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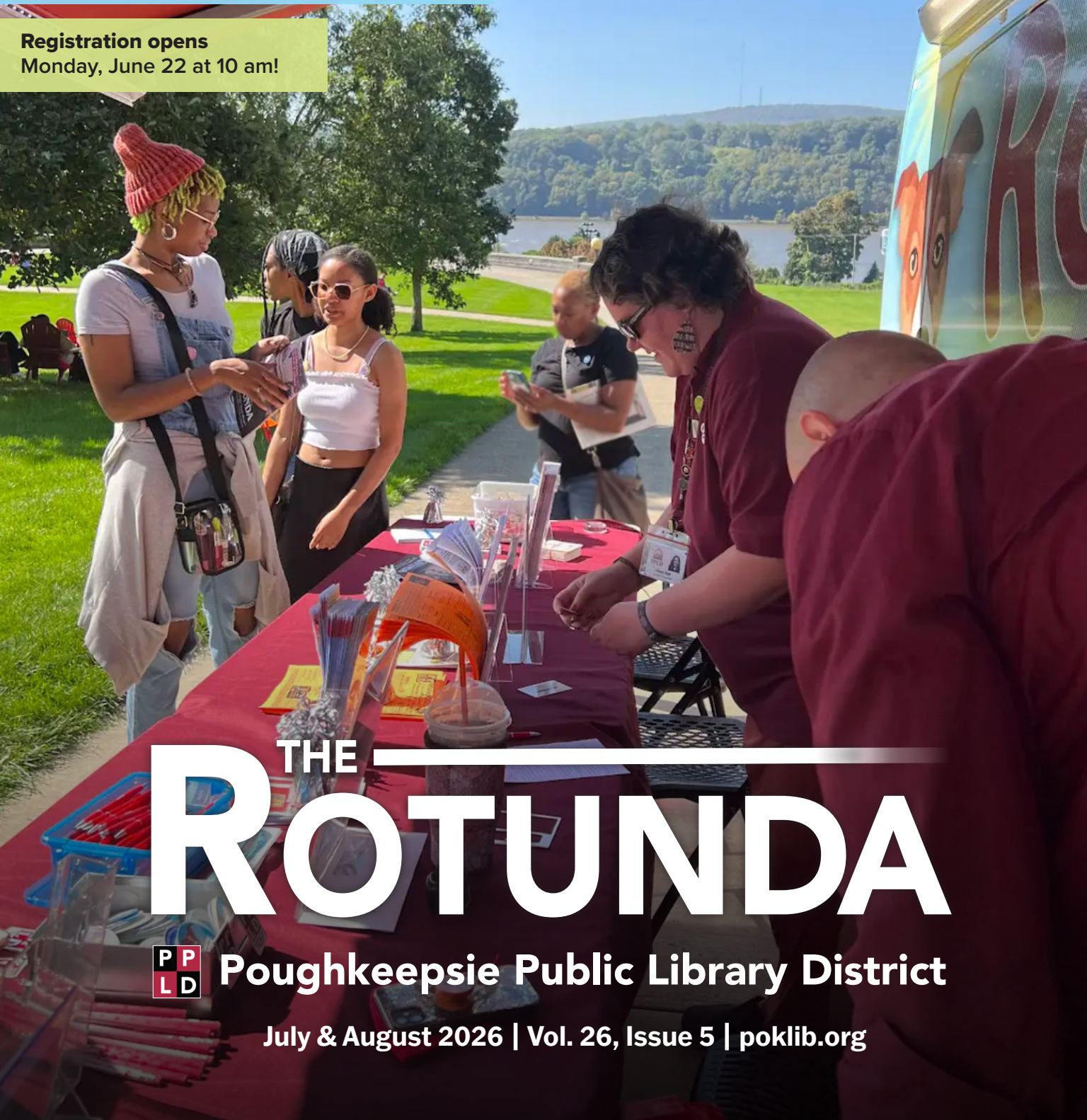
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Registration opens

Monday, June 22 at 10 am!



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Registration Opens Monday, June 22!

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.

Did you know? More details about programs can be found on our online library calendar. You can also view a text-only PDF of the current *Rotunda* at poklib.org ► Events ► Rotunda – Text-Only Version.

Upcoming Closures

Summer Schedule: *Sundays from May 31 – August 30*

Independence Day (America 250!): *Saturday, July 4*

Labor Day: *Saturday, September 5 – Monday, September 7*

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

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On the Cover: *Rover the Roaming Library Bookmobile on location at Marist University. Learn more about when Rover might be near you on page 13 or poklib.org/rover.*

About

Adriance Memorial Library (ADR)

93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Monday–Thursday: 9 am – 8:30 pm

Friday & Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday: *Closed May 31 – August 30*

Free parking and easy access off Noxon Street

GPS locator: 22 Noxon Street

Boardman Road Branch Library (BRD)

141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Monday–Thursday: 9 am – 8:30 pm

Friday & Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm Sunday: Closed

Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots

Branch Library (SPD), Family Partnership

29 N. Hamilton Street, Room 224,

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9-5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 1-5 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Hours may be liable to change; please check our website before a visit if you're not sure.

Friends' Book Store (845) 485-3445 x3423

141 Boardman Road, at rear of Library

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm

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Vision

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

WHERE WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

With travel expenses expected to be unusually high this summer, we'd like to remind you that you can visit **over 40 destinations** for free or reduced admission, thanks to your PPLD resident library card. *Right: Hudson Valley destinations*

Hudson Valley

1. The Wild Center
2. Adirondack Experience
3. Albany Institute of History & Art
4. USS Slater Destroyer Escort Historical Museum
5. Bronck Museum*
6. FASNY Museum of Firefighting*
7. Thomas Cole National Historic Site*
8. Olana State Historic Site*
9. Opus 40 Sculpture Park & Museum*
10. Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome*
11. Hudson River Maritime Museum*
12. Wethersfield Estate & Garden*
13. Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo at Millbrook School*
14. FDR Library & Museum*
15. Mohonk Preserve*
16. Historic Huguenot Street*
17. Museum at Bethel Woods
18. Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum*
19. Dia:Beacon*
20. Motorcyclepedia Museum*
21. Stonecrop Gardens*
22. Magazzino Italian Art*
23. Storm King Art Center*
24. Hudson Highlands Nature Center*
25. Boscobel House and Gardens*
26. Museum Village of Old Smith's Clove Monroe*

New York City

27. Guggenheim Museum
28. American Museum of Natural History
29. MoMA | The Museum of Modern Art
30. Intrepid Museum
31. 9/11 Memorial & Museum

Connecticut

32. Mark Twain House & Museum
33. White Memorial Conservation Center*
34. Institute of American Indian Studies*
35. Danbury Railway Museum*
36. The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum*

Massachusetts

37. MASS MoCA
38. Hancock Shaker Village
39. Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
40. Berkshire Botanical Garden
41. Norman Rockwell Museum
42. Basketball Hall of Fame

New Jersey

43. The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms

* Asterisk indicates that venue is approximately or within 60 miles from Poughkeepsie.



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UNEARTH A STORY™



SUMMER READING AT YOUR LIBRARY ALL CHALLENGES OPEN JUNE 27 - AUGUST 14

FOR CHILDREN

Sign up at the Kickoff Event on **Saturday, June 27**, or at the Adriance children's desk, Rover, or the Boardman check-out desk after the Kickoff. To complete the reading log, fill in one bubble for every 10 minutes you read. When all the bubbles are filled in, simply bring your sheet back to the library! There, you will be entered in a drawing for awesome prizes, and also play Plinko for a small prize upon returning your log.

