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opens Monday,
October 20 at
10 am!**



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Registration Opens Monday, October 20!

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

- **New Year's Eve:** Wednesday, December 31
- **New Year's Day:** Thursday, January 1
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** Monday, January 19
- **Presidents' Day:** Monday, February 16

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On the Cover: A young patron at a holiday program in 2024. Photo: MaryAnn Lane

About

Adriance Memorial Library (ADR)

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Mon–Thu: 9 am – 8:30 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am – 5 pm

*Free parking and easy access off Noxon Street
GPS locator: 22 Noxon Street*

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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

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; please check our website before a visit if you're not sure.

Friends' Book Store x3423

141 Boardman Road, at rear of Library
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Vision

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

BIG READ FINALE: EVE OF REVOLUTION

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. *Registration required.*

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. 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. *Registration required.*

Liberty and Justice for Whom?: 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. As **Bill Jeffway** discusses 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. *Registration required.*

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. *Registration required.*

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. *Registration required.*

For kids and families!

18th Century Games Day

Thursday, November 20, 6:30 pm, BRD

Come play the 18th century way! Educators from **Clermont State Historic Site** will teach families how to play three popular games from the 1700s. Recommended for families with children 5 and up. Presented in partnership with the Sports Museum of Dutchess County and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. *Registration required. See page 21 for full details about games and required safety waiver for all participants.*

Colonial Tea & Yarn Dolls

Tuesday, November 4, 4-5 pm, ADR

As part of the PPLD Little Read, you are invited to our dress-up Colonial Tea where we will take a look at what some very "Independent Dames" did back then! We will make yarn dolls and play some simple colonial games while we sip on some warm tea. Recommended for ages 7-10 years old. *Registration required.*

Free Resources!

**Open to PPLD resident cardholders only.*

Arts & Entertainment Streaming

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 Primaria y Britannica Escolar Secundaria

Informe Académico (Gale OneFile) la interfaz en español brinda acceso a revistas académicas en español y portugués tanto de América Latina como sobre ella

Transparent Language los estudiantes de idiomas pueden desarrollar vocabulario, practicar habilidades y mantener lo que han aprendido disponible en cualquier momento y en cualquier lugar en más de 110 idiomas

Genealogy

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.

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

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

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

Seasonal Specials

L'chaim!

JEWISH COOKING AND CULTURE SERIES

Love, Light, and Latkes!

Sunday, November 16, 2:30–4 pm, ADR

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with flavor! Join us for “Love, Light, and Latkes” — the grand finale of our 2025 Jewish cooking & culture series. Special guest **Chef Brian Arnoff** of Meyer’s Olde Dutch (M.O.D.) will share his modern spin on Chanukah classics with a live demo, tastings, and stories that bring tradition to life. All are welcome — come hungry! *Registration required.*



Operation Warm Coat Giveaway

Saturday, November 15,

10 am – 2 pm, ADR

For children and teens only. One coat per person; children/ teens must be present to get a coat. While supplies last. *More details on page 21.*

Nican Mopohua (Virgin of Guadalupe)

Saturday, December 6,

2:30 pm, ADR

Deirdre Cornell, who has studied theology and Mariology, talks about the history of the story of the apparitions of the Virgin of Guadalupe on Tepeyac Hill. The talk is based on the *Nican Mopohua*, a document written by Antonio Valeriano in 1556, who heard it from Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin himself. *Registration required.*



The Roosevelts at Christmas

Tuesday, December 2, 7 pm, Virtual

Christmas was one of the Roosevelt family’s favorite holidays during the dark times of the Great Depression and World War II. **Jeffrey Urbin** of the FDR Presidential Library & Museum explores how the Roosevelt family nurtured and shared the spirit of Christmas. *Registration required.*



La Bohème: An Opera Talk with Tanisha Mitchell

Friday, December 5, 7 pm,

Christ Church (20 Carroll Street)

La Bohème, one of Giacomo Puccini’s hits, is about a beautiful love affair between poet Rodolfo and seamstress Mimi during Christmas in Paris. This presentation by opera singer, arts librarian, and founder of Opera Talks **Tanisha Mitchell** will include an audio-visual look at *La Bohème*, as well as a live aria performed by Tanisha. *Registration required.*



’Tis the Season: Holiday Traditions from Radio’s Golden Age

Thursday, December 18, 7-8 pm,

Virtual 🎥

For many people, the holidays are a time of traditions—and there were plenty of entertaining traditions during the golden age of radio, from Jack Benny’s annual shopping trips to Lionel Barrymore’s portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge. This presentation offers a box full of classic seasonal sounds from radio’s past, designed to spur the imagination and share a bit of Yuletide spirit. For more than a decade, presenter **Steve Darnall** has had the opportunity to share his twin fascinations for American history and popular culture as the host of *Those Were the Days* and the publisher of *Nostalgia Digest*. *Registration required.*

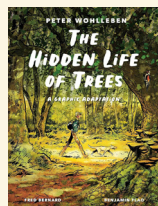
Books, Writing, & More

Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

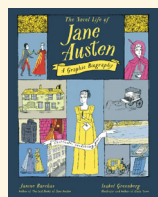
Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Join our virtual graphic novel book club for adults! *Registration required.*



November 20: ***The Hidden Life of Trees (Graphic Adaptation)*** by Peter Wohlleben; adapted by Fred Bernard

This vibrantly illustrated graphic novel follows Peter as its loveable main character, revealing the secret network of the forest and sharing struggles and triumphs from his career protecting trees.



