

Programas en español
La página 16

**General registration
opens August 25 at 10 am!**



THE ROTUNDA



POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

September & October 2025 | Vol. 25, Issue 6 | poklib.org

Contents

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 The Big Read | 13 Connecting |
| 6 Books, Writing, & More | 14 Public Computer Center |
| 7 History & Current Events | 16 Programas en español |
| 8 Wellness & Environment | 18 Big Read (<i>continued</i>) |
| 10 Arts & Entertainment | 20 Early Childhood |
| 11 Haunted Happenings | 21 Children |
| 12 Rover Pupdate | 24 Friends |

Registration Opens Monday, August 25!

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

- Labor Day: Saturday, August 30 – Monday, September 1
- Staff Development Day: Friday, September 26
- Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples' Day: Monday, October 13

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.



Photo: Librarian Krista Miller

On the Cover: The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, 17 June, 1775, by John Trumbull (circa 1815-1831).

About

Adriance Memorial Library (ADR)

93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Mon–Thu: 9 am – 8:30 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am – 5 pm Sun: 2–5 pm
Free parking and easy access off Noxon Street
GPS locator: 22 Noxon Street

Boardman Road Branch Library (BRD)

141 Boardman Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Mon–Thu: 9 am – 8:30 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am – 5 pm Sun: Closed

Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library (SPD), Family Partnership Center

29 N. Hamilton Street, Room 224
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Mon, Wed, Fri: 9–5 pm
Tue & Thu: 1–5 pm
Sat & Sun: Closed

Hours may be liable to change; we suggest checking our website before a visit if you're not sure.

Friends' Book Store x3423

141 Boardman Road, at rear of Library
Tue, Thu, Sat: 10 am – 4 pm

poklib.org

Giving poklib.org ► Your Library

Email administration@poklib.org

Facebook [Poughkeepsie Public Library District](https://www.facebook.com/PoughkeepsiePublicLibraryDistrict)

Instagram [@PokLibNY](https://www.instagram.com/PokLibNY) X [@PokLib](https://twitter.com/PokLib)

Board of Trustees

Moira Fitzgibbons, City, *President*
Sean Eagleton, Town, *Vice President*
Mayra Fana, Town
Patricia Ferrer-Medina, Town
Sheila Newman, City
Jonathan McPhee, City
Deborah Nichols, Town, *Secretary*
James Nurre, Town
Patricia Ryan, Town, *Treasurer*
Sophia Sciacca, Town
Laurel Spuhler, City

Library Director Tom Lawrence

Editorial Staff

Michele Muir, *Editor*
Karen Fredrickson, *Assistant Editor*
Charlotte V. Michael Tramontana,
Designer & Co-Editor
Yvonne Laube, *Contributor*

Vision

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

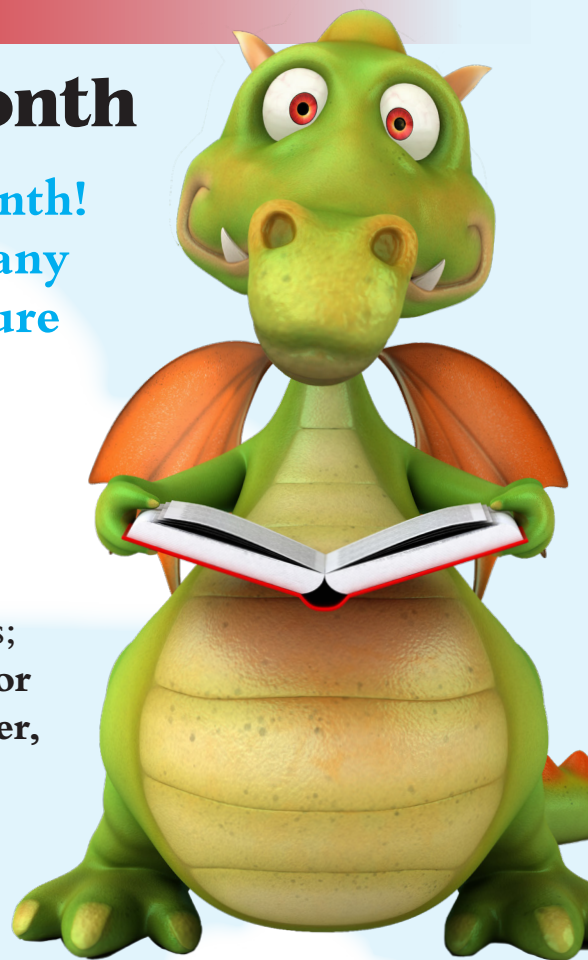
Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! You may not even be aware of all the many benefits of your library card, so make sure you have an up-to-date card today!

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

Do the following action items, fill out the ticket (below), and **enter to win** a \$50 Adams gift card and some PPLD swag! *Open to all ages — extra tickets available at check-out desks.*

- ☐ Get a library card or make sure that yours is up to date
- ☐ Recommend getting a library card to a friend or family member
- ☐ Use your library card!
- ☐ Fill out and cut out the ticket below and return to the check-out desk at Adriance (ground floor only), Boardman Road, or the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library by closing time on Tuesday, September 30



Doodle, our library card spokesdragon



Mass Mailing Update

PPLD 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.



Library Card Sign-Up Month Response Ticket

Boleto del Mes de inscripción para la tarjeta de la biblioteca

Name/ Nombre: _____

Phone/ Teléfono: _____

Email/ Correo: _____

I love my library card because: Me encanta mi biblioteca porque:

POUGHKEEPSIE

1770 - 1776 : EVE

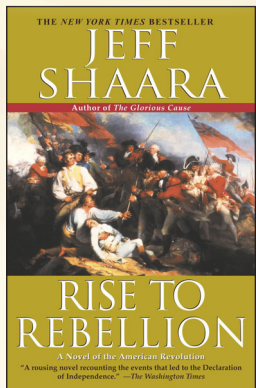
Registration is required for each Big Read program unless otherwise indicated; visit poklib.org/big-read or call x3707 for more information.

Jewel Geissinger Ratzlaff Keynote Lecture Rise to Rebellion with Author **JEFF SHAARA**



*Saturday, October 18, 1:30 pm,
Lateef Islam Auditorium, FPC
(29 N. Hamilton Street)*

Join us as we kick off Big Read 2025, *EVE OF REVOLUTION*, with Historian and *New York Times* Bestselling Author Jeff Shaara. In *Rise to Rebellion*, Shaara brilliantly brings to life the American Revolution, creating a superb saga of the men who helped forge the destiny of a nation. Listen to the voices of the days that led to war.



