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Poughkeepsie Public Library District

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Registration Opens Monday, April 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.

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

Memorial Day: Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25
Summer Schedule: Sundays from May 31 – August 30
Juneteenth: Friday, June 19
Independence Day (America 250!): Saturday, July 4

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On the Cover: Vincent Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, one of the most famous and influential paintings of all time, is on permanent display at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City. Poughkeepsie resident cardholders can now access MoMA with their library card. See poklib.org/map-pass or page 10 to learn more.

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: 2-5 pm – 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.

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.



May 14: **The Ephemera** by Carol Tyler

Drawing upon her own bereavement, renowned comics artist and writer Carol Tyler emerges from a decade long period of grief to create an allegorical masterpiece. During collisions between life and death, estrangement and loss, Carol Tyler turned to her pen to face facts and extract meaning from the oddly sacred experience.



June 18: **This One Summer** by Mariko and Jillian Tamaki

Rose's latest summer at a lake house is overshadowed by her parents' constant arguments, her younger friend's secret sorrows, and the dangerous activities of older teens.

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.**



May 20: **Salt Houses** by Hala Alyan

A remarkable debut novel that challenges and humanizes an age-old conflict we might think we understand—one that asks us to confront that most devastating of all truths: you can't go home again.



June 17: **Atmosphere: A Love Story** by Taylor Jenkins Reid

An epic novel set against the backdrop of the 1980s Space Shuttle program, about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits. Fast-paced, thrilling, and emotional, it transports readers to an iconic era and tells a passionate and soaring story about the transformative power of love—this time among the stars.

Exercise Your Writing

Sunday, May 3, 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.**

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, May 16, June 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.**

Meet the Poet: Tracey Knapp

Wednesday, June 3, 7 pm, ADR

Tracey Knapp's second collection, *Swerve*, is forthcoming in Spring 2026. Her first full-length collection of poems, *Mouth*, won the 42 Miles Press Poetry Award and was published in 2015. Tracey has taught poetry in the US and abroad. She is originally from the Hudson Valley. Her books will be for sale and signing, cash and credit/debit cards accepted. **No registration required.**

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist

Tuesday, June 30, 7-8 pm, BRD

Everyone has at least one book in them, but if freeing that book feels like a challenge, you've come to the right place. We'll go over tools and techniques, the basic blueprint all stories follow, and offer encouragement to help you get started writing creative narrative work. Learn skills applicable to all genres and narrative prose. Teens and adults welcome. **Registration required.**



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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

Fridays, 9:15-10:15 am OR 10:30-11:30 am, OR 11:45-12:45 pm, BRD

New time! *Tuesdays, May 5 – June 30, 5 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.**

First-Time Homeowner Grant Seminar

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 pm ADR

Please join **Rachael Robinson**, a HUD Certified Homeownership Counselor, with Community Housing Innovations (CHI). She will speak about the current grant program that helps eligible buyers reduce the upfront cost of purchasing a home by providing financial assistance toward down payment and closing costs. This program is designed to make homeownership more accessible and affordable for qualifying individuals and families. This grant is available in the following counties: Dutchess, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk. **Registration required.**

Indoor Plant Swap

Wednesday, May 6, 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.**

Tree Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, May 9, 10 am – 12 pm, BRD

The library district will be giving away tree seedlings. Limit 2 per person. This is a drop-in event so please come any time between the designated start and end times. Please bring your own bags. **While supplies last. No registration required.**

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

Select Tuesdays, May 12, June 9, 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: Rotanya Hargrove

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 pm, ADR

Ms. Hargrove will read from her newly published memoir *Beauty In Battles: In My Own Words*. This powerful and inspiring book shares her personal journey of resilience, recovery, and rebirth following a life-changing building collapse. Through pain and perseverance, she discovered beauty within the battles—and now, she aims to inspire others to find strength in their own stories. Books will be available for sale and signing. **No registration required.**

Shred Free Day @ Your Library

Friday, June 5, 9-11 am, ADR

Offered by Legal Shred. Paper shredding only. Please limit three kitchen-size garbage bags per person. Papers can be in boxes, paper bags, or plastic bags—limit three. **No registration required.**