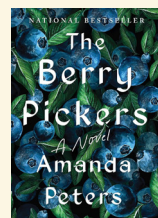
December 11: ***The Novel Life of Jane Austen*** by Janine Barchas

Combining deep scholarship and serious whimsy, Barchas presents this literary icon as the starring character in her own graphic novel. Sprinkled throughout, the Easter eggs and clever references to popular film adaptations of Austen's novels will satisfy the casual and avid Austen fan alike.

Books & Brews Book Club

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

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



November 19: ***The Berry Pickers*** by Amanda Peters

A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors, unravels a family, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years. A riveting novel about the search for truth, the shadow of trauma, and the persistence of love across time.

No December meeting.

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, November 15, December 20, 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.*

November 20: Joann Deiudicibus

December 18: Janet Stewart

Exercise Your Writing

Sundays, November 2, December 7, 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.*

Friends' Holiday Book Sale

Friday, November 21, 12-7 pm

Saturday, November 22, 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, November 23, 10 am – 5 pm

Locust Grove (2683 South Road)



Browse a large number of gift-quality books and media, most priced at \$5 or less per item. All items will be half-price on Sunday. An additional room will offer specially priced vintage items, books of local interest, collectible books, and books signed by authors. There will be an **Early Bird Sale** (paid admission) on Friday. For ticket information and details, please visit the Friends' website.



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



Jane 250

AT YOUR LIBRARY

DID YOU KNOW? December 16 is the 250th birthday of legendary British novelist Jane Austen, who stated, “I declare after all that there is no enjoyment like reading!”

While you're in Adriance, don't forget to vote for your favorite *Pride and Prejudice* adaptation at the Jane Austen display on our Ground Floor in December!

The Pride and Prejudice of Fashion: Clothing & Styles of the Jane Austen Era

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:30-8 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen as we wander through the wardrobes of some of Miss Austen's most famous characters. Explore the silhouettes of the clothing worn by the ladies and gentlemen of the day, while learning about the accessories they would have used and the reasons behind their usage. Together, we will travel through time to a long-ago era of opulence, social graces, and a gentler way of life. Presented by **Karen 'Ren' Antonowicz, M.S.**, proprietor of Spirits of Fashion and a former history professor. *Registration required.*

Jane Austen's Sanditon: From Unfinished Swan Song to British Costume Drama

Tuesday, December 16, 7 pm, Virtual & ADR 🎥

Commemorating Jane Austen's 250th birthday on Dec. 16, 2025, join author, former UK resident, and Anglophile Claire Evans for a look at Austen's final, unfinished manuscript and its path from family heirloom to a fully imagined costume drama, airing on American PBS. Learn about the real-life people and locations that informed Austen's last work before her untimely death at age 41, as well as how the seeds of her ideas came to life on the small screen. *Registration required.*

See the Graphic Novel Book Club on page 6!

A Visit from James Patterson



We closed out Library Card Sign-Up Month with internationally bestselling author James Patterson, who spoke to 650 of our patrons at the Lateef Islam Auditorium on September 30!

Patterson discussed his newest book, a self-help book co-written with Patrick Leddin entitled *Disrupt Everything — and Win: Take Control of Your Future*, with our director Tom Lawrence, but also answered audience questions about his popular works of fiction. Each household in attendance also received a free autographed copy of the book.



Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE



Jennifer Wollock

November 1 – December 31

GROUND FLOOR CASES, ADRIANCE



Tiny Art Show

November 1 – December 6

Closing Reception (see right)

Saturday, December 6,
3:30–4:30 pm, ADR

BOARDMAN ART WALL



**Robin Hutchinson:
Reap in Joy**

October 9 – January 7



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

Intro to Cheese Workshop

Monday, December 1, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Calling all turophiles! We will cover the four most common cheeses you may encounter: bloomy rinds, cheddar, alpine, and grana-style cheeses. Enjoy a selection of cheeses, accompaniments, and open discussion. **Sarah O'Connell** is a cheesemonger and educator dedicated to sharing the world of cheese. Their goal is to inspire others to ask questions and enjoy something new. **Registration required.**

Open Mic

Wednesdays, November 12, December 10, 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, November 13, December 11, 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.**



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Paper Crafting

Thursdays, November 13, December 11,
6:30-8:30 pm, ADR

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

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wednesdays, November 19, December 17,
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.*

Closing Reception for the Tiny Art Show

Saturday, December 6, 3:30–4:30 pm, ADR

Come meet the artists who participated in this year's show. Artists, come collect your art work. Light refreshments will be served. *No registration required.*

Concert: Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians present *A Tour of Music through Europe*

Saturday, December 20, 2:30 pm, BRD

Come out for a soothing concert this afternoon with the classical, professional woodwind quintet based in the Hudson Valley. This program will include musical works by composers throughout Europe, from Baroque to contemporary music. **Norman Dee** (flute), **Leigh Myers** (clarinet), **Terry Watson** (horn), **Ann Churukian** (oboe), and **Donald Venezia** (bassoon). *No registration required.*

See page 5 for our holiday-themed arts and entertainment programs!



