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Monday, August 24 at 10 am!

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Registration Opens Monday, August 24!

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.

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

Labor Day: Saturday, September 5 – Monday, September 7
Staff Development Day: Friday, September 18
Columbus / Indigenous People's Day: Monday, October 12
Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11

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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.

On the Cover: A moment between local teachers and The Art Effect at the 2025 Big Read Professional Development Day for local educators.



YidLife *Crisis* **LIVE!**

Thursday, October 15, 7 pm, Bardavon

Get ready to laugh and kvell! Award-winning comedy duo **Eli Batalion** and **Jamie Elman** travel to Stockholm and unexpectedly uncover a rich and little-known world of Jewish culture.

Like two gefilte fish out of water, they discover how Jewish life in Sweden evolved from a small immigrant community into a vibrant and resilient cultural presence.

Through hilarious mishaps and moving encounters, Eli and Jamie reveal how Jewish joy and community can flourish in the most unexpected places.

In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and funded by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund of PPLD.

Free event — tickets will be available at the Bardavon and the three library locations starting October 1.



POUGHKEEPSIE BIG READ

Jewel Geissinger Ratzlaff Keynote Lecture

Fire and Freedom with Author **THOMAS WERMUTH**



**Saturday, October 17,
2:30-4:30 pm, BRD**

Dr. Thomas Wermuth's *Fire and Freedom* presents lesser-known New York-centered Revolutionary War stories, from riots against colonial taxation and Washington's time in the region to non-battle events like retreats, fires, and independence displays. It explores how state power reshaped loyalty, and how

Indigenous and enslaved people influenced postwar New York. He is the Co-Founder & Director, Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist University. **Registration required.**



Ghosts of the Revolutionary War **Thursday, October 1, 6:30-8 pm, BRD**

Paranormal investigator and author **Barry Pirro** explores how ghosts of the Revolution, including Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, and other important historical figures, are said to roam the earth to this very day. **Registration required.**

Cultivating a Nation: The Essential Role of Black Labor and Culinary Knowledge in Early America

Saturday, October 10, 1 pm, SPD

CIA professors **Roshara Sanders** and **Beth Forrest** look at how the labor, expertise, and ingenuity of Black people — both enslaved and free — transformed our regional cuisines through African ingredients, new agricultural techniques, and domestic traditions into what we now call “American food.” **Registration required.**

Benson Lossing: Preserving Stories of the American Revolution

Monday, October 19, 6:30 pm, BRD

Benson Lossing was a Dutchess County native, newspaper editor, engraver, and eventually the nation's most popular writer and historian during the mid-19th century. **Shannon Butler** tells the story of a fellow historian's passion to save the stories of the American Revolution. **Registration required.**

Alexander Hamilton: The Musical and the Duel

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30-8 pm, BRD

Hamilton, a ground-breaking musical featuring Black and Latino actors playing the Founding Fathers, won 11 Tony awards. Hamilton, who as an immigrant became the first Secretary of the Treasury and founded the US financial system, died at the hands of Vice President Aaron Burr upon the dueling grounds in Weehawken, NJ. This program features the *Hamilton* mix-tape performance at the White House, an introduction to the characters of the musical, and music from the Broadway production. Presented by **Rick Feingold**. **Registration required.**

Cato in the Revolution: Spies, Slavery, Church, and Chocolate

Wednesday, October 21, 7-8 pm, Virtual 🖥️

Join historian and author **Claire Bellerjeau** as she shares her exciting new discoveries about Cato, an enslaved Black man who aided the Patriot spy and tailor Hercules Mulligan during the Revolutionary War. Showing great bravery, agency, skill, and faith, Cato represents other unknown and often “invisible” people of color who helped shape the course of the Revolution — and the history of the US. **Registration required.**

Women and the Formation of the Nation: 1776 and Beyond

Thursday, October 22, 6 pm, BRD

What roles did women play in the founding of the new United States and in shaping what the country would become? Engage with fascinating true-life stories, artifacts, and images that illuminate women's critical roles in building a new nation. Presented by **Lynn Saltonstall** of The New York Historical Society. **Registration required.**

REVOLUTIONARY NEW YORK

Tanisha Mitchell Presents *Cotton: The Dream and Hope of the Slave*

Friday, October 23, 7 pm, Beulah Baptist Church (92 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie)

Tanisha Mitchell presents *Cotton*, which honors the African-American experience during slavery through spirituals, art, and slave narratives. Ms. Mitchell, the soprano and librarian behind the popular Opera Talks, will present her research and also perform two live spirituals. **Registration required.**

Remember Liss: A New American Founding Figure

Wednesday, November 4, 6-7:30 pm, BRD

Historian and author Claire Bellerjeau discusses the discovery of a new founding figure. Elizabeth, aka Liss, was enslaved by the Townsend family of Oyster Bay, whose most famous member was Robert Townsend, George Washington's lead spy in Manhattan. Liss's complex struggle for freedom gives new insight into the country's founding era, through the eyes of an enslaved Black woman seeking liberty. **Registration required.**

for Kids! 18th Century Games Day

Thursday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 pm, BRD

Educators from Clermont State Historic Site will teach families how to play three popular games from the 1700s. Recommended for families with children 5 and up. **See page 23 for full details about games and required safety waiver for all participants. Registration required.**

North of America: Revolution, British Provinces, and Creating the US

Sunday, November 8, 2:30 pm, ADR

Jeffers Lennox (Wesleyan University) explores how America's founding can only be fully understood within a broader perspective, including British, Indigenous, and Canadian history. Explore America's formation from the Revolution to the War of 1812. **Registration required.**

Concert: Cello, America: Songs of Patriotism, Praise, and Protest

Saturday, November 14, 2:30 pm, BRD

Alex Prizginta presents *Praise and Protest* as part of the vital fabric that weaves our differences into our distinct strength. Key hymns, noble anthems of patriotism, and tunes of solidarity and resistance celebrate our union. **No registration required.**

FDR Presidential Library Series

Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library & Museum, returns to talk to us three times during the Big Read!