Defensive Driving

Saturday, June 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.**

Know Your Medicare Options

Saturday, June 13, 10 am, ADR

Learn what Medicare is, how and when you should sign up, and why it is important to review your options every year. Learn the differences between Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans and Prescription Drug Plans. Presented by **Debora DeLucia**, a local Independent Medicare Consultant with the Medicare Resource Group in 2017. **Registration required.**

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE



Kathleen Davis

May 2 – June 30

GROUND FLOOR, ADRIANCE

PPLD Paper Crafters

May 1 – June 18

BOARDMAN ART WALL



Pam Krimsky: Recent Landscapes and Figure Compositions (detail)

April 8 – June 23



Rachel Williams (detail)

June 24 – August 29



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

Disc Golf (offsite)

*Saturdays, May 2, June 6,
10 am – 12 pm, Hackett Hill Park
(59 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. Weather permitting. **Registration required. All players are required to have a signed waiver on file before they are able to join, waivers will be available at the event.**

How to Make a Charcuterie & Cheese Board with Tina *Tuesday, May 12, 6-7:30 pm, ADR*

Learn to make a charcuterie and cheese board and then eat it all when we're done. **Registration required.**

Open Mic

Wednesdays, May 13, June 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.**

Handprint Project: Participate and Bring an Object

*Thursday, May 14, 3 – 6 pm; Saturday, May 16, 11 am – 2 pm;
Tuesday, June 9, 4 – 6 pm, ADR*

Carmen Lizardo will take a picture of your hands holding the object and a short voice recording of you saying why the object is significant. Your story will become part of a collective artwork honoring memory, identity, and community that will be displayed at Adriance from July 1 - 30. The Handprint Project by artist Carmen Lizardo is a bilingual, community-centered art project that explores migration, ancestry, and cultural identity through collaborative storytelling. **No registration required.**

Strategy Board Game Night

Thursdays, May 14, June 11, 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.**

Foundations of Fermentation

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Join **Rebecca Echevarria**, a local artist and food preserver, as we focus on three popular agents of fermentation and delicious foods that we enjoy due to their work: lactic-acid bacteria (pickles), acetic-acid bacteria (vinegar) and yeast (bread). We will also learn about diverse applications of these fermentation practices from around the world, and historical methods in the Hudson Valley. Participants will be able to explore a range of curated texts, see a small fermentation library, take home a bespoke recipe card, and watch a fermentation demonstration. **Registration required.**

See our art history programs on pages 8 and 9.

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wednesdays May 20, June 17, 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

Thursdays, May 21, June 18, 3:30 pm, SPD

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

Popcorn Fun with Tina

Tuesday, June 9, 6–7:30 pm, ADR

Learn a little history and try a couple of different flavors of popcorn as you learn. **Registration required.**

Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks:

The Grandmasters of American Comedy

Wednesday, June 24, 7 pm, Virtual 🖥️

For more than seven decades, Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks made America laugh. Together or apart, they were giants of American comedy, who basically conquered every field they entered. We will examine their extraordinary achievements, beginning with their work together on Sid Caesar's *Your Show of Shows* and their creation of *The 2000 Year Old Man*, to their individual accomplishments as writers, directors, and performers. Presenter **Brian Rose** is a professor emeritus at Fordham University. **Registration required.**

For Music Lovers



African Drumming Class

*Saturday, May 9, June 13,
1–2 pm, SPD*

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

Concert: Valley Chamber Winds

Thursday, May 14, 6:30 pm, ADR

The Poughkeepsie-based group will perform a woodwind quintet program featuring American and French composers. Seating is limited. First come first served. Doors open at 6:15 pm. **No registration required.**

Cello: Bach to Rock

Saturday, May 30, 2:30 pm, BRD

This is the very first program **Alex Prizgintas** developed and one that still remains popular. Its theme is to showcase the generations of inspiration that baroque composers like Bach have had on contemporary musicians. In this setting, it acts as a perfect introduction to showcasing a balance of his repertoire in the fields of classical, jazz, Irish, Latin, opera, and rock 'n roll music. Join us on a musical tour spanning 200 years on cello. **No registration required.**

Celebrate Jewish Heritage



Nosh and a Good Book

Sabor Judío: The Jewish Mexican Cookbook with CIA Chef Scott Swartz, CEE, CHE

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 pm, BRD

Celebrate the delicious fusion of two culinary traditions with a discussion of and a taste from Ilan Stavans and Margaret Boyle's flavor-filled cookbook! *Sabor Judío* features a vibrant history of Jewish immigration to Mexico from 1492 to the present. Savor these samples with Chef Swartz and us! **Registration required — registration open now!**