To learn more about the 2025

Big Read, visit poklib.org/big-read or scan the QR code.



She-Merchants, Sachems, and Slaves: Women of Colonial New York *Tuesday, October 21, 6:30-8 pm, BRD*

New York was one of the most diverse of the thirteen colonies. Racial and religious diversity meant that colliding cultures had different ideas of how to treat women. Learn about women's rights in Munsee, Iroquois, African, Dutch, and English cultures, and how enslaved women's rights changed over time. Learn about women's roles in everyday life, uprisings, and war, and meet some of the outstanding individual women from this period. Presented by Sarah Wassberg Johnson from Philipse Manor Hall Historic Site in Yonkers, NY.

Vicious and Immoral: Homosexuality, the American Revolution, and the Trials of Robert Newburgh: Author Talk with John McCurdy

Wednesday, October 22, 6 pm, Virtual 📺

In *Vicious and Immoral*, historian John McCurdy tells this compelling story of male intimacy and provides an unparalleled glimpse inside eighteenth-century perceptions of same-sex relations.

FDR Library: Franklin and the Founders *Thursday, October 23, 7 pm, Virtual* 📺

FDR had a keen understanding and great appreciation of the principles upon which this country was founded. Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library & Museum, explores how he tapped the Founding Fathers for inspiration and guidance as he struggled to save America from economic collapse and the world from Nazi annihilation.

Music with B.E. Farrow of Gangstagrass *Saturday, October 25, 2-3 pm, SPD*

B.E. Farrow is a musician, educator, songwriter, and researcher who whose work reshapes and reflects America's musical history through stories, creative musical expression through popular/historic musical structures, and inclusive dialog. From touring with Grammy Award winner Dom Flemons, giving talks at the Library Company of Philadelphia, running a music program in Greece with refugees, and currently touring with the Emmy-nominated Gangstagrass, Farrow forms a discipline to understand the unspoken roots of music and explore the impact of expression on cultural history.

BIG READ 2025

OF REVOLUTION

Colonial Period Silhouette Workshop

Monday, October 27, 5:30 pm, SPD

During the Colonial period, cut paper portraits were an affordable way to obtain a picture of you or your loved one. In this workshop, we will look at artists and examples of works from the colonial period to the present day, and then create our own using modern technology and scissors.

The Schuyler Sisters and the Hamilton Musical

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Four daughters of wealthy General Philip Schuyler ran away to elope with rich men. But Elizabeth Schuyler married Alexander Hamilton, a penniless orphan immigrant, for love. We will read the love letters Hamilton sent to Eliza during their courtship, then meet two other women — Angelica Schuyler Church and Maria Reynolds — who were after Alexander. This program features music from *Hamilton*, the Broadway musical. Presenter Rick Feingold teaches American Business History at Bergen Community College.

The Losses and Services of the American Loyalist in Poughkeepsie

Tuesday, November 4, 6 pm, BRD

During the American Revolution, not everyone was a patriot. Poughkeepsie had its mix of patriots, loyalists, and people who simply didn't care either way. Those who decided to remain loyal to the crown were not always treated with the respect they once were. Join historian Shannon Butler as she presents her research on the small but active community of loyalists of Poughkeepsie.

A Promised Land: Jewish Patriots, the American Revolution, and the Birth of Religious Freedom: Author Talk with Adam Jortner

Wednesday, November 5, 7 pm, Virtual

Jews played a critical role both in winning the Revolution and in defining the republic that was created from it. During the war, every city with a synagogue fell to the British except Philadelphia. Jewish patriots throughout the colonies flocked there and refounded the local synagogue as an American organization. After the war, Jews began to press for full citizenship in the hope that liberty would apply to everyone. The Founders, Jewish patriots, and their allies sought and achieved the broadest possible definition of religious liberty, and the separation of church and state.

Liberty and Justice for Whom?: Personal Stories of the Locally Enslaved in the American Revolution

Thursday, November 6, 6 pm, BRD

The promise of liberty, based on the principle that all are created equal, was appealing. But during the Revolution, enslaved men, women, and children in Dutchess County at best found a mixed bag of success and setbacks. Through the stories of five individuals: Sophia Pooley, Andrew Frazier, Jacob Lyle, and two local men named Jack on opposite sides of the war, we come to understand the uncertainty of the American promise for the enslaved.

American Revolution Historic Songs with Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle

Monday, November 10, 6 pm, BRD

Join Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle for an evening of historic songs performed with a variety of instruments. The duo will provide a brief narrative and anecdotes of the history of the songs, as well as of the war of American independence.

Spilling the Tea: A History of Tea Drinking in New York State


Thursday, November 13, 6:30-8 pm, Virtual

How did a beverage developed in Asia make its way to the shores of the Hudson River? Learn about the history of tea in colonial New York, from its introduction in Dutch New Netherland to the Tea Act boycotts of the Revolution and beyond. Sarah Wassberg Johnson, program and event manager at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site in Yonkers, NY, will lead us on a journey through the global and local history of tea and sugar, all the accoutrements necessary to consume it, and New York's unique role in American tea culture.

Books, Writing, & More

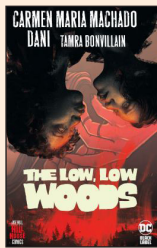
Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 

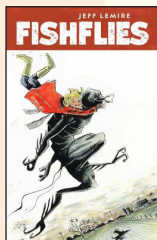
Join our virtual graphic novel book club for adults!

Registration required.



September 11: **The Low, Low Woods** by Carmen Maria Machado

When your memories are stolen, what would you give to remember? Follow El and Vee as they search for answers to the questions everyone else forgot.



October 16: **Fishflies** by Jeff Lemire

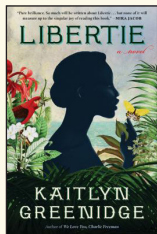
A small town crime sets off a chain of events that will permanently alter the lives of several residents of bucolic Belle River, Ontario. As the manhunt heats up, a lonely girl named Franny Fox forms an unlikely friendship with a fugitive that leads them both on an odyssey of

discovery and redemption... a journey that also uncovers dark secrets from the town's eerie past.

