly with children and adults to talk about the message and discussion that can come from our 12-book series. The discussion ranged from the difference in communication styles, such as saying no to friends, to the invisible pain we carry, and the joy of being in the presence of those who can see positive intentions. More importantly, the festival offered opportunities for human connection through physical books—to share a story, listen to a story, be present, and be curious. Thank you, Friends of the Library, for making reading both accessible and magical for countless individuals —myself included. —Mei Li, *Author*