FOR TEENS

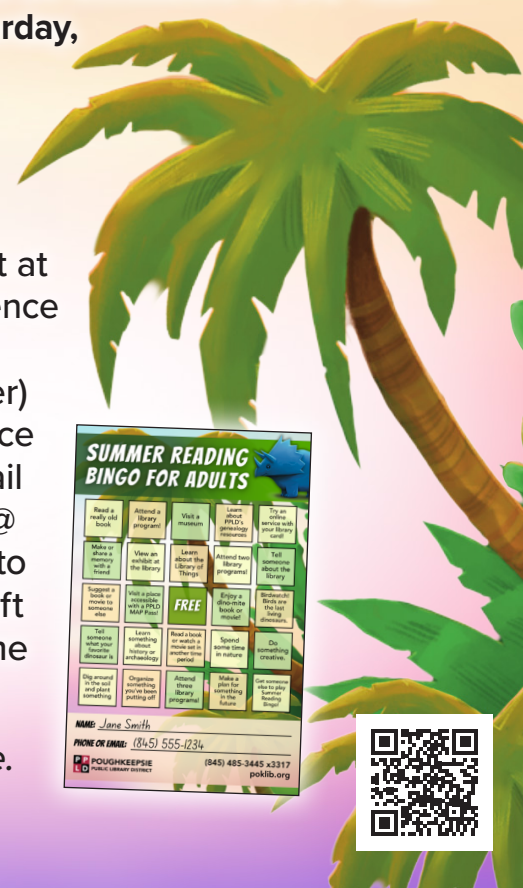
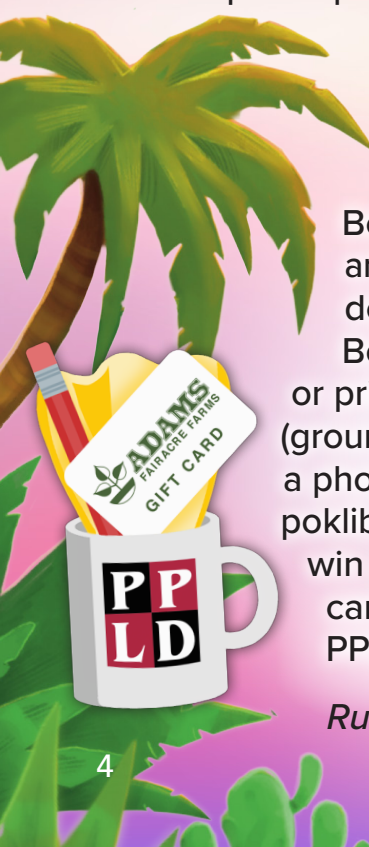
Engage in reading and earn entries to win fantastic prizes! Every 100 pages read or teen program attended will earn one entry into the prize draw, which will be held in August. Manga and graphic novels count toward reading goals. Early registration will be accessible at the Teen Kickoff on **Saturday, June 20**.



FOR ADULTS

Beginning June 27, pick up a Bingo sheet at any PPLD location (ground floor and reference desks at Adriance; check-out desks at Boardman or SPD; also available on Rover) or print a copy online. Return sheet to Adriance (ground floor only), Boardman, or SPD, or email a photo of your completed sheet to cmarriott@poklib.org by Friday, August 14 to be entered to win a gift bundle that includes an Adams gift card valued at \$25, \$50, or \$100, and some PPLD swag! Ages 18 and up.

Rules and restrictions apply to each game.



Books, Writing, & More

Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Join our virtual graphic novel book club for adults!

Registration required.



July 16: **Feeding Ghosts** by Tessa Hulls

Extensively researched and gorgeously rendered, *Feeding Ghosts* is Hulls' homecoming, a vivid journey into the beating heart of one family, set against the dark backdrop of Chinese history. By turns fascinating and heartbreaking, inventive and poignant, *Feeding Ghosts* exposes the fear and trauma that haunt generations, and the love that holds them together.



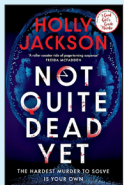
August 13: **On a Sunbeam** by Tillie Walden

A ragtag crew travels to the deepest reaches of space, rebuilding beautiful, broken structures to piece the past together. Two girls meet in boarding school and fall deeply in love—only to learn the pain of loss.

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.**



July 15: **Not Quite Dead Yet** by Holly Jackson

Thirty-six hours after being attacked, Jet wakes in the hospital to grim news that a bone fragment is putting pressure on her brain's arterial wall and will cause a fatal hemorrhage within seven days. Instead of choosing surgery with a slim chance of survival, she uses her last week to solve her own murder.



August 19: **The Ministry of Time** by Kaliane Bradley

A time travel romance, a spy thriller, a workplace comedy, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all.

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, July 18, August 15, 10 am - 12 pm, Lehman Loeb Art Center, 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.**

Exercise Your Writing

Will resume Sunday, October 4. The Library District is closed on Sundays from May 24 – September 6.

New! Crash Course for the Hot Mess Novelist

Monday, July 20, 7 pm, BRD

All hail the messy first (or second, or twelfth) draft! This is the much-requested sequel to *Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist*. We will take an in-depth look at character arcs, reliable/unreliable narrators, subplots, how to plan a series, cleaning up your manuscript, and more. This class is for past attendees of the first *Crash Course*, or writers who have some creative writing experience/tuition, and/or a complete or partial manuscript under their belt. Adults and teens welcome. **Registration required.**

Poetry Workshop: The Art of Ekphrasis

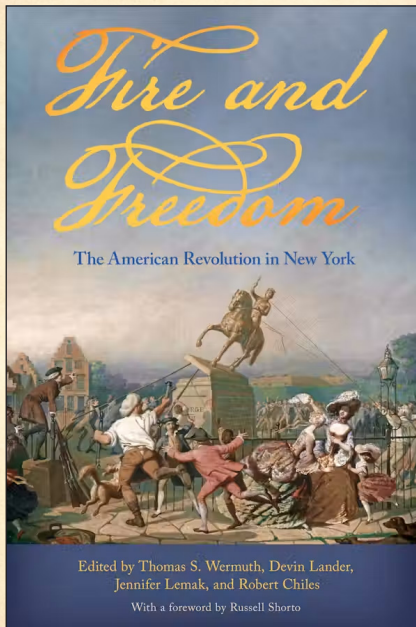
Saturdays, August 8, 10 am – 12 pm, August 15, 1:30-3:30 pm, Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College

Come prepared with a notebook and pen and walk around the Lehman Loeb Art Museum at Vassar College. Let the art speak to you and convey that in words. We will meet up and share our written work in front of the art piece(s) we chose as our subject matter. **Registration required.**

What's coming for Big Read 2026?

See page 6 for details.

2026 Big Read Title Announcement



This Fall, 2026's Big Read continues our celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with events resulting from the signing and the Revolutionary War.

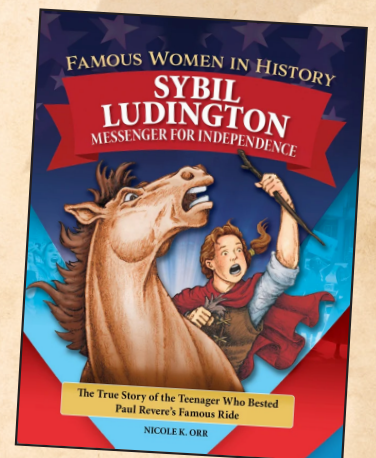
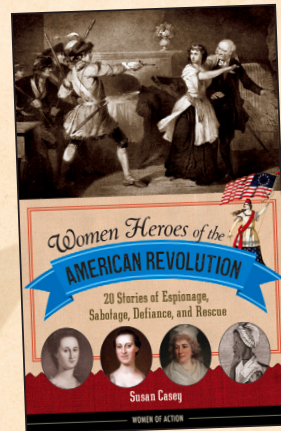
Our flagship title is *Fire and Freedom: The American Revolution in New York* edited by **Thomas S. Wermuth**, a vivid account of America's journey to independence with New York in the central role. Discover a strategic retreat, a destructive fire, and displays of independence—that were just as meaningful as the fighting itself. Thomas Wermuth, cofounder and director of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist University, will be the keynote speaker this fall.