Books & Brews Book Club

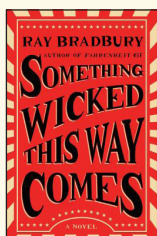
Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub
(796 Main Street)

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



September 17: **Libertie** by Kaitlyn Greenidge

Coming of age as a free-born Black girl in Reconstruction-era Brooklyn, Libertie Sampson tries to parse what freedom actually means for a Black woman, as she struggles with where she might find it — for herself and for generations to come.



October 15: **Something Wicked This Way Comes** by Ray Bradbury

On a chilly October night, Jim Nightshade and Will Halloway smell cotton candy and hear the eerie tones of a carousel calliope. A carnival has rolled into town, a type of which these 13-year-olds have never seen

before: a terrifying maze of mirrors leaves the boys' teacher sputtering in fear, a strangely tattooed man offers Jim a free ride on the carousel, and people start to go missing.



It's MAP Pass season!

Did you know that fall is our most popular season for MAP Pass loans?

Visit over 40 destinations for free (or with reduced admission), including Storm King, the Guggenheim, and Eric Carle Museum.

New to our collection are:

- Huguenot Historic Street | *New Paltz, NY*
- Wethersfield Estate & Gardens | *Amenia, NY*
- Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (*with upcoming concerts on October 26 & December 6*)



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



Exercise Your Writing

Sundays, September 7, October 5, 2 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.**

An Evening of Poetry

Thursdays, 7 pm, ADR

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

September 18: **Kate Hymes** October 16: **Ted Millar**

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, September 20, October 18,
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.**

History & Current Events

Walking Tours

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

Historic Tours with Shannon Butler

Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery

*Wednesdays, September 10, October 29, 2 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.

Dwight Street – Hooker Avenue Historic District

Sunday, September 28, 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.

New! Historic Union Street and Beyond!

Sunday, October 26, 11 am, Union Street Historic District

Join Historian Shannon Butler on a walk up Poughkeepsie's oldest neighborhood. Union Store Road was the first major road from the river to the village of Poughkeepsie. We will discuss the various people who have called this area home and view some of the historic buildings that still stand while remembering the ones we've lost from urban renewal.

New! Walking Tours of Public Art in Poughkeepsie with Franc Palaia

Saturdays, September 13, October 25, 10 am, Meetup TBA

Artist and muralist Franc Palaia leads a leisurely two-hour walking tour of public art in a three-block area of downtown Poughkeepsie. Poughkeepsie is full of history and historically important public art and architecture from the 1600s to today. The tour includes historic and contemporary indoor and outdoor murals, sculpture, historical monuments, architecture, street art, and more, amounting to approximately 50 works of art.

Great Decisions

India: Between China, the West, and the Global South

Monday, September 15, 6:30 pm, BRD

As the Republic of India celebrates its 75th anniversary as of January 2025, the world's most populous nation and largest democracy continues to defy simple categorization. Facilitator: Shanta Thangiah for the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. *No registration required.*

Competition, Cold War, or Conflict? Navigating U.S.-China Relations in Tense Times

Monday, September 29, 6:30 pm, BRD

There is one thing that people can agree on across the aisle in Washington, DC: The US is in a strategic competition with a rising China that poses a range of economic, political, and military security challenges. Facilitator: Martin Charwat for the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. *No registration required.*

A City on the Hudson: Film and Discussion of Poughkeepsie History

Thursday, October 16, 6 pm, BRD

In 1978, after members of the Poughkeepsie branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) heard Poughkeepsie Historian Elizabeth Carter speak about the city's history, they were inspired to find a way to share this information with the entire community. Margaret Nijhuis, president of the branch, contacted James Steerman, director of Vassar's film workshop, about creating a film that would showcase the City on the Hudson. The Poughkeepsie AAUW and Mrs. Carter initiated proposals for the film and secured funding from local organizations, including the Dutchess County Arts Council, the Gannett Foundation, the Poughkeepsie Area Fund, IBM, and the City of Poughkeepsie. Following the screening, there will be a discussion by a team of panelists including past president of the AAUW Margaret Nijhuis, and Historian Shannon Butler. *Registration required.*

BIG READ 2025: EVE OF REVOLUTION
See page 4 for details!

Wellness & Environment



Zen Buddhist Meditation

Tuesdays, September 2 – October 28, 10 am, ADR

Join a guided meditation with Gerry Brooks, Zen Buddhist practitioner. The session will include a 30-minute guided meditation and a 20-minute non-guided meditation. **No registration required.**

Free Tai Chi

Wednesdays, September 3 – October 29, 5-6 pm, BRD
Outside by the Birches

Fridays, September 5 – October 17, 9:15-10:15 am OR 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. **No registration required.**

Indoor Plant Swap

Wednesday, September 3, 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.**

Raj Yoga Book Club

Thursdays, September 4, October 2, 10 am, ADR

If interested, please call Debora Shon at (845) 485-3445 x3313. The facilitator, Champa Patel, will close the session with a meditation. **Registration required.**

The Alzheimer's Association Presents: The Empowered Caregiver: Exploring Care and Support Services

Thursday, September 4, 11:30 am, BRD

This education series offers skill-building courses that teach caregivers how to navigate the responsibility of caring for someone living with dementia. We will examine how best to prepare for future care decisions and changes, including respite care, residential care, and end-of life care. **Registration required.**

Know Your Medicare Options

Saturdays, September 6, October 4, 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.**

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

Tuesdays, September 9, October 14, 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.**

Hiking Club

Select Sundays, 9 am

Please bring your own water/snacks and wear proper clothing/footwear. Be prepared to navigate rough or muddy terrain and hills. **Registration required. All hikers are required to have a signed waiver on file before they are able to join our hikes. Contact Karen Blovat at kblovat@poklib.org for more info after signing up.** Weather permitting, and subject to change.

September 14: James Baird State Park

Meet in the parking lot located at 280 Club House Road, Pleasant Valley, near the 19th hole at Jimmy B's Restaurant. Hike will be approximately 3 miles with some hills and uneven paths.

October 12: Bowdoin Park

Bowdoin Park is located at 85 Sheafe Road, Poughkeepsie. Meet at the parking area closest to Pavilion 5. Hike will be approximately 2 miles with some elevation change.