Catskill Kleptomaniacs

Wednesday, November 12, 6-8 pm, BRD

Humorist, Borscht Belt Museum archivist and lifelong Catskills resident **Allen Frishman** grew up in a family of plumbers in the bungalow colony industry in Sullivan County. He's witnessed the great times, the decline, and the new beginnings. Frishman will share behind-the-scenes stories about his family's bungalow colonies, his plumbing experiences, and his extensive collection of rare and interesting artifacts. Frishman will be selling and signing copies of his first two books, *Tales of a Catskills Mountain Plumber* and *More Borscht from a Catskills Mountain Plumber*. *Registration required.*

Jam Sessions

Strum and sing songs together 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

Select Tuesdays, 1-3 pm, BRD,
November 18, December 9

Ukulele Strumalong

Select Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, BRD,
November 25, December 30

History & Current Events

Walking Tour of Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery

Saturday, November 1, 11 am, 342 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie

Join historian **Shannon Butler** on a walk through the historic and beautiful Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. We'll visit with some of the most fascinating characters in local history, from businessmen and doctors, to artists and musicians. As we make our way through the property, we'll discuss the creation of the cemetery itself. This will be an outdoor event with lots of walking so dress accordingly, with appropriate footwear. *Registration required.*

From Internment to Military Service: Veterans from Manzanar

Monday, November 10, 5:30 – 7 pm, ADR

This Veterans Day event explores the often-overlooked history of Japanese Americans incarcerated at Manzanar (and other U.S. internment camps) who went on to serve in World War II for the United States. Through history, memory, and dialogue, we will explore their contributions to the war effort and confront the contradictions of loyalty and injustice in wartime America. Bilingual program. *Registration required.*

Great Decisions: International Climate Cooperation in an Era of Geopolitical Turmoil

Monday, November 17, 6:30 pm BRD

Over the past 30 years, climate change has become one of the central global challenges of the modern era, one that has hugely important consequences for the livability of the planet. Facilitator **Karen Nicols** for World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. *No registration required.*

Exploring Your Family Tree - A Guide to Genealogy Resources in the Library

Thursday, December 11, 2:30 pm, ADR

This is a beginner's guide to researching your family tree. We will show you how to organize your materials and how to use online resources as well as the sources here in the library. *Registration required.*



Staff Spotlight: Christine Bexley

Meet a bilingual library assistant who has been with PPLD for 5 years.

Describe your position in your own words!

From supporting library visitors and patrons in obtaining library cards and accessing all of the fabulous services with it, to preparing books to live their new lives in the PPLD libraries, to acting as an unofficial historian of the Sadie Peterson Delaney (SPD) branch, I librarily assist, sometimes in Spanish.

What are your goals for your department and/or position? Or what you like most about your job.

Given that Spanish is not my first language... one of my goals is to become (more) fluent. This extends to learning other languages as well (Thank you, Transparent Language Online—available to use with your library card!), including American Sign Language. I am grateful for the patience of Spanish-speaking patrons I have met and who share precise and delightful new vocabulary with me. Te agradezco mucho.

What's a personal fun fact(s) that people might not know about you?

I'll tell anyone the folklore of my two Adriance parking lot Wonder Twin cats, Sadie and Delaney. Also, I absorbed an unnecessary amount of musical theatre trivia and may sing it at you if the situation arises.

Need more history?

See page 3 for the remaining programs for our Big Read 2025 theme (American Revolution).

See page 5 for our Seasonal Specials for adults, including several historical programs.

See page 24 for the Friends' Annual Event, featuring Historians Jeffrey Urbin and Shannon Butler, who will discuss Pearl Harbor.

Health & Wellness

Buddhist Meditation

Tuesdays, November 4 - December 23, 10-11 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

Fridays, 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. Space is limited; first come, first served. *No registration required.*

Hiking Club: Winnakee Nature Preserve

Sunday, November 9, 9 am

Explore some great local hiking spots with us! Please bring your own water/snacks and wear proper clothing/footwear. Be prepared to navigate rough terrain, 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.

Meet at the dead end of the North Terwilliger Road Extension, Hyde Park. Hike will be about 1 ½ miles with some elevation change.