The book choices for Little and Middle Reads focus on women heroes with special attention to Sybil Ludington. The titles we recommend include:

- *Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance, and Rescue* by **Susan Casey**
- *Famous Women in History: Sybil Ludington: Messenger for Independence* by **Nicole K. Orr**
- *Forgotten Founders: Black Patriots, Women Soldiers, and Other Thinkers and Heroes* by **Mifflin Lowe**

The selection for the Teen Read is the play, *The Fateful Hour: The Ratification of the US Constitution in Poughkeepsie, NY 1788* by the **Honorable Albert Rosenblatt**. The Big Read season will conclude in November with a professional performance, open to the public!

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



Historic Happenings

Historic Walking Tours with Shannon Butler

These outdoor tours require lots of walking so dress accordingly, with appropriate footwear. Weather permitting. A signed waiver is required. **Registration required per tour.**

Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery

Wednesday, July 8, 2 pm, 342 South Avenue

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.

New! Springside National Historic Landmark

Fridays, July 10, 24, August 7, 21, 9 am, 185 Academy Street

Springside National Historic Landmark, laid out by prominent Hudson Valley landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing, was designed to be a beautifully landscaped retreat for local brewer and philanthropist, Matthew Vassar. Today the site's paths are still preserved to give us an idea of how Downing wanted people to use and enjoy the land.

Union Street Historic District

Saturdays, July 11, August 1, 10 am, Union Street Historic District

The 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 in Poughkeepsie's oldest neighborhood. **Registration required.**

American Baseball in Cuba

Tuesday, July 14, 6:30-8 pm, ADR


The American Series against Major League opponents in Cuba began in 1890 and continued until 1959. Babe Ruth visited Havana in 1920 after his 54 home run season and lost a fortune gambling in the casinos. Jackie Robinson played spring training in Cuba prior to breaking baseball's color line in 1947. Presented by **Rick Feingold**, who has written about baseball in the Caribbean for the Boston Herald. **Registration required.**

Walking Tour of Public Art in Poughkeepsie with Franc Palaia

Saturday, July 18, 10 am, Downtown Poughkeepsie

Artist and muralist **Franc Palaia** will lead 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. **Registration required.**

Artists' Eyes on the American Revolution: John Trumbull's Paintings of US History

Monday, July 20, 7 pm, Virtual 

Inspired by the upcoming celebrations of America250, this talk features the life story of a preeminent American artist who worked during the American Revolution (1775-1783). Their artwork, often beautiful, can be a window into the tumultuous history they lived through, as well as a way (through portraits) of encountering its notable characters. Presenter **Michael Norris** spent twenty years at the Cloisters Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. **Registration required.**

A Virtual Trip to 19th Century Main Street, Part 2

Wednesday, August 26, 6-7 pm, BRD 

Travel back in time to visit Poughkeepsie over 100 years ago. This presentation will give you a perspective of what life on Main Street was like during the mid-19th century to early 20th century. This is a continuation of Part 1 and will begin at 292 Main Street (C. H. Gallup Photography / the Elting Building). It will also feature Luckey, Platt & Co. and various other fixtures of the era. **Registration required.**

FDR Presidential Library program on page 13.

Health & Wellness

Zen Buddhist Meditation

Tuesdays, 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 **New schedule!**

Fridays, 9:15-10:15 am OR 10:30-11:30 am, inside OR 12-1 pm, outside by the birches, 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.**

New! Yang Taiji Quan – Continuous Form

Fridays, 1:30-2 pm, BRD, outside by the birches

This silent class offers 30 minutes of continuous form practice of Traditional Yang Long Form Taiji Quan as codified by Yang Chengfu and documented by Fu Zhongwen. There is no instruction or cueing. You must know the form prior to participating. Class will be held outdoors in the birch grove, rain or shine. Karen Abramson, Certified Free Tai Chi Instructor with Complete Reality Tai Chi will organize the practice. Prerequisite: First Section certification. **No registration required.**

Indoor Plant Swap

Wednesdays, July 1, August 5, 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. **No registration required.** Drop in at any time between the designated start and end times.

First-Time Homebuyer's Seminar

Thursday, July 9, 6 pm, ADR

Hudson River Housing will provide information about the programs and services offered through their NeighborWorks Homeownership Center: financial fitness, first time homebuyer education, grant opportunities, and foreclosure intervention counseling. **Registration required.**

Come Create and Celebrate

Saturday, July 11, 1-4 pm, ADR

Join The Brain and Body Coalition and the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, to experience the power of art as healing with community organizations and members through collage, clay-making, zines, and more, as part of the Bebe Moore Campbell BIPOC Mental Health Awareness Month. The afternoon will take place throughout the library, including crafting, vendors, and a variety of free art activities for all. Let's create, connect, and uplift wellness together! **No registration required.**

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

Tuesdays, July 14, August 11, 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.**

Meet the Author: Dr. Natesan Venkateswaran

Saturday, July 18, 2:30 pm, BRD

Walking the Talk: One Year of Change, One Step at a Time is a motivating and accessible story about how small, consistent daily actions can lead to meaningful personal change. Local Hopewell Junction resident Natesan Venkateswaran shares his experience of committing to walk at least 10,000 steps every day for a year—and the insights that emerged from showing up consistently, even on difficult or imperfect days. A brief overview of the book will be followed by an interactive conversation with the author. Books will be available for sale and signing. **Registration required.**

Defensive Driving

Saturday, August 1, 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.

Handy Chatter: American Sign Language (ASL) Basics

Tuesday, July 21, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Join us for a beginning American Sign Language course designed to teach about Deaf Culture, non-verbal communication, and basic American Sign Language skills. Students will learn the value of non-manual markers (facial expressions and body language) in communication as they learn fingerspelling and American Signs. **Registration required.**

* Starting in August 2026, the library district will host a monthly ASL meetup for participants to practice their American Sign Language. Please check the library calendar for more details. **Registration will not be required for these meetings.**

New! Handy Chatter: American Sign Language Monthly Meetup

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

Interested in practicing American Sign Language (ASL)? Come to the library and join others in learning and honing your ASL skills in a casual and non-judgmental environment. **No registration required.**

New! Reading Meditatively Series

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Join Ann Byrne from Hudson Valley Meditation in a reflective series of workshops based on a variety of self-help/personal growth books.

Join us for a calming and insightful workshop inspired by *The Four Agreements: A Meditation Workshop for Inner Peace* by Don Miguel Ruiz. You'll be introduced to the book's core ideas, then guided through a meditation, with Reiki energy, followed by singing bowls and a period of reflection. You do not need to read the book to participate. **Registration required.**



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Staff Spotlight: Kimani Henry

Congratulations to Library Page and Catharine Street 35th Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast honoree on his high school graduation, with best wishes for the future!



Can you describe your position in your own words?

I am a Library Page. My main responsibilities include organizing and shelving books, assisting librarians when needed, and helping patrons find materials and resources. While my official duties focus on keeping the collection organized, I also enjoy helping customers whenever they need assistance. I like being someone people can count on when they have a question or need help finding something.