Bunker Not Required: Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30–8 pm, ADR

This workshop focuses on emergency preparedness. The goal of the workshop is to enable participants to understand: what it means to have a healthy relationship with emergency preparedness, how to prepare with an “all hazards” approach, their role in preparedness as an individual, a household, and a community member, how emergency or disaster timeframes affect preparedness, and to begin their emergency preparedness planning process. American Resiliency is a nonprofit dedicated to communicating the findings of climate science to the public and empowering individuals and communities to build resilience in the face of climate change. **Registration required.**

Balance & Bone Building Using Yoga & Tai Chi

Thursday, September 18, 4–5 pm OR 6–7 pm, BRD

Certified IAYT yoga therapist Terry Roth Schaff and Qigong and Tai Chi teacher Karen Abramson are back to present this popular program. In this class we will focus on strategies to build stronger bones, improve balance and fight the effects of osteoporosis using Yoga and Tai Chi. Terry and Karen have been teaching together for over a decade. They are dedicated to making sure that everyone who travels with them on this path has a very good time and leaves with solid practices that they can keep doing on their own to sustain their progress. **Registration required. There will be two sessions offered. Please register for only one session. Note: No previous yoga or Tai Chi experience is required.**

Home Composting Workshop

Tuesday, September 30, 6–7 pm, BRD

Come and learn from an expert who will explain how to set up and manage a compost system, right in your yard! Presented by The Division of Solid Waste Management in partnership with Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension. **No registration required.**

The Alzheimer’s Association Presents: Healthy Living for Brain & Body

Thursday, October 2, 11:30 am, BRD

At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health, including keeping our brains healthy and reducing the risk of cognitive decline. This workshop covers four areas associated with healthy aging and draws on the latest research to explore steps to take to improve or maintain overall health in each area. **Registration required.**



Defensive Driving

Saturday, October 4, 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.**

Embracing the Full Moon: A Meditation for Release and Renewal

Monday, October 6, 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.**

Shred Free Day @ Your Library

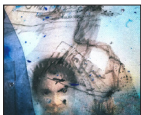
Wednesday, October 15, 9–11 am, BRD

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. Please note: this is the last shred event for the year. **No registration required.**

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE



Carmen Lizardo: *Margins of Invisibility*

September 20 - October 14

Bilingual Artist Reception:

Saturday, September 20, 2:30-4 pm, ADR
No registration required.



To Swallow a River

October 15-31

Bilingual Artist Talk:

Saturday, October 4, 2:30 - 4 pm, ADR
No registration required.

GROUND FLOOR CASES, ADRIANCE



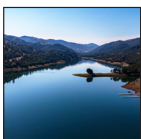
O'Neill Collection of East Asian Art

August 4 - September 10

Curator Talk:

Monday, September 8, 7 pm, ADR
Registration required.

BOARDMAN ART WALL



Jake Geffner: Quiet Horizons

August 1 - October 8



Robin Hutchinson: *Reap in Joy*

October 9 - January 7

Robin Hutchinson Artist Talk:

Wednesday, October 22, 6 pm, ADR
Registration required.



Interested in exhibiting?
Visit poklib.org/art-in-the-library and scroll to the bottom of the page to apply.

Disc Golf

*Saturday, September 6, 10 am - 12 pm,
Hackett Hill Park (79 E. Market Street, Hyde Park)*

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, September 10, October 8, 7 pm, ADR

Come out and share your talent with the community, or just come and watch the impromptu show! Your hosts are Tina Jaafar and Debora Shon. *No registration required.*

Strategy Board Game Night

Thursdays, September 11, October 9, 5-7:30 pm, BRD

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 Talk: True Crimes of the Hudson Valley

Saturday, September 13, 2:30 pm, BRD

Our idyllic Hudson Valley is beautiful on the outside, but beneath the surface lurks the darkness of notorious true crimes. Local author Jodé Millman will explore the headline-making crimes that inspired her award-winning Queen City Crimes mystery series, and how fiction can be deadlier than true crime. You may be surprised to learn that a murderer lived next door! Books will be available for sale and signing. *No registration required.*

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wednesdays, September 17, October 15, 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. Bring your own drawing supplies. *No registration required.*

Tiny Art Show Drop-In Session

Wednesday, September 24, 6-8 pm, BRD

Come create tiny art and participate in the Community Tiny Art Show that will be displayed in the ground floor cases at the Adriance Memorial Library in the month of November. This will be a drop-in session. Come any time during the start and end time. *No registration required.*



L'chaim!

JEWISH COOKING AND CULTURE SERIES

The Meat of the Matter

Sunday, September 14, 2:30–4 pm, ADR

Join us for a journey into the heart of Jewish culinary tradition with Rabbi Shlomo Krasner.

In this engaging talk, Rabbi Krasner will explore the rich cultural and religious significance of meat in Jewish cuisine: why certain cuts are favored, the spiritual roots of kosher preparation, and how festive meals have been shaped by tradition over centuries. Learn why brisket became a staple of Ashkenazi holiday tables or the symbolic meaning behind serving lamb on Passover. Come hungry for knowledge and leave nourished by history, heritage, and a deeper appreciation for the meals that bring communities together. Plus, enjoy a tasting that brings these stories to life. Presented in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. **Registration required.**

Music from Spain and Latin America

Saturday, September 20, 2:30 pm, BRD

Daniel García is an active classical guitar concert artist who specializes in the music of his home country, Spain, as well as the beautiful music of Latin America. His recital takes the audience from the Renaissance period all the way through the twentieth century. Dan's guitar playing is energetic and captivating, which keeps audiences engaged by his sensitivity and musicianship. **No registration required.**

Skills of a Ba-Roasta: How to Roast Coffee

Tuesday, September 23, 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. **Registration required.**

Meet the Author: Beverly Felicidad Dukes

Saturday, September 27, 2:30 pm, ADR

For Moms Raising Black Children is an easy-to-read self-help guide for non-Black mothers raising Black children. Author Beverly Felicidad Dukes has an extensive background in childcare, working with children from ages 6 to 10. With over 30 years of experience caring for neurotypical, autistic, and emotionally disturbed children, she is also trained as a Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Specialist. **No registration required.**

Tiny Art Show Session

Thursday, October 9, 6–8 pm, ADR

Create a piece of art on a mini canvas! Supplies provided but feel free to bring your own. This is NOT an instructional class. Showing your work in the Tiny Art Show is not mandatory but appreciated. The closing reception will be on December 6. **Registration required.**

Haunted Happenings

Wicked Wreath Workshop

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30–8 pm, ADR

Add a touch of wild whimsy to your Halloween decorations and craft a hauntingly beautiful wreath using foraged foliage, grasses, and flowers. Your creation will capture the eerie essence of the season while celebrating the natural world around us. Presented by local gardener Jessica Williams. **Registration required.**