In collaboration with the Jewish Book Council and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

L'chaim! Music & Culture Series

Voices from the Yiddish Stage

Thursday, June 25, 6:30pm, BRD

Christa P. Whitney, director of the Yiddish Book Center's Wexler Oral History Project, shares video highlights from the project's growing collection. We'll hear from actors who began their careers on the Eastern European stage, familiar faces from American screens, and artists currently contributing to the present and future of Yiddish theater. **Registration required — registration open now!**

History & Current Events



Author Talk: Vassar Professor Dr. Curtis Dozier

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm, ADR

Professor Dozier will read from his newly published book, *The White Pedestal: How White Nationalists*

Use Ancient Greece and Rome to Justify Hate, detailing how white nationalist thought leaders use ancient Greece and Rome to claim historical precedent for their violent and oppressive politics. Books will be for sale and signing.

Registration required.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions: Ukraine and the Future of European Security

Monday, May 18, 6:30 pm, BRD

With reduced US support for NATO and Ukraine, Europe faces strategic uncertainty. The Trump administration has signaled an intention to reduce its security role in Europe. What are America's stakes in NATO and Europe's strategic dilemmas, and how might Europe respond? The facilitator is **Rick Levitt** of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. **No registration required.**

America and the World: Trump 2.0 Foreign Policy

Monday, June 8, 6:30 pm, BRD

Trump's return has marked a break from 80 years of US foreign policy leadership, embracing an "America First" approach. This chapter explores the risks of isolation and diminished influence in relation to Trump 2.0 foreign policy. The facilitator is **Rick Levitt** of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. **No registration required.**



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Thomas LoMedico: An American Artist

Monday, May 11, 7 pm, BRD

Thomas LoMedico was an Italian-American sculptor best known for creating the State of Texas Medal of Valor, which was awarded to the first astronauts to walk on the moon in 1970, and six reliefs on the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Presented by researcher and descendant of Thomas LoMedico, PPLD graphic designer **Charlotte LoMedico Tramontana**. A collection of medals, photographs, and articles will be on view during this presentation at Boardman. **Registration required.**



Catskill Kleptomaniacs, Part 2

Tuesday, June 2, 6-8 pm, BRD

Humorist, Borscht Belt Museum archivist, and lifelong Catskills resident **Allen 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.**



Meet the Author: Dr. Dana Gavitt: Generative AI and Critical Thinking

Thursday, June 4, 6:30 pm, ADR

Based on **Dr. Gavitt's** recent book, *Generative AI and the Future of the Humanities: Reading, Writing, Teaching, Labor* (<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-06534-6>), she will introduce the audience to the concept of generative AI, provide a brief history of machine learning and artificial intelligence, give overviews of the ethical concerns regarding this technology, and give attendees practical approaches to navigating a world where generative AI is increasingly embedded all around us. **Registration required.**



The History of Emancipation & Juneteenth Wednesday, June 17, 7 pm, Virtual 📺

Experience the powerful story of freedom's long road in this presentation that brings to life the dramatic milestones and unsung heroes of America's journey toward justice. Through engaging speaking and compelling historical insights, this presentation reveals how the fight for emancipation reshaped a nation and why the legacy of Juneteenth continues to inspire the pursuit of liberty and equality today. Presented by author, historian, and retired history teacher **Christopher Daley**. **Registration required.**

FDR's Four Freedoms

Tuesday, June 16, 7 pm, Virtual 📺

On January 6, 1941, Franklin Roosevelt shared with the country his vision for a world founded on "four essential freedoms." FDR Presidential Library Education Specialist **Jeffrey Urbin** brings into clearer focus the vision he held for all the world. **Registration required.**

Artists' Eyes on the American Revolution: Gilbert Stuart, Portraitist of the Founding Fathers Monday, June 22, 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. Presented by **Michael Norris**, who spent twenty years at the Cloisters Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. **Registration required.**

Do we have what you need in our Library of Things?

Poughkeepsie residents aged 18 and up with a PPLD Library Card that has been active for at least six months, who have no fines, are eligible to borrow items from our Library of Things.