What do you like most about your job?

What I enjoy most about my job is helping people find the books, information, or resources they need. Seeing a patron leave with a smile because I made their day a little easier is always rewarding. One of my goals is to continue being a dependable team member and to keep developing the organizational and customer service skills that will help me in college and future career opportunities.

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

In my free time, I enjoy going to the gym, playing basketball, watching anime and other television series, and playing video games. Some of my favorite books are *The Hate U Give* and *Concrete Rose* by Angie Thomas, as well as *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds.

I will also be attending Morgan State University in the fall, where I plan to major in Economics. My long-term goal is to begin a career in banking and eventually build a real estate business that allows me to invest back into my community.

I would like to thank Sandra Kuhn for recommending me for this position. Her support gave me the opportunity to become part of the Adriance Memorial Library community. I would also like to recognize Adia Overbey, who has been a great mentor and someone I can always turn to for guidance, both professionally and personally.

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE



Diane Landro:
It Was All a Dream

July 1 – August 31

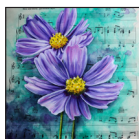
GROUND FLOOR, ADRIANCE



Carmen Lizardo:
The Handprint Project

July 1 – 31

BOARDMAN ART WALL



Rachel Williams
June 29 – September 29

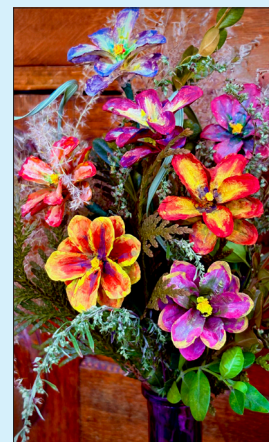


Interested in exhibiting?
Visit poklib.org/art-in-the-library and scroll down to apply.

Fantasy Flowers!

Monday, July 6, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

In this workshop, we'll create fantastic arrangements featuring flowers made from pine cones! Enhance their natural beauty with a delicate wash of color or use your imagination to paint a blossom never seen before! Tucked in a delicate glass bud vase with evergreens and grasses, they'll make a beautiful and long-lasting accent for your home. Presented by **Jessica Williams** of Oddduck Farm in Highland. **Registration required.**



Open Mic

Wednesdays, July 8, August 12, 7 pm, ADR

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

Strategy Board Game Night

Thursdays, July 9, August 13, 5-8 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.**

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wednesdays, July 15, August 19, 10 am, BRD

Work on your drawing skills at a relaxed sketch session. Bring your favorite drawing materials and enjoy working from an arranged still life. This is a self-guided practice session — no formal instruction, just shared creativity. We'll wrap up with a friendly group critique. **No registration required.**

Beginning Quilling Workshop

Thursday, July 16, 3:30-4:30 pm, SPD

Learn basic paper quilling forms that will set you up for greeting card success! No experience necessary. Supplies provided. **Registration required.**

Meet the Author: John Breiner

Thursday, July 16, 6:30 pm, ADR

John will present his new book *The Cryptic Mural Gallery*, which covers over 77 murals painted by 55 different artists both local and international, completed between 2020 and 2022 in Poughkeepsie, New York. Most of the murals have never been seen before and are captured in his new release. Books will be available for sale and signing. **Registration required.**

Drop in Craft: Make Mosaics

Thursdays, July 2, August 6, 6:30 pm, ADR

Select a wooden substrate or bring your own and make a mosaic. Supplies will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own. You will have to grout your mosaic at home after it dries for 24 hours. Please bring a container if you want to take grout home. **No registration required.**



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African Drumming Class

Saturday, July 18, 1–2 pm, SPD

Join us as we host musician Clifford Johnson for an exciting African drumming experience! If you have an African drum, please bring it with you! **Registration required.**

Mastering Classic Sauces: Vinaigrette, Mayonnaise, & Hollandaise

Tuesday, July 28, 6-7 pm, ADR

Will Needam, Culinary Institute of America graduate and owner of Pawling Coffee Roasters will demonstrate creating various sauces while providing sample tastes. **Registration required.**

Handprint Project: Audiovisual Presentation

Thursday, July 30, 6 - 8 pm, ADR

You are invited to experience a multimedia presentation of the photographs and voices gathered. At the end of the presentation, each participant will receive their printed photograph as a keepsake of their story. **No registration required.**

Disc Golf

Saturday, August 1, 10 am – 12 pm,

Hackett Hill Park (59 E. Market Street Hyde Park)

Experience the fun of disc golf in a casual setting. Bring your own discs or there will be a few to lend. Wear proper clothing/footwear for rough terrain. All players are required to have a signed waiver on file before they are able to join, waivers will be available at the event. **Registration required.**

PPLD Library Trivia with Tina

Tuesday, August 18, 6-7:30 pm, ADR

How well do you know the Poughkeepsie Public Library District? Can you answer any of the questions about the history of our three locations and our bookmobile? Play and win some prizes. **Registration required.**

In Concert



Hudson Valley

Bluegrass Association

Saturday, August 8, 2:30, BRD

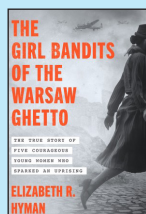
Join an afternoon of lively traditional bluegrass music! The HVBA is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit arts and educational organization with a mission to promote bluegrass music in the Hudson Valley through jam sessions, concerts, and educational programs. Their house band, The Blue Mask Boys, contains some of the region's best pickers and singers—we hope you join us for a lively toe-tapping afternoon of music featuring the fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, and bass! **Registration required.**

Kevin Sherwin Presents

The Gilded Age Guitar

Thursday, August 20, 6:30 pm, BRD

The guitar captivated audiences throughout America during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The program draws on a wide range of styles from classical to folk, and from opera to early blues guitar. Audiences will explore and appreciate the multifaceted culture of The Gilded Age and the many ways Americans were entertained by the guitar **No registration required.**



Nosh and a Good Book

The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto

Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 pm, ADR

Elizabeth Hyman, a Holocaust historian, archivist, and history blogger, adds a new dimension to the story of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising during World War II, shining a long overdue spotlight on five young, Polish, Jewish women—champions who helped lead the resistance, sabotage the Nazis, and aid Jews in hiding across occupied Poland and Eastern Europe. In collaboration with the Jewish Book Council and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. **Registration required.** Support provided by the Norman & Jeannie Greene Fund.



Connecting

Closed Saturday, July 4; Saturday, September 5 through Monday, September 7; Sundays through September 6.

Drop In!

No registration.

Board Games

Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD

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

Brain Games

Fridays, July 3, 10, August 7, 14, 10-11 am, ADR

An hour of assorted thinking games in a group setting. No judgment; just socialization and fun challenges!

Canasta

Come Play Modern American Canasta

Fridays, 1:30-4:30 pm, BRD

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

Come Learn Modern American Canasta

July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 1-3 pm, BRD

This is a 5-session class. Please register for July 13 and only if you can attend all 5 classes. The class will be held: Monday, July 13, Wednesday, July 15, Monday, July 20, Wednesday, July 22, and Monday, July 27. **Registration required.**

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

All-Ages Chess Club

Tuesdays, July 7 – August 11, 5–7 pm, BRD

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



Learn Modern American Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 6-8 pm, BRD

Join **Misha Fredericks**, a local math tutor and Mah Jongg enthusiast, for a three-part series to learn how to play American Mah Jongg. Learn the names of the tiles, important terms of the game, tile combinations on the 2025 card, and begin to practice making hands. In addition, you will learn to do the Charleston, learn strategies to play more effectively, win hands, and block opponents from getting Mah Jongg. Handouts will be provided. Ages teen & adult. **Registration required.** Please only register if you can attend all three classes.