Meet the Author: Matt Jordan

Saturday, November 15, 2:30 pm, BRD

Matt will discuss his two books: *Unleash Godly Power* and *Conquer Hard Times*. He will briefly review his first book: How to use techniques such as yoga, breathing, exercise, meditation, and affirmation to reduce stress. He will explain how to apply these principles in his second book, *Conquer Hard Times*. Matt will explain how to deal with loss of loved ones, depression, insomnia, illness, stress, anxiety, panic attacks, addictions (drugs, alcohol, gambling), divorce, bankruptcy, and much more. *No registration required.*



Save Energy, Save Dollars

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

This workshop will help participants identify which energy usage choices have the biggest impact on comfort, cost, and climate. Participants will develop an energy action plan to reduce energy use in their homes. The goal is to find and initiate actions that lead to energy savings through a problem-solving strategy session. Participants will explore strategies for reducing energy costs and write down actions appropriate for their household, sharing their chosen actions at the end. Presented by an educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County. *Registration required.*

Defensive Driving

Saturday, December 6, 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.*

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

*Tuesday, December 9, 6-8 pm, BRD
(No November Meeting)*

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.*

PPLD HomeBoost



PPLD has some new additions to the Library of Things, available at Adriaance, including a Citizen Science Kit and HomeBoost energy assessment tool.

PPLD has teamed up with HomeBoost and Central Hudson through the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) to add a powerful new way to manage energy expenses at no cost to patrons. HomeBoost is a free new DIY energy assessment tool available from the Library of Things

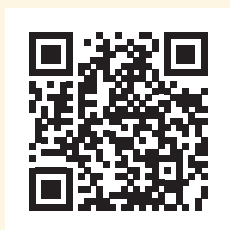
at Adriaance. The HomeBoost kit includes a smartphone-compatible thermal imaging camera and step-by-step instructions to help users identify areas in their homes where energy efficiency can be improved. Within days of completing the assessment, patrons will receive a free personalized report via email that highlights available rebates and provides recommendations to improve efficiency and reduce monthly bills.



HomeBoost kits are compatible with both iPhone and Android devices. For the most accurate results, users should have basic details about their home available, such as the year their home was built, square footage, type of heating system, and window style. Patrons need a Central Hudson account and to be an active Central Hudson customer.

For a limited time, upon return of the kit, patrons will receive a complimentary weatherization kit to help users get started on improving their home energy efficiency that includes: two cans of spray foam, door sweeps, five outlet gaskets, five switch gaskets, and one tube of caulk. The kit will help patrons seal drafts, improve comfort, and lower energy bills, particularly during peak summer and winter months.

“The Library District is happy to work with Central Hudson to better assist their customers with evaluating their home energy use,” said Tom Lawrence, Director of PPLD. “It’s the kind of collaboration that is of great benefit to the community.”



Other available items in the Library of Things includes a disc golf kit, early literacy backpacks, GoPro HERO5, a guitar, hiking backpacks, a metal detector kit, mobile Hotspots, Nature Explorer Backpacks, Orion StarBlast telescopes, Samsung Galaxy Chromebooks, a tool library, and ukuleles.

Patrons must be 18 years of age and hold a PPLD resident cardholder for six months to check a kit out, or any other items from the Library of Things. The Library of Things is only available at Adriaance Memorial Library with a borrower agreement form.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit poklib.org/homeboost or cenhud.com/HomeBoost.



Invest in your library!

This year, consider making a charitable donation from your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to the Poughkeepsie Public Library District. We are an eligible Qualified Charity. You can also make a year-end donation by check to PPLD. Please call us and we'd be happy to help. Reach Michele Muir at (845) 485-3445 x3325.

Connecting

Drop In!

Board Games

*Mondays, November 3 – December 29,
1-4 pm, BRD*

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

All-Ages Chess Club

*Mondays, November 3 – December 8,
5–7 pm, BRD*

Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages welcome.

Brain Games

*Fridays, November 7, 14, December 5,
12, 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

Come Play Modern American Canasta

*Fridays, November 7 – December 19,
1-4 pm, BRD (closed November 28)*

Come play Canasta with other Canasta enthusiasts. Beginners welcome but must know how to play. *No registration required.*

Learn Modern American Canasta

*Mondays, November 17– December 15,
1-4 pm, BRD*

If you sign up you are committing to five Monday afternoons from November 17-December 15 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Boardman Road Library. *Registration required. Each person must register separately.*

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

Stop & Shop at 44 Plaza (59 Burnett Boulevard)
Thursdays, November 6, 10 am – 12 pm

Senior Center Visits

Office for the Aging

(OFA) (114 Delafield Street)

Bilingual services onsite!

Monday, November 3, 12:30 - 2 pm

Tuesday, December 2, 10:30 am – 12 pm

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

(14 Abe's Way)

*Tuesdays, November 18, December 9,
10:30 am – 12 pm*

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)

(114 Delafield Street)

*Thursdays, November 13, December 11,
12:30-2 pm*

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

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

(14 Abe's Way) Tuesdays, November 25, December 16, 10:30 am – 12 pm

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. **Closed Nov. 11, closing early at 5 pm on Nov. 26, closed Nov. 27-28, closing early at 5 pm on Dec. 23, closed Dec. 24-26, closing early at 12 pm on Dec. 31, closed Jan. 1.**

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

Sadie Peterson Delaney Computer Lab

Tuesdays, November 4, December 2,

1:30 - 3:30 pm, SPD

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.

Basics

PC Basics B

Thursday, November 13, 1:30 pm

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

Mouse & Keyboard B

Thursday, December 4, 1:30 pm

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

Basic Email B

Thursday, December 18, 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.*



Microsoft Office Courses

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prereqs apply.