Psycho-Analysis: A Look Inside Hitchcock's Masterpiece

Wednesday, October 15, 7 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Alfred Hitchcock often called *Psycho* a “big joke” and was horrified to discover that audiences were “taking it seriously.” But his flip attitude can’t disguise what made his 1960 film a landmark in movie history despite working without his usual menu of big budgets, big stars, and glamorous locations. Presenter Brian Rose is a professor emeritus at Fordham University. **Registration required.**

On the Big Screen: Selected Shorts for the Season

Friday, October 24, 7 pm, Bardavon

PPLD continues its annual tradition of seasonal silent films accompanied by an original score played on the Bardavon's Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. This year is a series of shorts including *House of the Devil* (1896), *The Infernal Cake-Walk* (1903), *Infernal Cauldron* (1903), *Frankenstein* (1910), and *The Haunted House* (1921). **Free tickets will be available at the Bardavon and the three library locations starting October 1.**

Rover Pupdate

Borrow books, learn about the library, or 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

September 4, October 2 (59 Burnett Boulevard)

Stop & Shop at Post Road Plaza

September 11, October 9 (2540 South Road)

ShopRite of North Poughkeepsie

September 18, October 16 (Route 9 & Winslow Gate Road)

Adams Fairacre Farms

September 25, October 23 (765 Dutchess Turnpike)

Senior Center Visits

Tuesdays, 10:30 am – 12 pm

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

September 2, October 7 (114 Delafield Street)

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

September 9, October 14 (14 Abe's Way)

Eastdale Community Visits

Fridays, September 12, 5:30-8:30 pm;

October 10, 5-8 pm

Help Neighbors in Need with Tax Preparation

Enjoy doing your own taxes? Take those skills to a new level by becoming a volunteer for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program and the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition. Becoming an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer is a great way to learn a new skill and increase your own personal talents while helping others. You may have seen volunteer tax preparers at work in the library between February and April; volunteers get a great deal of satisfaction from helping people in the community.

Volunteer tax preparers review client documentation, interview clients, and prepare federal and state tax returns digitally. Free training is provided in tax law, preparing tax forms, and using tax preparation software. This opportunity is open to all adults; AARP membership is not required.

Last year over 6,000 returns were filed at more than 30 tax sites throughout the Hudson Valley.

Choose from flexible hours in or near your town, including weekdays, weekends, or evenings. Other volunteer opportunities include: client facilitators at the tax sites, program promotion, IT support, and appointment confirmation callers.

For more information, contact Linda Eddy, at (845) 475-7500 or e-mail: leddy@dutchesscap.org. Visit our website: hv-cash.org. Recruitment opens in September with trainings taking place in December and January.



Connecting

Drop In! (Closed Sept. 1, 26, Oct. 13.)

Board Games

Mondays, September 8 – October 20, 1-4 pm, BRD
Bring a friend and play games like SCRABBLE®, Mah Jongg, or cards!

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, September 8 – October 6, 5-7 pm, BRD

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

Brain Games

Fridays, September 5, 12, October 3, 10, 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, September 9, October 14, 1-3 pm, BRD

Ukulele Strumalong

Tuesday, September 23, 6-8 pm, BRD

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 (OFA)

Thursdays, September 11, October 16, 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, September 16, October 21, 10:30am - 12pm, (14 Abe's Way)

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

Come Play Modern American Canasta

Fridays, September 5 – October 31, 1-4 pm, BRD

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

Paper Crafting

*Thursdays, September 25, October 23,
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.*





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.* **Closed August 30, September 1, 26, and October 13.**

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

Thursday, September 11, 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

Thursday, October 9, 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. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Basic Email

Thursday, October 23, 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 Word: Word processor

Word 101

Monday, September 8, 3 pm

Wednesday, September 10, 6:15 pm

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

Word 102

Monday, September 15, 3 pm

Wednesday, September 17, 6:15 pm

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

Word 103

Monday, September 22, 3 pm

Wednesday, September 24, 6:15 pm

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



Microsoft PowerPoint: Presentations

PowerPoint 101

Saturday, October 25, 11 am

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

Recommended Experience



Beginner



Intermediate



Advanced



Expert

Technology

Internet 101

Monday, September 8, 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

Monday, September 15, 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.*

Online Security & Common Scams

Friday, September 12, 2 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.*

New! Using an Android

Friday, September 19, 2 pm; Saturday, October 11, 2 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of Androids. Whether you are considering a purchase, just got a new Android, or have had one for years, come to this class to learn how to get the most out of your Android. You are welcome to bring an Android if you have one. Note: The instructor will be using a Samsung Galaxy Tablet S6 Lite.

New! Using an iPhone

Saturday, September 27, 2 pm; Friday, October 17, 2 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of iPhones. Whether you are considering a purchase, just got a new iPhone, or have had one for years, come to this class to learn how to get the most out of your iPhone. You are welcome to bring an iPhone if you have one. Note: The instructor will be using an iPhone 8+.

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs

Saturday, September 20, 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. *Prereq: Internet 101 or equivalent.*

Medicare 101 / Navigating the Medicare Site

Wednesday, September 24, 3 pm, ADR

Friday, October 10, 3 pm, BRD

Whether you're turning 65 and just starting out on Medicare, or figuring out how to renew your plan, we can help. We will help you understand the difference between Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans, and figure out which one is best for your situation. We'll help you figure out what each plan means, and which ones apply to you. We will also help you figure out how to navigate the website so you can find the answers you need, and show you where to submit your information and sign up for your plan. Led by volunteers and staff from the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) at Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Contact: Jamie Carey (845) 486-2083.

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips

Monday, September 29, 1 pm

Learn about the different types of personal computers and their technical components. This class will help you understand the different specifications and terms to help you be an educated shopper. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Introduction to 3D Printing Services

Friday, October 3, 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

Friday, October 10, 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: Introduction to 3D printing services.*

Windows 11

Monday, October 6, 1 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.*

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1: The Blockchain

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

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: moderate computer skills.*

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 2: Cryptocurrency

Monday, October 27, 3 pm; Wednesday, October 29, 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: Part 1: The Blockchain.*

Programas en español

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

Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie

Es un programa de educación básica para migrantes que hablan español, de cualquier nacionalidad, y son mayores de 18 años. En este nuevo ciclo, *las inscripciones estarán abiertas durante el mes de septiembre*, los martes y jueves de 6 – 8 pm. Deberá presentar su *acta de nacimiento y un documento de identificación con fotografía*. Contacta Elva Margarita para más información.