Tackle home improvement by borrowing tools or our Central Hudson HomeBoost Energy Assessment Kit; rock out with a guitar or ukulele; get connected with our Chromebooks or mobile hot spots; or go exploring with our metal detector or telescope.

New to the Library of Things are our Citizen Science: Observing Pollinators Kit and Disc Golf Kit.



Visit poklib.org/



books-more/library-of-things or scan the QR code to learn about everything in our ever-growing collection.

Can't get enough Local History?

The Genealogy and Local History Rooms are located on the Main floor at Adriaance. Call x3350 or email localhistory@poklib.org for more information or to make an appointment.

Visit poklib.org/learn/local-history-genealogy to view the Local History Blog; the Main and Market project; Library District history; and the Local History, Walkway, Genealogy, Newspaper/Microfilm collections. You can



also request a high-resolution JPG of an image in our collection, submit a question for our Local History staff, or sign up for the Local History email newsletter.

Walking Tours on next page!

Local History at the Library

Historic Walking Tours with Shannon Butler May & June 2026



These are outdoor events with lots of walking so dress accordingly, with appropriate footwear. Weather permitting. Registration opens Monday, April 20, 10 am.

Walking Tour of the Union Street Historic District *Saturday, May 9, 11 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.**

New! History Hike: College Hill Park *Sunday, May 17, 2 pm, College Hill Park*

Let's venture up to the city's highest point and cover the history of College Hill Park. From its days as a boys' school, and serving

as a stage for Frederick Douglas, to being the source of fresh water for the city's population and an inspiration to many, there can be no doubt that this hillside is full of stories. Be aware that we will be hiking up some steep hills on this tour. With special thanks to The Revive College Hill Park Coalition which is a community group raising awareness about this hidden gem. **Registration required.**

Walking Tour of Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery *Wednesdays, May 27, June 10, 3 pm, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery*

Join us 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. **Registration required.**

New! Walking Tour of Springside National Historic Landmark

Saturday, June 27, 2 pm, Springside NHL, Academy Street

Laid out by the prominent Hudson Valley landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing, Springside National Historic Landmark was designed to be the beautiful pleasure grounds 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. **Registration required.**



Connecting

Closed Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25;
Friday, June 19; Saturday, July 4.

Drop In!

Board Games

Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD

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

All-Ages Chess Club

Mondays, May 4, 11, 18,

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 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, May 1, 8, June 5, 12,
10-11 am, ADR*

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

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.*

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

Paper Crafting

*Thursdays, May 28, June 25,
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.*

Seed Sowing Center

PPLD patrons
can receive
free vegetable, herb,
and flower seeds!



Thanks to generous donations from as many as 10 seed companies, our Seed Sowing Center has 1,200 seed packets to give out to gardeners this year, while supplies last.

To learn more about this initiative and how to claim your seeds, or visit poklib.org/seed-sowing.



Two New MAP Passes!



Unlock the best of the Hudson Valley and NYC with our MAP Passes! Your library card is now a golden ticket to iconic destinations.

New for 2026 are passes to MoMA and Dia Beacon! Present your pass for free or reduced admission!

Reserve: Book your pass up to 60 days in advance through the library website.

Print or Pick Up: Most are printable passes, though some require picking up a physical pass from Adirance or Boardman Road.



Visit poklib.org/books-more/map-pass to learn more and view venues.

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, May 12, June 9,
1-3 pm, BRD*

Ukulele Strumalong

*Select Tuesdays, May 26, June 23,
6-8 pm, BRD*

Rover Pupdate

Rover the Roaming Library Bookmobile is going places this spring and 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 fashion read, pick out a picture book for the kids, and have some fun visiting Rover.

Tuesdays, 2 pm – 4:30 pm
Waryas Park on select summer days
beginning June 23

First Thursdays, 10 am – 12 noon
Stop & Shop, April – October

Second Fridays, 6 pm – 8:30 pm
Eastdale Village, beginning June 12





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 Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25; Sundays starting May 31; Friday, June 19; Saturday, July 4.**

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

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

Thursday, 11 am – 1 pm, BRD

Sadie Peterson Delaney Computer Lab

First Tuesdays, May 5, June 2, 1:30-3:30 pm

Technology Assistant New!

Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm, ADR Ground Floor

Stop by to have your tech questions answered and issues resolved.

Basics

PC Basics B

Thursday, May 14, 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, May 28, 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, June 4, 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 Word: Word processor

Word 101 B

Monday, May 11, 3 pm

Wednesday, May 13, 6:15 pm

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

Word 102 B

Monday, May 18, 3 pm

Wednesday, May 20, 6:15 pm

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

Word 103 I

Monday, June 1, 3 pm

Wednesday, June 3, 6:15 pm

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

Word 104 I

Monday, June 8, 3 pm

Wednesday, June 10, 6:15 pm

Learn advanced formatting techniques, Quick Parts, and how to secure your documents. *Prereq: Word 103 or equivalent experience.*

Microsoft PowerPoint: Slideshows



PowerPoint 101 B

Monday, June 22, 3 pm

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

Recommended Experience

B Beginner

I Intermediate

A Advanced

E Expert

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

Using an iPhone **B**

Saturday, May 2, 2 pm

Mondays, May 11, June 15, 1 pm

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

Using an Android **B**

Mondays, May 18, June 8, 1 pm

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

AI as a Thinking Partner **I**

Saturday, May 9, 2 pm

Go beyond the hype and learn to use AI as a partner in your creative and professional processes. Use the free Google Gemini to discover powerful prompting techniques that can augment your thinking and planning. Explore how to use AI to brainstorm ideas, create outlines, and challenge your own concepts, helping you develop your work more deeply and efficiently.

Prerequisite: intermediate computer skills.

Medicare 101/Navigating the Medicare Website **B**

Tuesday, May 12, 9:30 am, BRD

Friday, June 26, 3 pm, ADR

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**

Fridays, May 15, June 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**

Fridays, May 22, June 12, 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.*

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs **I**

Saturday, May 16, 11 am

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

Windows 11 **B**

Friday, May 29, 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.*

Online Security & Common Scams **B**

Monday, June 1, 1 pm

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

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1:

The Blockchain **A**

Monday, June 15, 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, June 17, 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.*

Mac Basics **B**

Thursday, June 18, 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.*

Programas en español

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



Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie

Inscripciones abiertas para la Plaza Comunitaria

Martes y jueves, 7 de mayo - 25 de junio, 6–8 pm, ADR

Clases para adultos de alfabetización, primaria y secundaria para migrantes que hablan español, sin importar nacionalidad, y que tienen 18 años o más. Las personas que concluyan la primaria y secundaria recibirán un certificado oficial de estudios emitido por la Secretaría de Educación Pública del Gobierno de México, válido tanto en el país de origen del estudiante, como en EE.UU.

Las personas interesadas deben acudir directamente a la biblioteca para recibir más información y realizar su inscripción.

Requisitos: acta de nacimiento y e identificación con fotografía.

Alfabetización Tecnológica – Introducción a la computadora

Jueves, del 7 de mayo – 25 de junio, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, ADR

La Plaza Comunitaria de Poughkeepsie ofrece un programa práctico dirigido a adultos con poco o sin conocimiento de computación. Aprenderá uso básico de una laptop, navegación en internet, búsqueda de información, uso de Gmail, e introducción al procesador de palabras. Puede asistir sin estar inscrito en las clases de primaria y secundaria. **Requiere inscripción.**

Consulado Ecuatoriano Móvil

Sábado, 16 de mayo, 8 am - 4 pm, Auditorio del MHLS (105 Market Street)

El Consulado General del Ecuador en Nueva York estará en Poughkeepsie prestando los servicios de: Pasaportes, Cédulas, Poderes y Actos Notariales, Empadronamiento, Registro Civil, y ID Consular. El link de acceso al sistema de citas se publica en las redes sociales del consulado días antes del evento. **SOLO se atenderá con cita.**

Entre hilos y pan

Viernes, 22 de mayo y 26 de junio, 6–8:30 pm, Panera Bread (712 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie)

En un espacio cálido y comunitario aprendemos a tejer, compartimos proyectos y disfrutamos café con pan fresco. Más que una clase, es un refugio de creatividad y cultura: cada puntada une historias, cada ovillo abre puertas, y cada encuentro combate la soledad con amistad. **No requiere inscripción.**