Microsoft Excel: Spreadsheets

Excel 101 I

Monday, November 17, 3 pm

Wednesday, November 19, 6:15 pm

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

Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Excel 102 I

Monday, December 1, 3 pm

Wednesday, December 3, 6:15 pm

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

Excel 103 A

Monday, December 8, 3 pm

Wednesday, December 10, 6:15 pm

Learn how to use custom sort, group worksheets, create multi-sheet formulas, apply conditional formatting and protect formulas for file security.

Prerequisite: Excel 102 or equivalent experience.

Excel Functions A

Monday, December 15, 3 pm

Wednesday, December 17, 6:15 pm

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



Microsoft PowerPoint: Slideshows

PowerPoint 101 B

Saturday, December 13, 11 am

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

Technology

Medicare 101 / Navigating the Medicare Site **B** Thursday, November 6, 9:30 am or Tuesday, December 2, 9:30 am

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.

AI as a Thinking Partner **I** Saturday, November 8, 2 pm

Go beyond the hype and learn to use AI as a true partner in your creative and professional processes. In this short course, you'll use the free Google Gemini to discover powerful prompting techniques that can augment your thinking and planning. We'll explore how to use AI to brainstorm ideas, create outlines, and critically challenge your own concepts, helping you develop your work more deeply and efficiently. *Prerequisite: intermediate computer skills.*

Windows 11 **B** Friday, November 14, 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.*

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips **B** Monday, November 17, 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.*

Using an iPhone **B** Friday, November 21, 2 pm or Saturday, December 20, 2 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of iPhones. You are welcome to bring your iPhone. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Using an Android **B** Saturday, November 22, 2 pm or Friday, December 19, 2 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of Androids. You are welcome to bring your Android. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs **I** Saturday, November 22, 11 am

Learn the basics of using Google Drive that includes free Google Docs. Upload and create files, navigate Google Drive, share files and collaborate with others. *Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent experience.*

Online Security & Common Scams **B** Monday, November 24, 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.*

Internet 101 **B** Monday, December 1, 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, December 8, 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.*

Introduction to 3D Printing Services **I** Friday, December 5, 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, December 12, 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.*

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1: The Blockchain **A** Monday, December 22, 3pm

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.*

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 2: Cryptocurrency **A** Monday, December 29, 3pm

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.*

Recommended Experience



Beginner



Intermediate



Advanced



Expert

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.

Clases de primaria para adultos

4 de noviembre al 16 de diciembre, 5:30 – 8 pm, ADR

Clases de secundaria para adultos

4 de noviembre al 16 de diciembre, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

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

6 de noviembre al 18 de diciembre, 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Alfabetización tecnológica

6 de noviembre al 18 de diciembre, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, ADR

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 Secretaría de Educación Pública del Gobierno de México, el cual es válido el país de origen del educando, así como en los EEUU.

Del internamiento al servicio militar: veteranos de Manzanar, la contradicción en el corazón de la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

Lunes, 10 de noviembre, 5:30 – 7 pm, ADR

Este evento del Día de los Veteranos explora la historia, a menudo ignorada, de los estadounidenses de origen japonés encarcelados en Manzanar (y otros campos de internamiento estadounidenses) quienes sirvieron en la Segunda Guerra Mundial para los Estados Unidos. A través de la historia, la memoria y el diálogo, exploraremos sus contribuciones al esfuerzo de la guerra y confrontaremos las contradicciones de la lealtad y la injusticia en Estados Unidos durante la guerra. Programa bilingüe. *Requiere inscripción.*

Conozca sus derechos en el lugar de trabajo

Lunes, 3 de noviembre, 6 pm, ADR

Introducción a los derechos laborales para aprender sobre los derechos que tiene como trabajador en el estado de NY, sin importar su estatus migratorio. Los temas incluyen: su pago, represalias, discriminación, salud y seguridad, permiso pagado, compensación laboral, trata laboral, y su derecho a organizarse. Presentado por el Centro de Justicia del Trabajador de Nueva York. *No requiere inscripción.*

Taller para ahorrar energía

Sábado, 13 de diciembre, 10 am, ADR

Aprende sobre bombas de calor, el aislamiento que la casa debe tener, cómo detectar las fugas de calor. Además, cómo puede usar créditos fiscales y fondos estatales para acondicionar y conservar el frío y el calor. También en el taller se habla del programa HEAP, Empower+, Community Solar. Recibirá un kit de energía que contiene artículos que puede instalar usted mismo en este invierno. *No requiere inscripción.*

Recuerdo de mi abuelo

Sábado, 13 de diciembre, 2 pm, ADR

Presentación de una mini telenovela creada para empezar la conversación sobre el Alzheimer. Contada a través de la lente de una familia hispana en los EE.UU. después del diagnóstico de su abuelo. La serie alienta a las familias a tener conversaciones abiertas acerca de la pérdida de la memoria, el diagnóstico y la prestación de cuidados entre las generaciones. Impartido por la Asociación del Alzheimer. *No requiere inscripción.*

Altar de Muertos

Del 28 de octubre al 7 de noviembre, ADR

Visita el altar de muertos tradicional que se expone en la biblioteca Adriance Memorial en la planta baja. Este altar se hacen con la colaboración de los estudiantes del programa La Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie, programa de educación básica para adultos.