Informa a tus conocidos y familiares que no obtuvieron su educación básica y desean aprender a leer y escribir.

Clases y materiales gratuitos. Los estudiantes que terminan la primaria y secundaria recibirán el certificado de estudios de la Secretaria de Educación Pública del Gobierno de México, el cual es válido el país de origen del educando, así como en los EE.UU.

Clases de primaria para adultos

9 de septiembre al 28 de octubre, 5:30 – 8:15 pm, ADR

Clases de secundaria para adultos

9 de septiembre al 28 de octubre, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Alfabetización 1 & 2:

Clases para adultos de lectura y escritura

11 de septiembre al 30 de octubre, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Computación para adultos

Jueves, 5:30 – 7 pm, ADR

Correo electrónico de Gmail

25 de septiembre

Aprenda cómo usar su cuenta de correo electrónico para escribir, leer y responder mensajes. Además, cómo incluir documentos digitales que requiere enviar a través de Gmail. *Requiere inscripción.*

Crea documentos en Google Docs

2 de octubre

Aprende las bases para utilizar el procesador de texto en línea en el que puedes crear documentos, darles formato, editarlos, copiarlos y compartirlos. *Requiere inscripción.*

Crea tu presupuesto personal con Hojas de Cálculo de Google

9 de octubre

Crea tu presupuesto personal con Hojas de Cálculo de Google. Organiza tu dinero haciendo un presupuesto sencillo. *Requiere inscripción.*

Uso del teléfono inteligente

16 de octubre

En esta sesión cubriremos algunas de las características y funciones más utilizadas de tu teléfono inteligente, ya sea que uses un iPhone o Androide. *Requiere inscripción.*

Consulado Mexicano sobre Ruedas

Del 16 al 20 de septiembre, 9 am – 1:30 pm

Auditorio del MHLS (103 Market Street)

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

Se atenderá con y sin cita para sacar pasaporte, matrícula consular, acta de nacimiento y credencial de elector. Los trámites de doble nacionalidad SOLO SE ATIENDEN CON CITA PREVIA.

Las citas se abren el 25 de agosto. Puede comunicarse al 1-424-309-0009 para hacer su cita, y, también, la puede realizar a través de WhatsApp.

Si requiere asistencia, solicítela en el mostrador de referencia e información en español de la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial.

Mostrador Público

Martes y jueves, 1 – 3 pm, ADR

Martes, 6 – 7:30 pm, con apoyo de computadora

Miércoles, 10 – 12 pm

Servicio permanente donde se ofrece asistencia en búsqueda de información general. Se apoya con rellenado de formularios sencillos en línea; formato de cartas o documentos; inscripciones a programas de la biblioteca; solicitud de pases gratuitos para parques, museos y atracciones que ofrece la biblioteca. Ayuda con escaneo de documentos para solicitar traducciones. Envíos de faxes. Servicio de notarización de documentos. Para solicitar asistencia para rellenar las solicitudes de servicios sociales del condado de Dutchess y solicitudes de trabajo, es necesario concertar una cita previa.

Cocina creativa con quinoa

*Sábado, 13 de septiembre,
10:30 am – 12:30 pm, ADR*

Aunque no es un cereal, pero es un magnífico sustituto del arroz. Aprende sus beneficios, consejos para cocinarlo, y recetas para que las agregues a tu menú familiar. Programa bilingüe. **Requiere inscripción.**

Café para empezar el día

*Sábado, 4 de octubre,
10:30 am – 12:30 pm, ADR*

Celebremos el Día Internacional del Café preparando varias opciones de café que disfrutaremos en grupo. También tendremos una opción que puedes sustituir. **Requiere inscripción.**

Club de tejido

Viernes, 12 de septiembre, y 10 y 24 de octubre, 6 – 8:30 pm, Panera Bread (712 Dutchess Turnpike)

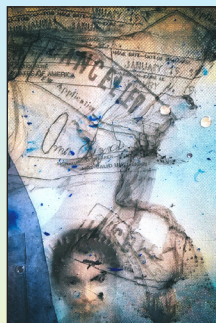
Socializa y elabora la manualidad que te guste: tejido, bordado, costura, y hasta colorear. Ven, haz, nuevas amigas, y tómate un rico café. **No requiere inscripción.**

Música de España y Latinoamérica

*Sábado, 20 de septiembre,
2:30 pm, BRD*

Dan García es en la actualidad un concertista de guitarra clásica, especializado en la música de su país natal, España, así como en la hermosa música de Latinoamérica. Su música transporta al público desde el Renacimiento hasta el siglo XX, con la incorporación de piezas de destacados compositores como Villa-Lobos, Manuel Ponce, Francisco Tárrega, Isaac Albéniz, Agustín Barrios y muchos más. La guitarra de Dan es enérgica y cautivadora, cautivando al público con su sensibilidad y maestría musical. Para información, contacta dshon@poklib.org. **Requiere inscripción.**

El mes de la herencia hispana: Arte y conversatorio



Exhibición de Arte Latino “Los márgenes de la invisibilidad” por Carmen Lizardo

Del 20 de septiembre al 14 de octubre, ADR

Esta obra explora cómo los lazos ancestrales moldean la identidad y la memoria cultural. Reflexiona sobre la experiencia migrante y cómo la familia, la cultura y el yo se transforman al cruzar fronteras. A través de narrativas diaspóricas, la obra examina identidades híbridas y las complejidades del arraigo, el desplazamiento y la asimilación.

Recepción de la Exhibición de Arte Latino “En los márgenes de la invisibilidad”

Sábado, 20 de septiembre, 2:30 – 4 pm, ADR

En los márgenes de la invisibilidad examina cómo los lazos ancestrales influyen en la formación de la identidad y la herencia cultural. Los inmigrantes son ciudadanos del mundo, moldeados más allá de los lazos de sangre. Un árbol genealógico migrante es poco convencional: se transforma al encontrarse con culturas extranjeras, creando formas híbridas del ser. La obra explora narrativas diaspóricas y cuestiona lo que significa habitar el país de origen mientras se experimenta el desplazamiento. Refleja las experiencias generacionales inevitables para los descendientes que enfrentan la hibridación y navegan las complejidades de la asimilación como forma de supervivencia. Artista Carmen Lizardo. Bilingüe.



Cartografías del Desplazamiento: Carmen Lizardo en Conversación

Sábado, 4 de octubre, 2:30 – 4 pm, ADR

Charla de la artista y reflexiones sobre el proceso y la práctica, incluyendo una conversación sobre el proyecto “Tragarse un río.” Presentación bilingüe.