Paper Crafting

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

You can bring your own project and materials and/or use materials the library will provide. **No 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

Tuesdays, July 14, August 11, 1-3 pm, BRD

Ukulele Strumalong

Tuesdays, July 28, August 25, 6-8 pm, BRD

Rover Pupdate

Rover the Roaming Library Bookmobile is going places this summer! We're always bringing our books, movies, audiobooks and services to many neighborhood spots in Poughkeepsie, senior communities and Office For the Aging, schools, preschools and Marist University.

Enhance and expand your knowledge on a new topic, enjoy a good old-fashioned read, pick out a picture book for the kids, and have some fun visiting Rover.

Senior Center Visits

Office For the Aging (OFA)

Bilingual services onsite!

Tuesdays, July 7, August 4, 10:30 am – 12 pm,
114 Delafield Street

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

Tuesdays, July 14, August 11, 10:30 am – 12 pm,
14 Abe's Way

Brain Games for Seniors

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

Office For the Aging Friendship Center

Thursdays, July 16, August 13, 12:30-2 pm,
114 Delafield Street

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

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

Tuesdays, July 21, August 18, 10:30 am – 12 pm,
14 Abe's Way

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

Dog Days of Summer

Join us for a week of dog-themed programs for all ages in honor of our mascot, Rover.

Rover's Birthday Party

Saturday, August 15, 10:30-11:30 am, SPD

It's Rover's birthday! Come celebrate with us before the Family Partnership Center's Backpack Giveaway (12-4 pm). Rover, the costumed mascot, will be there to take photos with. We'll have some fun activities to do and a take-home craft to make.

While you are at the Center, visit Rover the Roaming Library bookmobile, to sign up for a library card and browse books.

Registration required for birthday party.

Fala D. Roosevelt, Presidential Pooch

Tuesday, August 18, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Fala was the president's faithful Scottish terrier, who brought much needed fun and distraction to the war-weary president. Presented by Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library & Museum. *Registration required.*

Dutchess County Sheriff's K-9 Demonstration

Saturday, August 22, 10:30 am, BRD

Meet a highly trained K-9 and their handler and learn about dogs' superior scent capabilities and patrol skills, then watch the dogs show off their skills by locating hidden items. *Registration required.*

Visit any PPLD location for a special Dog Days sticker!

One per person. While supplies last.





Public Computer Center

The Public Computer Center 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 Saturday, July 4; Saturday, September 5 – Monday, September 7.

Personal Assistance

Drop-in; no registration.

Receive individualized help addressing your computer-based needs. Learn basic computer skills, create email accounts, perform job searches, fill out job applications, format resumes, file for unemployment, and create and edit Microsoft Office documents.

Computer Lab

- Monday - Friday, 11 am – 1 pm, ADR
- Mondays, 6:15-8:15 pm, ADR
- First Tuesdays, July 7, August 4, 1:30pm-3:30pm, SPD
- Thursday, 11 am – 1 pm, BRD

Technology Assistant

Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm, ADR Ground Floor
Stop by to have your tech questions answered and issues resolved.

New! Drop-In eBook Help

Friday, July 24, 2–4 pm

Get started using Libby or Hoopla! Maybe you need help with a problem or just want to learn more. Please bring your device (i.e., smartphone or tablet), your library card, and your library card PIN. Space is limited to five people at a time; first come, first served.



Microsoft Office Courses

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prereqs apply.

Microsoft Excel: Spreadsheets

Excel 101 **I**

Monday, July 13, 3 pm

Wednesday, July 15, 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, July 20, 3 pm

Wednesday, July 22, 6:15 pm

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

Excel 103 **A**

Monday, July 27, 3 pm

Wednesday, July 29, 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, August 3, 3 pm

Wednesday, August 5, 6:15 pm

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

Basics

PC Basics **B**

Thursday, July 9, 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, July 23, 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, August 6, 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.*

Technology *All events are at Adriance Memorial Library unless noted.*

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips **B**

Monday, July 6, 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. *Prereq: basic computer skills.*

Using an iPhone **B**

Friday, July 10, 2 pm

Monday, August 17, 1 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of iPhones. You are welcome to bring your iPhone.

Using an Android **B**

Friday, July 17, 2 pm

Monday, August 10, 1 pm

This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of Androids. You are welcome to bring your Android.

Windows 11 **B**

Monday, July 13, 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.*

Medicare 101/Navigating the Medicare Site **B**

Thursday, July 16, 9:30 am, ADR

Tuesday, August 18, 3 pm, BRD

Learn about Medicare Prescription Drug and Advantage Plans, and which is best for you. Navigate the website to find answers you need. Led by volunteers and staff from (HIICAP) at Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Contact: Jamie Carey (845) 486-2083.

Introduction to 3D Printing Services **I**

Friday, August 7, 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, August 14, 2 pm

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.*

Mac Basics **B**

Thursday, August 20, 1:30 pm

Learn Mac basics, navigation, and tips, on laptops and iPad. You are welcome to bring an Apple device if you have one. *Prerequisite: PC Basics or equivalent.*

New! File Management with File Explorer **B**

Friday, August 21, 2 pm

We will go over what files and folders are, and what to do with them (create, rename, delete, move, and where to find them) using File Explorer. We will also go over some tips on how to manage and organize files and folders. *Prerequisite: PC Basics or equivalent.*

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1:

The Blockchain **A**

Monday, August 24, 3 pm

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

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 2:

Cryptocurrency **A**

Wednesday, August 26, 6:15 pm

We will apply our blockchain 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.*

“Very clear and well-presented step-by-step instructions.” (*Tinkercad*)

“I enjoyed learning new things in this class that I did not know, great instructor.” (*Internet 102*)

“Instructor was excellent, very patient and kind.” (*Excel 101*)

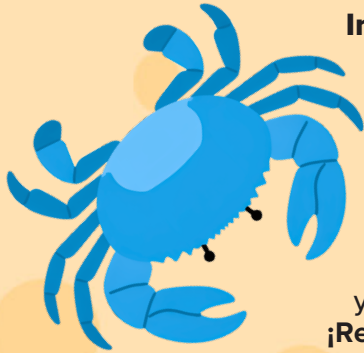
Recommended Experience

B Beginner **I** Intermediate

A Advanced **E** Expert

Programas en español

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



Inscripciones abiertas para las clases de la Plaza Comunitaria de Poughkeepsie

En julio y agosto, insíbete los martes y jueves de 1 a 3 pm en el *Adriance Memorial Library*

¿Quieres terminar tus estudios y abrir nuevas oportunidades?

¡Regresa a la escuela y conquista tus sueños! Ofrecemos clases gratuitas

para adultos hispanohablantes migrantes de cualquier país de Latinoamérica. Aquí podrás aprender a leer y escribir, así como concluir la primaria y secundaria en un ambiente amigable, respetuoso y lleno de apoyo.

Al finalizar tus estudios, recibirás un **certificado oficial** válido tanto en Estados Unidos como en tu país de origen.