Desayuno con Coco

Sábado, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, ADR

Disfruta de la película Coco junto con un desayuno ligero con algunos de los tradicionales alimentos que se colocan en el altar de muertos: tamales, pan de muerto, chocolate caliente y atole. Serviremos a las 9:30 am, y a las 10 am estarás listo para disfrutar de esta maravillosa producción. La película se reproduce en español. Cupo limitado. *Requiere inscripción de cada persona que asista.*

Álbum de fotos hecho a mano

Sábado, 1 de noviembre, 2 - 4 pm, ADR

Crea un álbum de recuerdos con fotos de tus seres queridos, tus mascotas o amigos que desees recordar y hacer homenaje en este Día de Muertos. Con recortes y motivos propios de la celebración, este álbum se realiza en forma geométrica. Requiere traer fotografías de la(s) persona(s) o mascota que desees hacer homenaje. Los retratos serán fotocopiados para que las pegues en el álbum junto con otros recortes. *Requiere inscripción.*



Nican Mopohua

Sábado, 6 de diciembre, 2:30 pm, ADR

Deirdre Cornell, que ha estudiado Teología y Mariología, habla sobre la historia del relato de las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el cerro del Tepeyac. La charla se basa en el Nican Mopohua, un documento redactado por Antonio Valeriano en 1556, quien

lo escuchó del propio Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin. **La presentación solo es inglés. Requiere inscripción.**

Consulado del Perú Itinerante

Miércoles, 17 de diciembre, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Auditorio de MHLS (105 Market Street)

Se ofrecerán servicios de renovación del DNI por caducidad (no por cambio de domicilio) y de tramitación de pasaportes para menores y mayores de edad. **Solo se atenderá con cita.** Las citas podrán reservarse a partir del lunes 17 de noviembre en el sistema de citas online en www.conperun.com.

Le recomendamos consultar el sitio web del consulado o el sitio web de la biblioteca en poklib.org/spanish-programs para verificar los requisitos necesarios para realizar su trámite y poder obtener su cita.

Club de tejido con café

Viernes, 7 de noviembre, y 5 y 19 de diciembre, 6–8:30 pm, Panera (712 Dutchess Turnpike)

Teje proyectos sugeridos por una instructora que enseña y dirige tu labor. ¡Pero, también puedes elaborar tus propios proyectos! En este grupo son bienvenidas cualquier tipo de manualidades: tejido, bordado, costura, y pintura. Únete con nosotros y socializa con personas que tienen gustos similares. Además, tómate un rico café con pan. **No requiere inscripción.**

¡Huele a manzana!

Sábado, 15 de noviembre, de 10 am, ADR

Una postre dulce, aromático y perfecto para deleitar a la familia para este día de Acción de Gracias. Virginia Pinelo enseña cómo hornear un pay de manzana para celebrar en este gran día que los latinos hemos adoptado. *Requiere inscripción.*

¡Qué rica navidad!

Sábado, 6 de diciembre, 10am, ADR

Aprende a elaborar un pastel navideño tradicional. Virginia Pinelo enseña su elaboración y te da consejos que debes tener en cuenta al momento de hornear. *Requiere inscripción.*

Mostrador Público

Martes y jueves, 1 – 3 pm, ADR

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

Miércoles, 10 – 12 pm

Servicio permanente dónde 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. Se ayuda con escaneo de documentos para solicitar traducciones. Asistimos en envíos de faxes. Se ofrece servicio de notaría 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.

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 Nov. 11, closing early at 5 pm on Nov. 26, closed Nov. 27-28, closing early at 5 pm on Dec. 23, closed Dec. 24-26, closing early at 12 pm on Dec. 31, closed Jan. 1.

Young Adventurers Guild: D&D Club

Saturday, every week, 1-4:30 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.*

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, November 3 – December 8, 5–7 pm, BRD

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

Drop-In Teen Gaming

Mondays, November 3 - December 8, 5-8 pm, ADR

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

Flextangle

Monday, November 3, 5-7 pm, ADR

Drop in to color and make your own flextangles. No registration required. While supplies last. For ages 12-18. *No registration required.*

Common Sense Self-Defense for Boys

Mondays, November 3, December 1, 8, 15, 5:30-7:30 pm, BRD

A self-defense class for males 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. *Registration required.*

Anime Movie Nights

Tuesdays, November 4 - December 9, 5-7 pm, ADR

No program Tuesday, November 11. *No registration required.*

College Scholarship Workshop Series

Wednesdays, November 12, December 10, 5-6 pm

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

Drop-In Tote Bag Tie-Dye

Monday, November 17, 5-7 pm, ADR

Using tissue paper and rubbing alcohol, you get to create a different technique of tie-dye. While supplies last. For ages 12-18. *No registration required.*

Anime / Manga Club

Wednesday, November 19, 5-7 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. *Registration required.*



Error Code: A Mystery of Bolts, Bytes, and Betrayal

Saturday, November 29, 2–3 pm, BRD

Paper Heart Puppets presents a world of aliens and robots. Something is very wrong at the robot factory. Robots have been exploding and nobody seems to know why. It's up to the audience to figure it out in time to save everyone.