Semillas de maíz azul de Oaxaca en Poughkeepsie

Sábado, 6 de junio, 11 am – 1 pm, Poughkeepsie Farm Project (51 Vassar Farm Lane, Poughkeepsie)

En la tierra fértil de Poughkeepsie Farm Project sembramos juntos maíz azul de Oaxaca, símbolo de memoria y tradición. El personal de la granja comparte saberes sobre variedades que florecen en el Valle del Hudson. Cada semilla plantada hoy será cosecha en otoño. **Requiere inscripción.**

Impacto del Alzheimer y la Demencia en Nuestra Comunidad

Sábado, 6 de junio, 2:30–4 pm, ADR

En la actualidad, más de 7 millones de estadounidenses viven con Alzheimer y más de 11 millones son sus cuidadores no remunerados, una crisis de salud en aumento que afecta a muchas personas de nuestra comunidad. Acompañenos en un breve programa informativo para conocer el impacto de la enfermedad, los recursos locales y las formas en las que puede unirse a la lucha contra el Alzheimer y todas las demás demencias. **No requiere inscripción.**

Serie de arte latinoamericano

Serie de Arte Latinoamericano: Siglo XIX, Independencia y Romanticismo

Lunes, 18 de mayo, 6:30–8 pm, ADR

Explora cómo las luchas independentistas y la influencia del Romanticismo europeo dieron forma a una nueva sensibilidad artística en América Latina. En esta sesión verás pinturas, esculturas e imágenes que ayudaron a imaginar las naciones, exaltar héroes y expresar identidades en transformación. **Requiere inscripción.**

Serie de Arte Latinoamericano Moderno: Las Voces de un Continente

Lunes, 22 de junio, 6:30–8 pm, ADR

Descubre cómo los artistas latinoamericanos del siglo XX rompieron moldes, reinventaron estéticas y dieron voz a nuevas identidades. Exploraremos movimientos clave, obras icónicas y figuras que transformaron el panorama artístico global. Sesión ideal para los amantes del arte que buscan comprender la modernidad desde la perspectiva latinoamericana. **Requiere inscripción.**

Proyecto Huella de Mano:

Invitación a participar y traer un objeto

Jueves, 14 de mayo, 3–6 pm, ADR


Sábado, 16 de mayo, 11 am – 2 pm, ADR

Martes, 9 de junio, 4–6 pm, ADR

Le invitamos a traer un pequeño objeto que tenga un significado personal o familiar para usted. Carmen Lizardo tomará una foto de sus manos sosteniendo el objeto y grabará un breve mensaje de voz en el que usted explique por qué el objeto es significativo. Su historia formará parte de una obra de arte colectiva que honra la memoria, la identidad y la comunidad, y que se exhibirá en la Biblioteca Adriance Memorial del 1 al 30 de julio.

El Proyecto Huella de Mano (Handprint Project), 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.

Palabras que nos unen: club de lectura


Lunes, 6–8 pm, Virtual 

4 de mayo: **Pierre Menard, autor del Quijote**

8 de junio: **El Aleph**

Exploramos dos relatos de Jorge Luis Borges y, a través de sus laberintos, símbolos y juegos con la memoria, conversaremos sobre identidad, infinitud y mirada interior. Un ciclo para descubrir cómo lo cotidiano puede abrirse hacia lo misterioso y lo eterno. **Requiere inscripción para obtener el enlace de Zoom para unirse a la reunión.**

Cine con Historia

Lunes, 29 de junio, 6–8 pm, Virtual 

Espacio dedicado a películas inspiradas en hechos reales para descubrir acontecimientos históricos, dialogar sobre sus impactos y conectar con voces del pasado. Cada encuentro ofrece reflexión, aprendizaje y comunidad a través de historias que dejaron huella. **Requiere inscripción para recibir el enlace de Zoom para unirse a la reunión.**

Película: Aún estoy aquí. Disponible en Netflix.



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 15 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 X 3320. **Closed Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25; Sundays beginning May 31; June 19.**

Young Adventurers Guild: D&D Club *Saturdays, 1-4:30 pm, BRD (closed May 23)*

Want to play D&D or learn how? 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!