Exhibición de Arte Latino “Tragarse un Río” por Carmen Lizardo

Del 15 de octubre al 31 de octubre, ADR

Tragarse un Río presenta fotografías superpuestas de orillas, botes de inmigrantes y autorretratos para explorar cómo la migración moldea la identidad, la memoria y el sentido de pertenencia. En esta obra profundamente personal, el agua se convierte en barrera y puente—una metáfora de los cruces físicos y emocionales que enfrentan los migrantes. El mar, inmenso y cambiante, refleja la naturaleza fluida de la identidad y los lazos que perduran a pesar de la distancia.

¡En septiembre celebramos el mes de inscripción en la biblioteca! ¡Obtén la tarjeta de la biblioteca! Y si ya la tienes, asegúrate de que esté vigente, ¡y listo! Participa para ganar una tarjeta regalo de Adams de 50 \$ y artículos promocionales de PPLD. Solo tienes que recortar el boleto de la página 3, rellenarlo y devolverlo en el mostrador de préstamos de la biblioteca Adriance (solo en la planta baja), Boardman Road o Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots antes del 30 de septiembre. Recomienda la tarjeta de la biblioteca a amigos y familiares y ¡sácale provecho! Si quieres obtener más información, escribe a cmariott@poklib.org.

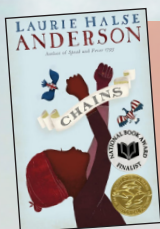
La inscripción comenzará el lunes, 25 de agosto a las 10 am.

Big Read, continued

Get in the Revolutionary spirit with us! Our 2025 Teen and Little Read titles were chosen to invite young readers to join our visit back to the start of American history and the people who made it.

Check with your child's school to see if any of these titles are included in this year's curriculum — or if either of the authors might be visiting your students this fall! All youth titles will be available to borrow from the library.

TEEN READ TITLES



Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

The compelling first novel in the Seeds of America Series follows Isabel, an enslaved teenager struggling to free herself and her little sister in Revolution-era New York City.



Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson

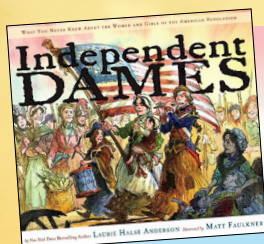
A historical fiction middle-grade adventure about a girl struggling to survive amid a smallpox epidemic, the public's fear of inoculation, and the seething Revolutionary War.



Alexander Hamilton: The Graphic History of an American Founding Father by Jonathan Hennessey and Justin Greenwood

A fully illustrated biography of the legend who fought in the Revolutionary War, helped develop the Constitution, and established landmark economic policy that we still use today.

THE LITTLE READ



Independent Dames by Laurie Halse Anderson

Our youngest readers can learn all about the women of the American Revolution in this superbly researched and thoughtfully illustrated picture book.



Remembering Jewel S. G. Ratzlaff

Former PPLD staff member Jewel

Ratzlaff died on June 3, 2025. As a Public Information Officer in our Advancement Department from 2010 until her retirement in 2022, Jewel was instrumental in the development of the Poughkeepsie Big Read as well as an editor of the *Rotunda*. She spent her life exemplifying service to the community and to others, and was the 2023 Woman of the Year of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Poughkeepsie Branch, honored as an “innovator and activist.”

In honor of Jewel and her many contributions to our community and especially to the Big Read, from now on, the flagship author event of each Big Read series will be known as the **Jewel Geissinger Ratzlaff Keynote Lecture**.



1770-1776: EVE OF REVOLUTION



See page 4 or visit poklib.org/big-read for more details about Big Read programs for adults!

Teen

Registration is required except where noted. Programs are held in the Teen Room at Adriance Memorial Library unless otherwise noted and are for ages 12-18.

Closed August 30, September 1, 26, and October 13.

Yarn Mandalas

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 4-6 pm, ADR

Learn to crochet in this 2-part workshop. In the first session, we will learn the basic stitches and get started on our mandalas. In the second session, we will continue creating and practicing your skills. We will take your mandalas to put them together and showcase in the Adriance Teen Room for two months. All skill levels are welcome!

Common Sense Self-Defense

Mondays, September 8, 22, October 6, 20, 5:30 pm, BRD

A self-defense class for females ages 12-18 to learn everyday common sense self-defense strategies! Led by a certified self-defense instructor. A signed safety waiver is contingent for participation.

Teen / Tween Chess Club

Tuesdays, September 9 – October 14, 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, September 13, 27, October 4, 18, 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.*

Anime / Manga Club

Wednesday, September 17, 5-6 pm, ADR

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

Teen LEGO Builders

Tuesday, October 7, 5-6 pm, ADR

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

DIY Glowing Ghost in a Jar

Thursday, October 16, 4-6 pm, ADR

Make your very own glow-in-the-dark ghost in a jar! We will be working with clay and other materials to create a haunting or fun scene. All skills are welcome. *Registration required.*

Exquisite Corpse

Thursday, October 23, 4-6 pm, ADR

We will gain knowledge about the Exquisite Corpse art technique. Together with others, we get to make absurd-looking monsters! You will alternately work on a different body part of each other's creations and see your creation as it develops. *Registration required.*

Teen Book Discussion of Alexander Hamilton: Graphic Novel

Wednesday, October 29, 5-6 pm, ADR

Participate in a book conversation with your peers on *Alexander Hamilton: The Graphic History of an American Founding Father*. Make sure to stop by the Teen Room to register and grab a copy of the book to review ahead of time. *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.

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 August 30, September 1, 26, and October 13.**

At Adriance

PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

Mondays, September 8 – October 6, 10-11:15 am

Tuesdays, September 9 – October 14, 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, September 9 – October 14, 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, September 10 – October 15, 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, September 11 – October 16, 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, September 12 – October 17, 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, September 11, 25, October 9, 1:30-2:30 pm

Join us for an interactive session in English and Spanish with stories, songs, and crafts! This program will provide a fun and educational cultural exchange regardless of fluency. For families with children aged 1-5 years old. *No registration required.*

At Boardman Road

Preschool Story Time

Mondays, September 8 – October 6, 10-10:30 am

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

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, September 8 – October 6, 11-11:45 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, September 10 – October 15, 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, September 11 – October 16, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, September 11 – October 16, 10:45-11:30 am

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



Seasonal Specials for Kids

Registration is required except where noted. Closed August 30, September 1, 26, and October 13.