This show has been generously funded by grants from The Jim Henson Foundation, ArtsWestchester, and Arts Mid-Hudson.

Registration required.

Drop-In Snow Globes

Monday, December 1, 5-7 pm, ADR

Create a fun snow globe to make for yourself or give it as a gift. Materials are provided. While supplies last. For ages 12-18. *No registration required.*

Teen LEGO Builders

Tuesday, December 2, 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.*

Decorate a Mug

Monday, December 8, 5-7 pm, ADR

Create a fun drawing to put with your mug. You can give it as a gift or keep it for yourself! While supplies last. For ages 12-18. *Registration required.*

Dungeons and Dragons Demo Day

Monday, December 22, 1-2 pm, BRD

Tryout the Dungeons and Dragons Game in a short, fun filled one-hour session. Everything you need to play is provided so bring yourself and your sense of adventure and fun. The demo will run you through the basics and you'll enjoy all things used to play the game. Run by an experienced veteran of the game, it will be a fun filled hour for kids age 10+ and adults! *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 for more details about our volunteer positions for community service credit and how to apply.



Congratulations to the PPLD Battle of the Books Team for placing first in 2025!

A lot of time and hard work goes into preparing the team to compete. The team is led by Jolie Hamer-Conroy. They read six pre-selected books and met for six in-depth book discussions pertaining to the most minute details from each story. The team also trained on how to use a buzzer system and on how to work together as a competitive team. They then engaged in practice battles against other nearby libraries before competing in the real thing.

The PPLD team worked hard and demonstrated great team collaboration and cooperation, as well as excellent sportsmanship. The Library District wants to congratulate our team and acknowledge their dedication and hard work.

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 Nov. 11, closing early at 5 pm on Nov. 26, closed Nov. 27-28, closing early at 5 pm on Dec. 23, closed Dec. 24-26, closing early at 12 pm on Dec. 31, closed Jan. 1.

At Adriance

PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time

Mondays, November 3 – December 8, 10-11:15 am

Tuesdays, November 4 – December 9, 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, November 4 – December 9, 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, November 5 – December 10, 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, November 6 – December 11, 10:00-11 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, November 7 – December 12, 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, November 6, December 4, 11, 1:30–2:30 pm, ADR

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, November 3 – December 8,

10-10:30 am

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

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, November 3 – December 8, 11-

11:45 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, November 5 – December 10,

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, November 6 – December 11, 10-

10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, November 6 – December 11,

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 Nov. 11, closing early at 5 pm on Nov. 26, closed Nov. 27-28, closing early at 5 pm on Dec. 23, closed Dec. 24-26, closing early at 12 pm on Dec. 31, closed Jan. 1.

Thanksgiving Classic Movie Marathon

Tuesday, November 25, 5-8 pm, ADR

Gobble up some fun at our Thanksgiving movie night! Join us at the library for a cozy evening of classic, heartwarming Thanksgiving films perfect for the whole family. Snacks will be provided. *No registration required.*

5-5:30 pm: **A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving**

5:30-6 pm: **Garfield's Thanksgiving**

6-7:30 pm: **Free Birds**

Kwanzaa Celebration

Saturday, December 27, 1-2 pm, SPD

Join Musician Khalil Kwame Bell for a very special Kwanzaa Celebration with live traditional African music, drumming and spoken word with a presentation of the Nguzo Saba. *Registration required.*

Winter Break Drop-In Craft

Monday, December 29, 2 pm, ADR

Tuesday, December 30, 2 pm, ADR

Friday, January 2, 2 pm, ADR

Stop by the Children's Room on select days during winter break and create fun crafts and projects! While supplies last. Ages 4-11. *No registration required.*



What arrives in the mail for a child's imagination?

PPLD will become a Dolly Parton Imagination Library in 2026! Stay tuned as details develop about how your child can receive free books.

Holiday Gingerbread House Workshop

Monday, December 8, 5-6:15 pm, MHLS Auditorium

Get ready for a sweet time at our annual gingerbread house decorating workshop where we will decorate our gingerbread houses and also get a surprise visit from local author **Della Ross Ferreri**! She will be reading her new picture book, *The Mouse Buffet*. Registered attendees will receive a free copy of the book to take home and share with loved ones during the holidays. For ages 3-11 years old. *Registration required.*

Operation Warm Coat Giveaway

Saturday, November 15, 10 am – 2 pm, ADR

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



Children

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These programs require registration unless otherwise noted. Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 X 3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register.