Para inscribirte, acude directamente a la biblioteca con tu acta de nacimiento e identificación con fotografía. **Da el siguiente paso hacia tu educación y tu futuro. Las clases comienzan el 8 de septiembre.**

Mostrador público en español

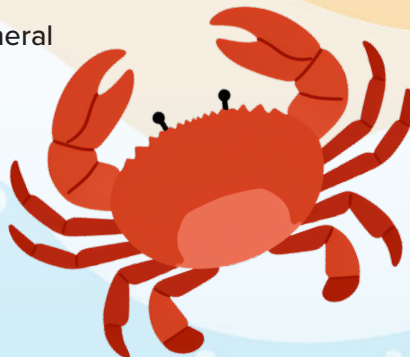
Martes y jueves, 1 – 3 pm, ADR

Miércoles, 10 – 12 pm

¿Necesitas ayuda para llenar formularios, buscar información o inscribirte en programas de la biblioteca? Ofrecemos atención en español tres veces por semana para apoyarte con:

- Búsqueda de información general en línea o en la biblioteca.
- Inscripción a programas y actividades de la biblioteca
- Apoyo con solicitudes de empleo en línea
- Ayuda para llenar formularios sencillos (digitales o escritos)
- Orientación sobre recursos y servicios disponibles en la biblioteca

No necesitas cita previa. Solo acércate al mostrador durante los horarios marcados. Este servicio es gratuito y está diseñado para brindar apoyo práctico, respetuoso y accesible a nuestra comunidad hispanohablante. La biblioteca es tu espacio. Estamos aquí para ayudarte.



Consulado Mexicano Sobre Ruedas

Del 7 al 11 de julio 9 am – 1:30 pm, Auditorio del MHL (105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie)

El Consulado ofrecerá servicios a los miembros de la comunidad mexicana que necesiten:

- Pasaporte
- Matrícula consular
- Acta de nacimiento
- Credencial para votar
- Trámite de doble nacionalidad

Los trámites se atienden con o sin cita, excepto el trámite de doble nacionalidad, que requiere cita obligatoria. **Las citas se abrirán el 15 de junio y podrán realizarse:**

- Por teléfono y por WhatsApp: 1-424-309-0009

Para asistencia en español, visite el mostrador de referencia en la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial.

Tolstoy: entre la nieve y el alma

Sábado 25 de julio, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, ADR

Un relato breve y profundamente humano donde Tolstoy explora ambición, egoísmo, compasión y el sentido de la vida a través de un viaje marcado por el frío y la adversidad. Te invitamos a dialogar sobre este clásico ruso que revela la extraordinaria capacidad del autor para mostrar las contradicciones del alma humana. **Requiere inscripción.**



Exhibición del Proyecto Huella de Mano

Del 1 al 30 de julio, Lobby de la planta baja, ADR

El Proyecto Huella de Mano, de la artista Carmen Lizardo, es un proyecto artístico bilingüe y centrado en la comunidad que explora la migración, la ascendencia y la identidad cultural a través de la narración colaborativa.

La historia de miembros de la comunidad forma parte de esta obra de arte colectiva que honra la memoria, la identidad y la comunidad.

Proyecto Huella de Mano: Presentación Audiovisual

Jueves, 30 de julio, de 6 – 8 pm, ADR

Le invitamos a disfrutar de una presentación multimedia con las fotografías y las voces recopiladas. Al final de la presentación, cada participante recibirá una copia impresa de su fotografía como recuerdo de su historia. La historia de miembros de la comunidad forma parte de esta obra de arte colectiva que honra la memoria, la identidad y la comunidad. **No requiere inscripción.**

Cómo Mirar un Cuadro: Claves de la Pintura Occidental

Sábado, 25 de julio, 2 – 4 pm, ADR

Para quienes quieren disfrutar más del arte: una introducción práctica a la pintura occidental. Observaremos obras clave para entender cómo se construyen las imágenes mediante luz, color y composición, y qué transmiten. Una experiencia participativa para afinar la mirada y redescubrir el placer de observar. **Requiere inscripción.**

De Rembrandt a Picasso: Un Viaje por la Pintura Europea

Sábado 8 de agosto, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Museo de Arte Metropolitano de Nueva York

Un viaje por el MET para seguir la evolución de la pintura europea, de Rembrandt a Picasso. Exploraremos luz, composición y emoción para aprender a mirar y comprender cómo dialogan las obras entre sí y cómo su legado llega hasta el arte moderno. Cada persona que se inscriba recibirá, al momento del ingreso al museo, un pase gratuito y un voucher de comida para la cafetería. **Requiere inscripción.**

La inscripción comenzará el lunes, 22 de junio a las 10 am.

Crochet de Verano con Granny Squares

Del 9 al 23 de julio, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, ADR
Del 6 al 20 de agosto, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, ADR

Aprende a tejer granny squares desde cero y descubre cómo combinarlos para crear diseños frescos y veraniegos. Exploraremos estilos diferentes, uniones y aplicaciones en prendas y accesorios. Ideal para todos los niveles. Si eres principiante, trae tus ganchos de crochet para comenzar con comodidad. **Requiere inscripción.**



Guardando semillas para el futuro

Sábado, 22 de agosto, 11 am – 12:30 pm, Poughkeepsie Farm Project / PFP (51 Vassar Farm Lane, Poughkeepsie)

El personal de Poughkeepsie Farm Project enseña cómo obtener semillas de hierbas aromáticas, vegetales y flores tras la cosecha, y cómo conservarlas para sembrarlas el próximo año. Una experiencia educativa que conecta tradición y sostenibilidad. **Requiere inscripción.**

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LECTURA DE VERANO 2026 PARA TODAS LAS EDADES

ADULTOS: Del 27 de junio al 14 de agosto, recoja una hoja de bingo en Adriance, Boardman, SPD o Rover. Devuélvalo antes del 2 de agosto para participar y ganar una tarjeta de regalo de Adams de \$25, \$50 o incluso \$100, y artículos promocionales de PPLD!

ADOLESCENTES: Lea los libros de su elección y participe para ganar fantásticos premios por cada 100 páginas leídas. Del 27 de junio al 14 de agosto.

NIÑOS: Llene un círculo por cada 10 minutos que lea. Cuando todas los círculos estén llenos, simplemente trae tu hoja a la biblioteca para participar en un sorteo y ganar increíbles premios, y también juega a Plinko (un juego de azar) para obtener un pequeño premio al devolver tu registro. Abierto del 27 de junio al 14 de agosto.

Para más información: poklib.org/summer-reading

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. Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 x3320. Closed Saturday, July 4; Saturday, September 5 – Monday, September 7.

SUMMER DROP-IN DAYS!



MONDAYS: STEAM

July 13: Embroidery art
July 20: Birdhouse building
July 27: Cardboard landscaping
August 3: Map making
August 10: DIY stamps



TUESDAYS: CRAFT

July 7: Shark molding
July 14: Mosaic coasters
July 21: Felt monsters from *The Odyssey*
July 28: Crochet
August 4: DIY stained glass mirrors
August 11: Reverse painting on glass



WEDNESDAYS: WELLNESS

July 8: Journaling and zines
July 15: Soap making
July 22: Gardening
July 29: Candle making
August 5: Mugs with markers
August 12: Picture story



THURSDAYS: GAMING

Visit the Teen Room to play games on our Nintendo Switch! Please bring positivity and kindness to our gaming community.

Young Writers' Club

Wednesdays, July 8, August 12, 4-6 pm, BRD

Engage with your peers in a small group discussion to build better stories and characters. Build confidence while you foster your imagination and creative ideas. Meet-ups are on the second Wednesday of each month. Bring your best original or fan fiction! For ages 10-18. Seating is limited.

Mad Money Skills

Tuesday, July 21, 4-5 pm, ADR

Team up with staff from Heritage Financial Credit Union for a hands-on session, where you'll practice real-life money moves. Stick around for a sneak preview of our next adventure: Explore the Money Multiverse. Seating is limited.