All-Ages Chess Club *Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, 5–7 pm, BRD* *Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 5–7 pm, BRD*

Play against and learn 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, May 4 – June 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.**

Common Self-Defense *For Boys: Mondays, May 4, 11, June 1, 5:30- 7:30 pm, BRD* *For Girls: Mondays, June 15, 22, 29, 5:30- 7:30 pm, BRD*

A series of self-defense classes for ages 12-18 to learn everyday common sense self-defense strategies! Led by certified self-defense instructors. **A signed safety waiver is contingent for participation.**

Beginner's Cross-Stitch *Thursday, May 7, 4-5 pm, ADR*

Learn the basics of cross-stitching while creating your own cross-stitch bookmark. All materials will be provided.

Teen Crochet Blanket *Monday, May 11, June 8, 5-7 pm, ADR*

Once a month until June, we will meet up and create blankets. Any skills are welcome! Bring your excitement and enjoy the company of your peers. Seating is limited.

Teen LEGO Builders *Tuesday, May 12, 5-6 pm, ADR*

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

Hand-Stitched Notebooks *Thursday, May 14, 4-5 pm, ADR*

Get creative and learn the art of embroidery in this hands-on workshop! Discover basic techniques and use them to embellish the cover of their own notebook. All supplies provided. No experience necessary; our instructor will guide you through each step.

Teen Cooking *Thursdays, 4-6 pm, ADR* *May 14: Palimers (aka Elephant Ear Cookies)* *June 11: Teriyaki Chicken*

We'll make simple, delicious dishes you can easily recreate at home for yourself, your family, or friends!

Woven Tapestry *Thursday, May 21, 4-6 pm, ADR*

Learn how to make a woven tapestry. With your creative mind, you will construct an amazing design with the materials. No experience is needed.

Anime / Manga Club *Wednesday, 5-6 pm, ADR* *May 27: Blue Lock* *June 24: May I Ask One Final Thing?*

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

DIY Pom-Pom Rug *Thursday, June 18, 4-6 pm, ADR*

Add some personality for your room with your very own pom-pom rug! Learn a new skill and let your imagination take you to make a larger rug.

TEEN SUMMER READING KICK-OFF *Saturday, June 20, 1-3 pm, ADR*

Let's celebrate the beginning of summer! This year's theme is "Unearth a Story," and we're having a fun activity in the Teen Room for this awesome celebration. Sign up, play some Minute to Win It games, and win a prize for having fun! **No registration required.**



Early Childhood

PPLD supports early literacy through high-quality programs and resources. We'll help you find the answers you need as you raise the next generation of citizens. For these programs, children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. *Registration is not required, except where noted.* **Closed Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25; Friday, June 19; Saturday, July 4.**



At Adriance

Preschool Learning Center Storytime (PLC) *Mondays, May 4 – June 8, 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. Closed Monday, May 25. *Registration required.*

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, May 5 – June 9, 10-10:50 am

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

Baby and Me

Wednesdays, May 6 – June 10, 10-10:50 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, May 7 – June 11, 10-10:50 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.

Bilingual Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, May 14, June 4, 1:30–2:30 pm

Join us for an interactive session in English and Spanish with stories, songs, and crafts! This program will provide a fun and educational cultural exchange regardless of fluency. For families with children aged 1-5 years.

Sensory Lab

Fridays, May 8 – June 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!



At Boardman Road

Baby Rhyme & Play Time

Mondays, May 4 – June 8, 10-10:45 am

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

Preschool Story Time & Play

Tuesdays, May 5 – June 9, 10-11 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, May 6 – June 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 for Two-Year-Olds

Thursdays, May 7 – June 11, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, May 7 – June 11, 10:45-11:30 am

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



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' Chess Club

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 6–8 pm,

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Mondays, June 1, 8, 6–8 pm, ADR

Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us biweekly for meetings— the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. Recommended for ages 8-12. **No registration required.**

Drop-In Storytime and Play

Wednesdays, May 6 – June 3, 4-4:45 pm

Snuggle up in the Story Nook for some of our favorite stories. Stay for a delightful activity or play time! **No registration required.**

Super Mario Galaxy Challenge

Tuesday, May 12, 4-5 pm

Tackle galactic challenges and help Mario save Princess Peach! Recommended for ages 7-11.

Space STEM Challenge

Tuesday, May 19, 4- 5 pm

Calling all mini-astronauts! Join us for a stellar STEM adventure where we'll explore the far reaches of space. Recommended for ages 6-11.