Stories in the Story Nook

Mondays, November 3 – December 8, 4-4:30 pm

Snuggle up in the Story Nook and listen for your next favorite story! Recommended for ages 4 and up. ***No registration required.***

Kids' Chess Club

Tuesdays, November 4 – December 9, 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.***

Little STEAMers for Homeschoolers

Wednesday sessions:

November 12 & 19, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

***Thursday sessions: November 13 & 20,
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm***

If you love the library and are a homeschooler, come and enjoy completing various STEAM challenges related to some fantastic stories! Aligned with NYS curriculum standards. Recommended for ages 6-11. ***Please register for only one session.***

Colonial Tea & Yarn Dolls

Tuesday, November 4, 4-5 pm

As part of the PPLD Little Read, you are invited to our dress-up Colonial Tea where we will take a look at what some very "Independent Dames" did back then! We will make yarn dolls and play some simple colonial games while we sip on some warm tea. Recommended for ages 7-10.

Paws to Read

Wednesdays, November 5, December 3, 4-5 pm

Do you love dogs and books? Then join us and read to one of our cuddly canines from Positive Paws! Sign up for a 15-minute slot. Bring your book from home or choose one from our library! Do a craft while you wait for your turn. Recommended for ages 6-11. ***Registration required.*** We encourage independence in children and encourage parents to wait outside the room while children read to their furry friends.

Create an Art Journal!

Wednesday, November 19, 4-5 pm

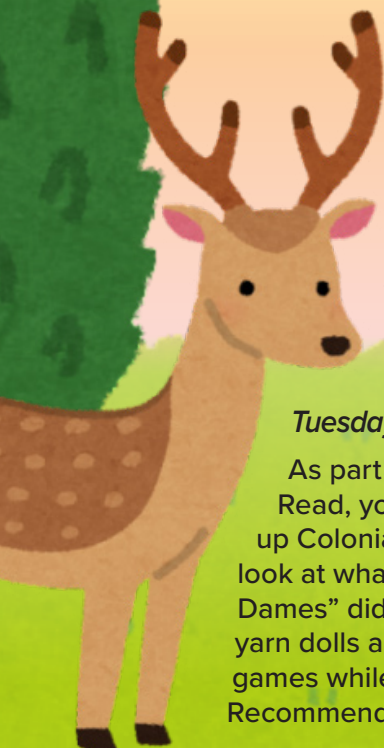
Do you love to draw, create, and collect cool things? Join us for an afternoon of creative fun where you'll get to collage and decorate your very own art journal! We'll provide a variety of paper, colorful images and more to help you make your journal a unique masterpiece. Recommended for ages 7-11.

18th Century Games Day

Thursday, November 20, 6:30 pm, BRD



Come play the 18th century way! Educators from **Clermont State Historic Site** will teach families how to play three popular games from the 1700s. Test your agility and gracefulness with Graces, dodge whoever is "It" in Blind Man's Bluff, and stump your friends with Pass the Slipper. These beloved games were favorites among New York's youth over 250 years ago, and we think you'll enjoy them too! Recommended for families with children 5 and up. Presented in partnership with the Sports Museum of Dutchess County and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. **All participants must sign a safety waiver. All children's waivers must be signed by their parent or guardian before participating. Waivers will be available to fill out at check-in.**



At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

K-2 Stories & Crafts

Wednesday, November 12, 4-5 pm

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

LEGO and More: Brick Building

Tuesday, November 18, December 2, 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.**

Snowy Owl Time!

Thursday, November 20, 4-5 pm

Let's make a cute snowy owl that you can keep for yourself or give away as a gift. Recommended for ages 5-11.

Snowflakes!

Monday, December 1, 4-5 pm

How many different snowflake crafts can we make? Join us to find out! Recommended for ages 5-11.

Mini Snowman Canvas Painting

Thursday, December 11, 4-5 pm

Paint a snowman or other winter scene with acrylic paint on a mini 4"x 4" canvas. Display easel provided. Recommended for ages 5-11.

At SPD

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Festive Foods Scavenger Hunt

November 7 – December 31

Can you find all nine seasonal snacks hidden in the SPD? **No registration required.**

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POUGHKEEPSIE CHILDREN'S
BOOK FESTIVAL

Save the Date!
MARCH 28
10-3, DCC





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

November 24: *Midnight Fugue*
by Reginald Hill

No meeting in December.

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!

poklib.org/about-the-friends



Holiday Book Sale

Friday, November 21, 12-7 pm

Saturday, November 22, 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, November 23, 10 am – 5 pm

Locust Grove (2683 South Road)

Browse a large number of gift-quality books and media, most priced at \$5 or less per item. All items will be half-price on Sunday. An additional room will offer specially priced vintage items, books of local interest, collectible books, and books signed by authors. There will be an **Early Bird Sale** (paid admission) on Friday. For ticket information and details, please visit the Friends' website.



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

Friends of PPLD Annual Meeting:

When the World Changed: Dutchess County and the Day of Infamy with Jeffrey Urbin & Shannon Butler

Sunday, December 7, 2:30-4 pm, BRD

On December 7, 1941, the US (ranked 17th in the world in military power at the time) was unexpectedly plunged into World War II, but what was the tone in Dutchess County?

Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor stunned the American public and galvanized support for the war. A grueling 1,365 days later, we emerged as the world's first superpower. The program explores the question: "Should we have been, and could we have been, more prepared?"

Presented by **Jeffrey Urbin**, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, and **Shannon Butler**, Historian for PPLD.