Babysitters Training

Tuesday, July 7, 10 am – 3 pm, ADR or
Thursday, July 16, 10am – 3pm, BRD

Taught through interactive activities, instructor lectures, and video presentation, this course is designed for students aged 11-15. Students will learn entrepreneurial skills, ages & stages, accident prevention, basic first aid, care when choking, and emergency recognition. Students should bring a peanut free lunch and a drink to class. A personalized certification card is issued to each student after successful completion of the course.

First Aid for Kids

Tuesday, July 21, 10-11:30 am, ADR or
Tuesday, July 28, 10-11:30 am, BRD

This 90-minute course teaches 8–14 year old participants the skills and techniques necessary to respond to a variety of first aid related emergencies including: bleeding control, choking, burns, care for sprains, strains and breaks and treatment for heat & cold emergencies. Also addressed are several common medical emergencies found in schools today such as: food allergies, diabetes, seizures, and asthma. This course meets requirements for several Boy or Girl Scout badges.

Home Alone Safety

Tuesday, August 11, 10-11:30 am, ADR or
Tuesday, August 11, 12:30-2 pm, BRD

This 90-minute class is designed to teach participants ages 8-13 who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly. Topics include but are not limited to first aid, what to do when a stranger calls or comes to the door, internet safety, and how to react during a variety of miscellaneous emergencies such as power outages and fires. Knowing when your child is ready to stay home alone is a difficult decision; preparation can make the transition much easier for you and your child.

Registration opens Monday, June 22 at 10 am. If registration is required, see page 2 for details.

**READ GREAT BOOKS,
WIN GREAT PRIZES!**

Engage in reading and earn entries to win fantastic prizes from June 27 through August 14. Every 100 pages read or teen program attended will earn one entry into the prize draw, which will be held in August. Manga and graphic novels count toward reading goals.

poklib.org/summer-reading

Volunteer Opportunities

Our teen volunteers assist with a variety of tasks, like helping with programs, and more!



All library volunteers must be certified in NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. Visit poklib.org/your-library/volunteer, contact Hannah Ricottilli at hricottilli@poklib.org, or call the Youth Services Desk at (845) 485-3445 x3320 for more information.

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 Saturday, July 4; Saturday, September 5 – Monday, September 7; Sundays through September 6.**

At Adriance

Preschool Learning Center Storytime (PLC)

Mondays, July 6 – August 10, 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 children ages 3-5. **Registration required.**

Toddler Time & Play

Tuesdays, July 7 – August 11, 10-11 am

Join us for stories, rhymes and songs! Recommended for children 18 months – 3 years, and a caregiver.

Baby and Me

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

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

Music & Movement

Thursdays, July 9 – August 13, 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

Friday, July 10 – August 14, 10-11 am

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

Bilingual Family Story Time

Thursdays, July 16, August 6, 1:30–2:30 pm

Join us for an interactive session in English and Spanish with stories, songs and crafts!

Whether you are fluent in either language or just starting to learn, this program will provide a fun and educational cultural exchange. For families with children ages 1 to 5 years old.

At Boardman Road

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, July 6 – August 10, 10-10:45 am

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

Preschool Story Time & Play

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

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesday, July 8 – August 12, 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 for Two-Year-Olds

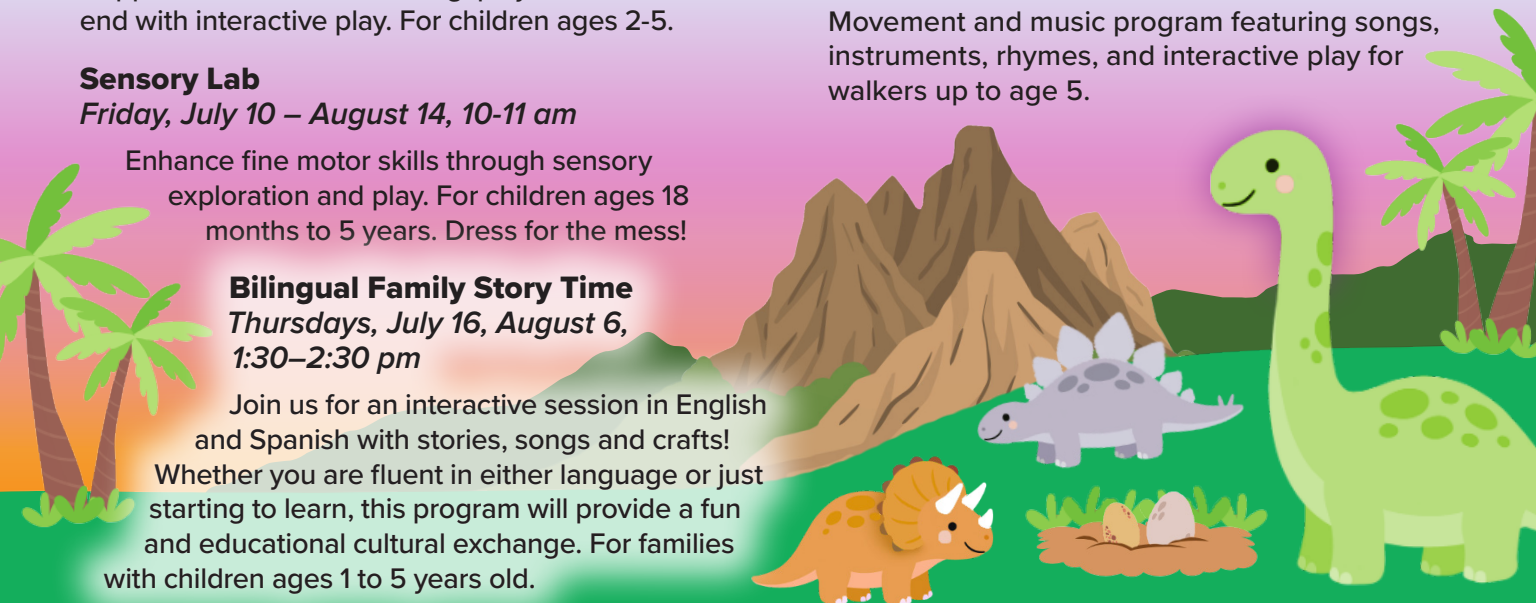
Thursdays, July 9 – August 13, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, July 9 – August 13, 10:45-11:30 am

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



Unearth a Story — Summer Specials!

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.

Hands-On Archaeology

Thursday, July 9, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, ADR

Join a Mohonk Preserve environmental educator to explore archaeological artifacts from the Hudson Valley region! Investigate the materials of daily life, including the chronology of projectile points, tools and their function, and reconstructed artifacts. We'll discuss pestles, awls, hammerstones, spear points, pottery, and more! For ages 8-14.

Dinosaur Art & Egg Hunt

Monday, July 13, 4-5 pm, BRD

Let's make dinosaur art to take home. Afterwards, we will have a dinosaur egg hunt. Come for a roaring good time. Recommended for ages 6-11.