Cardboard Party

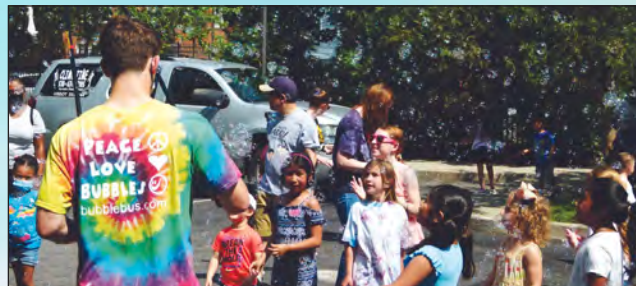
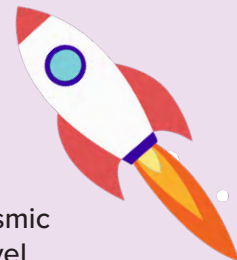
Saturday, June 6, 10 am – 12 pm

What can you build using only cardboard, tape, scissors and your imagination? Stay for 10 minutes or 2 hours – it's up to you! Ages 4-11.

Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum (MHDM) Pop-Up Planetarium

Wednesday, June 10, 4-6 pm

Begin at the blazing heart of our cosmic neighborhood — the Sun — and travel outward across billions of miles. Sweep past rocky Mercury and cloud-covered Venus, visit our home, Earth, and the red world, Mars, then venture to giant Jupiter and ringed Saturn. Glide past icy Uranus and Neptune before reaching the distant dwarf planet, Pluto, at the edge of our Solar System.



SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY!

Saturday, June 27, 10 am – 12 pm

Let's celebrate the beginning of summer and kick off the Summer Reading Game! This year's theme is "**Unearth a Story**" and we're closing the Adriance parking lot for this awesome celebration. Pick up your Summer Reading game packet at the Rover bookmobile during the party, and read your way to fabulous prizes! Weather permitting. **No registration required.**

Learn more about Summer Reading challenges for all ages on page 3!



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At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Rocket Ship Run!

Monday, May 11, 4-5 pm

5,4,3,2,1....Blast Off! Come and make rocket ship art. Dress for the mess. Recommended for ages 5-11.

Pipecleaner Crafts

Wednesday, May 13, 4-5 pm

Now that the flowers are in bloom, create your own beautiful indoor pipecleaner garden.

LEGO and More: Brick Building

Tuesday, May 19, June 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.**

K-2 Stories & Crafts

Wednesday, June 3, 4-5 pm

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

At SPD

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Solar System Scavenger Hunt

March 6 – May 1, SPD

Can you find all 10 celestial objects hidden in the SPD? **No registration required – just grab a sheet!**



Borrow a Nature Exploration Backpack!

Thanks to a Learn, Play, Create Grant from Dutchess County, you can borrow a backpack full of everything your little one needs to explore the natural environment!

These kits are available from the Parenting Collection in Adriance's Children's Room and the Boardman check-out desk. Backpacks must be returned in person (not through the book drop) to the location they were borrowed from.

- Forest exploration
- Insect exploration
- Tracking exploration
- Bird exploration
- Nighttime exploration

Borrowers must be PPLD residents aged 18 and above who have had a library card in good standing for over six months. Scan the QR code or visit



tinyurl.com/ppldnaturebackpacks to learn more about terms and conditions and to view the contents of each kit.



The Parenting Collection

Located in the Children's Room at Adriance Memorial Library, the Parenting Collection includes books and DVDs about child-rearing, pregnancy, nursing, and parenting children with special needs.



Visit tinyurl.com/pplparentingcollection or scan the QR code to browse the collection.

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Friends News

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Visit the Friends' Book Store:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423

Facebook: [PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore](https://www.facebook.com/PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore)



Mystery Mondays Book Club Mondays, 11 am, BRD

May 18: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon



June 29: *Spirit Crossing* by William Kent Kreuger

Mah Jongg Tournament

Saturday, May 16, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, BRD

Enjoy lunch, a prize drawing, and fun at this Friends of PPLD Fundraiser and Friendraiser!

\$55 per person. **Registration required.**

For more information and to register, call Barbara Lynch at 845-546-4734 or email bslynch56@msn.com.

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Visit the Book Store to learn more!

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