At Adriance

Library Card Sign-Up Month

Entire Month of September

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Register for a special month-long program by signing up for a new library card, or showing us the one you have! For kids 11 and younger.

Library Card Sign-Up Month Celebration

Tuesday, September 30, 4-5 pm

Celebrate the end of Library Card Sign-Up Month with robots and stories! All ages. **No registration required.**

Stories, Science, and Art!

Tuesdays, September 9, 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

Enrich and empower your child's mind through stories, science experiments, and art all rolled into one! Recommended for ages 5-7. **Register once for both sessions.**

September 9: From Apple Seeds to Kandi Apples

Introducing apple seeds that can do synchronized swimming and create some Kandi-apple art inspired by the Russian abstract painter, Wassily Kandinsky!

September 23: The Bear Necessities!

Introducing everything you wanted to know about bears and enjoy some gummy bear science for a real "sweet" ending.



Halloween Costume Party

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

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

Haunted House

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

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



Whale and Dolphin Conservation Presents Delilah (Inflatable Anatomical Whale)

Saturday, September 20, 10 am – 12 pm, ADR

Have you ever been inside of a whale? Delilah is a life-size inflatable North Atlantic right whale! Her measurements are based on a real whale who lived along the east coast of the US and Canada. North Atlantic right whales are an endangered species with fewer than 340 individuals remaining. She would love to tell you her story! **Registration required.**

For Parents: Meet the Author: Beverly Felicidad Dukes

Saturday, September 27, 2:30 pm, ADR

For Moms Raising Black Children is an easy-to-read self-help guide for non-Black mothers raising Black children. Beverly has an extensive background in childcare, having worked with children from ages 6 to 10. With over 30 years of experience caring for neurotypical, autistic, and emotionally disturbed children, she is also trained as a Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Specialist. **No registration required.**

Children

At Adriance

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Stories in the Story Nook

Mondays, September 8 – October 6, 4-4:30 pm

Join us for a storytime in the Story Nook!

Recommended for ages 4-11. *No registration required.*

Kids' Chess Club

Tuesdays, September 9 – October 14, 6-8 pm

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.*

Roald Dahl Day

Monday, September 15, 4-5 pm

Help us wish a happy belated birthday to Roald Dahl!

Recommended for ages 6-11. *Registration required.*

Tiny Painting

Tuesdays, September 16, 30, 4-5 pm

Create miniature paintings and then see your artwork on display at the Community Tiny Art Show later in the fall! Dress for a mess. Recommended for ages 4-11.

Little STEAMers Homeschool Series

Wednesdays, September 17, October 1, 15, 11:30-12:30 pm

Thursdays, September 18, October 2, 16, 1:30-2:30 pm

Do you love the library and are a homeschooler looking to meet other homeschoolers? If so, come in and enjoy completing various STEAM challenges! Aligned with NYS and NGSS standards. Recommended for ages 4-12. *Register once to attend all three classes on either Wednesdays or Thursdays.*

Banned Books Trivia & Art

Monday, October 6, 4-5:30 pm

Test your knowledge about stories that sparked debates and changed the world. Then we'll create posters featuring our banned books. Featured titles include *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Strega Nona*, *Harriet the Spy*, *Adventures of Super Diaper Baby*, and *Junie B. Jones*. Recommended for ages 6-11.

Kids' Open Art Studio

Tuesday, October 7, 4-5 pm

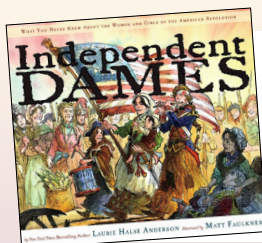
Join us for an unstructured art studio! Choose an art project to work on from a selection of materials. This is a drop-off program but parents are welcome to wait in the children's room. Recommended for ages 8-11.

Haunted Storycraft

Tuesday, October 14, 4-5 pm

Join us for a not-so-spooky storytime and craft!

Recommended for ages 4-8.



THE LITTLE READ:

Independent Dames

by Laurie Halse Anderson

Learn more on page 18!



At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, September 8 – October 6, 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.*

LEGO and More: Brick Building

Tuesdays, September 16, 30, October 14, 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, September 17, 4–5 pm

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

Pikachu Pumpkin

Thursday, October 9, 4–5 pm

Pokémon fans, come create a mini Pikachu Pumpkin! Recommended for ages 6–11.

Tie-Dye Coffee Filter Bats

Wednesday, October 15, 4–4:45 pm

Make a cute bat decoration from a coffee filter. It looks like tie-dye! Recommended for ages 6–11.

Halloween Crafts

Thursday, October 16, 4–5 pm

Halloween is coming! Join us and make some spook-tacular Halloween-themed crafts. Recommended for ages 6–11.

At SPD

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Discovery Science

*Thursday, September 18, October 16,
3:30–4:30 pm, SPD*

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.

Halloween at the Family Partnership Center

Friday, October 31, 3–5 pm, SPD

Please stop by SPD, located on the second floor of the Family Partnership Center for big fun on Halloween. There will be yummy treats, games, and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Bring the family and trick or treat with us. Costumes encouraged! *No registration required.*

Peanuts Scavenger Hunt

September 8 – October 31

Celebrate 75 years of Peanuts by finding these iconic characters hidden in the SPD! *No registration required.*

Free or reduced admission to over 40 museums, attractions, and parks this fall! Most passes print from home. *See page 6.*



poklib.org/friends



Friends News

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

Visit the Friends' Book Store:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423

Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore



Mystery Mondays Book Club

Mondays, 11 am, BRD

September 29: *The Sicilian Inheritance* by Jo Piazza



October 20: *The Summer Guests* by Tess Gerritsen

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 in the store and in the book sorting room. We will train!

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!



Adriance Honors Monday, October 20



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

- 2025 HONOREES -

BILL JEFFWAY, Executive Director, Dutchess County Historical Society

THOMAS ZUKOWSKI, Outstanding Volunteer



Friends of the Library Book Store Tenth Anniversary

Saturday, October 25, 10 am - 4 pm

Join us in-store for celebratory surprises and a piece of cake!



Holiday Book Sale

Friday, November 21 - Sunday, November 23

Browse a large number of gift-quality books and media, most priced at \$4 or less per item. All items will be half-price on Sunday. There will be an **Early Bird Sale** (paid admission) on Friday. For more details, please see the Friends' website.