Family Story Time at Beatrix Ferrand Garden

Tuesday, July 14, August 18, September 1, 10–11 am, Wallace Center, Hyde Park

In collaboration with the Beatrix Farrand Garden at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park, stories and crafts will be offered by librarians from surrounding Mid-Hudson Libraries. PPLD will lead the story times on the above dates. Ages 6-10. **No registration required.**

Insect Investigation

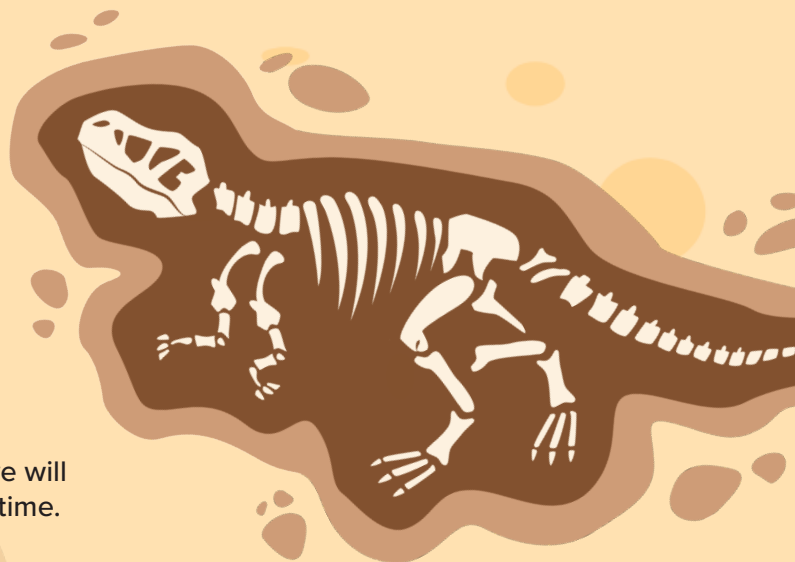
Thursday, July 23, 1–2 pm, BRD

Join a Mohonk Preserve environmental educator to dive into the fascinating world of bugs! Get up close and personal with various insects, from pollinators to predators. Explore the diverse roles insects play in our ecosystems, learn how to safely collect insects outside, and meet your local creatures! Finally, contribute to the restoration of local pollinator habitats by making seedballs! For ages 6-12.

Wild & Bright Reptile Program

Saturday, August 1, 2–3 pm, ADR

Join reptile educator Maureen of Wild & Bright for an exciting and engaging animal program! Wild & Bright programs feature live, up-close reptile experiences and promote nature conservation by celebrating these often misunderstood creatures. We invite curious folks, animal lovers, and even the brave souls looking to face their fears of reptiles! Recommended for ages 5+. Children must be supervised by a caretaker during this event.



Nutty Scientists: Back to the Dino World Show

Tuesday, August 4, 1:30–2:30 pm, MHLs Auditorium (105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie)

The Nutty Scientist has time traveled into the world of the dinosaurs! Marvel at the insane creatures who led to their evolution and the monstrous sizes of the giants who walked our Earth. As for the meteorite strike...you won't want to miss this one. Ages 5-11. **No registration required.**

Dinosaur Dioramas

Thursday, August 13, 4-5 pm, BRD

Get prehistoric! Join us and build roaring dinosaur dioramas! Recommended for ages 6-11.

Ancient Egypt Scavenger Hunt

July 8 – August 31, SPD

Unearth a story! Can you find all 10 ancient treasures hiding out in the SPD? **No registration required — just grab a sheet!**

Children

At Adriance

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.

Kids' / Teens' Chess Club

Mondays, July 6 – August 10, 6–8 pm, ADR

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

Summer Drop-In Craft

Thursday, July 9 - August 6, 2–3 pm

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

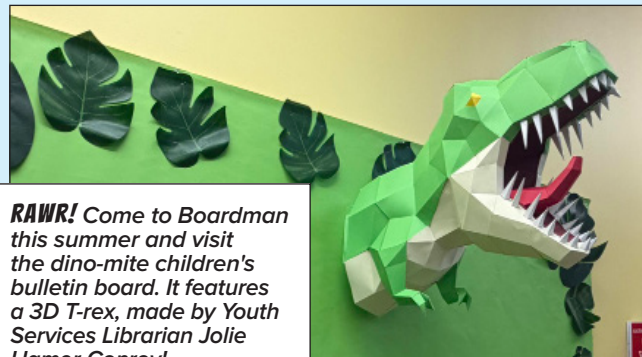
End of Summer Celebration

Friday, August 14, 2–3 pm

This is your last chance to submit your reading logs and enter the raffle! Then, celebrate the end of Summer Reading with ice cream and crafts!! All ages. **No registration required.**

WHERE WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

Access 40+ museums, attractions, and parks for free or reduced admission using your PPLD resident library card. Most passes available for download. See page 3.



RAWR! Come to Boardman this summer and visit the dino-mite children's bulletin board. It features a 3D T-rex, made by Youth Services Librarian Jolie Hamer-Conroy!

Photo: Tammy Myers

At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

All-Ages Chess Club

Tuesdays, July 7 – August 11, 5–7 pm, BRD

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

LEGO and More: Brick Building

Tuesday, July 21, August 4, 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.**

Canvas Stitching

Thursday, July 23, 4-5 pm

Join us to learn how to create beautiful designs by stitching on plastic canvas. Recommended for ages 8-11.

Celebrate the Dog Days of Summer!



Join us for a week of dog-themed programs for all ages in honor of our mascot, Rover. Did you know? Rover is a Jack Russell terrier.

Rover's Birthday Party

Saturday, August 15, 10:30-11:30 am, SPD

It's Rover's birthday! Come celebrate with us before the Family Partnership Center's Backpack Giveaway (12-4 pm). Rover, the costumed mascot, will be there to take photos with. We'll have some fun activities to do and a take-home craft to make. While you are at the Center, visit Rover the Roaming Library bookmobile, to sign up for a library card and browse books. **Registration required for birthday party.**

Family Partnership Center Backpack Giveaway (12 - 4 pm):

Backpacks and school supplies will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. **No registration required for backpack giveaway.**

Dutchess County Sheriff's K-9 Demonstration

Saturday, August 22, 10:30 am, BRD

Meet a highly trained K-9 and their handler and learn about dogs' superior scent capabilities and patrol skills, then watch the dogs show off their skills by locating hidden items. **Registration required.**

Visit any PPLD location for a special Dog Days sticker!

One per person. While supplies last.

READ GREAT BOOKS, WIN GREAT PRIZES!



OPEN JUNE 27 - AUGUST 14

Rules and regulations apply.

FOR CHILDREN

Sign up at the Adriance children's desk, Rover, or the Boardman check-out desk. To complete the reading log, fill in one bubble for every 10 minutes you read. When all the bubbles are filled in, simply bring your sheet back to the library! There, you will be entered in a drawing for awesome prizes, and also play Plinko for a small prize upon returning your log.

FOR TEENS

Engage in reading and earn entries to win fantastic prizes. Every 100 pages read or teen program attended will earn one entry into the prize draw, which will be held in August. Manga and graphic novels count toward reading goals.

FOR ADULTS

Pick up a Bingo sheet at any PPLD location or print a copy online, then return it to be entered to win a gift bundle that includes an Adams gift card and some PPLD swag! Ages 18 and up.

UNEARTH A STORY™

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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

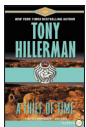
Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423

Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore



Mystery Mondays Book Club Mondays, 11 am, BRD

July 27: *The Daughter of Time*
by Josephine Tey



August 31: *A Thief of Time*
by Tony Hillerman

Book Store Volunteers Needed

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

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

Be Part of the Story: Support the Friends Today

Ever wonder what makes our library more than just a building full of books? It's you. When you support the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (FPPLD), you aren't just making a donation — you're investing in the heart of our community.

As a volunteer-powered organization, the Friends bridge the gap between “standard” and “extraordinary.” Your contributions fund the magic that the operating budget can't always reach — from the community-wide connection of the Poughkeepsie Big Read to the joy of the Children's Book Festival and Summer Reading Programs.

Whether we're expanding the “Library of Things” or championing equitable access to technology, your generosity ensures our library remains a vibrant, welcoming space for every neighbor. Join us in fostering a culture of lifelong learning. Donate today and help us keep the story going for generations to come.

You can visit tinyurl.com/ppld-donate to make a donation through our secure Paypal site. Thank you for your generosity.