Registration required per session.

Declaration Deep Dive

Tuesday, November 3, 7-8 pm, Virtual 

Explore the philosophy that inspired it, the reasons it was written, the goals it hoped to accomplish and ways it has influenced and inspired ours, and the world's history since.

The Constitution Speaks: Rules, Rights, & Responsibilities

Tuesday, November 10, 7-8 pm, Virtual 

Learn about some of the key rules, rights, and responsibilities necessary for the maintenance of a healthy and successful democracy.

Franklin and the Founders

Tuesday, November 17, 7-8 pm, Virtual 

FDR had a keen understanding and a great appreciation of the principles upon which this country was founded. Learn how he tapped the Founding Fathers for inspiration and guidance to save America from economic collapse and the world from Nazi annihilation.

for Kids! Learning & Leisure in the 18th Century

Thursday, November 12, 1-3 pm, ADR

Join Historic Huguenot Street in a journey back through time to discover the secrets of daily life during the colonial period! Explore the impacts of a diverse range of cultures on the Hudson Valley's history, including Esopus peoples, European colonists, and enslaved Africans. Through hands-on investigation of reproductions of Indigenous and colonial cultural artifacts, virtual tours, and 18th century games, students will get a taste of life in the past! **Registration required.**



Books, Writing, & More

Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual 

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



September 3: **Nocturnos** by Laura Perez

Nocturnos delves into the ethereal world of the night, when the mundane vibes of the day cede to a mysterious atmosphere in which anything seems possible.



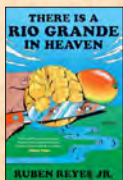
October 15: **More Weight: A Salem Story** by Ben Wickey

When accusations of witchcraft plunge the Salem community into paranoia and death, curmudgeonly farmer Giles Corey and his great-souled wife, Martha, are forced to confront their troubled pasts. In the 1860s, famed writers Nathaniel Hawthorne and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow stroll the streets of Salem together, reflecting on their own dark connections to those wicked days.

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.**



September 16: **There Is a Rio Grande in Heaven** by Ruben Reyes, Jr.

Reyes conjures dreamlike worlds that explore what we would do if we woke up one morning and our lives were unrecognizable. The characters, from mango farmers to cyborgs, are forced to make uncomfortable choices that not only mean life or death, but might also allow them to be heard in a world set on silencing the voices of Central Americans.



October 21: **1984** by George Orwell

A masterpiece of rebellion and imprisonment where war is peace, freedom is slavery, and Big Brother is watching.

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, September 19, October 17, 10 am - 12 pm,
Lehman Loeb Museum (upstairs), Vassar College

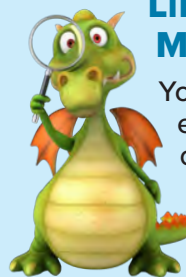
Bring copies of your work(s) in progress and receive feedback from your peers. All genres. There is an elevator on the ground floor. **No registration required.**

Exercise Your Writing

Sunday, October 4, 2 pm, ADR

In this workshop, 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.**

Library Card Sign-Up Month Sweepstakes!



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

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

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



Library Card Sign-Up Month Ticket

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I love my library card because: _____

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!**

Outside by the birches (rain or shine):

*Tuesdays, 5-6 pm, September 1-October 27,
OR Fridays, 12-1 pm September 4 – October 30*

*Inside: Fridays, 9:15-10:15 am OR 10:30-11:30
am, September 4 - October 16*

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.

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

Tuesdays, September 8, October 13, 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.**

More programs — see page 12!

- **Defensive Driving**
- **Know Your Medicare Options**
- **Shred Free Day @ Your Library**

Reading Meditatively Series

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

September 8: *The Body Keeps the Score* by Dr. Bessel van der Kolk

October 6: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Join **Ann Byrne** from Hudson Valley Meditation in a reflective series of workshops based on a variety of self help/personal growth books. **Registration required for each session.** You do not need to have read the book to participate.

Meet the Author: Dr. Christophe Beauvais

Thursday, September 10, 6 pm, ADR

Dr. Beauvais will discuss his book *When "I Am Fine" Isn't Enough: Embracing Genuine Compassion and Support*. This event will provide readers and community members with an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about emotional well-being, compassion, mental health awareness, and the importance of genuine human support. We will discuss its key themes, and engage with attendees through questions, reflections, and open dialogue in a respectful, welcoming environment. **Registration required.**

Handy Chatter: American Sign Language Monthly Meetup

*Tuesdays, September 15, October 20,
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.**

How Medicaid Can Pay for Your Home Care or Assisted Living Residence

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30-8 pm, Virtual 

This presentation will cover the basics of Medicaid eligibility for home care, assisted living care, and nursing home care. It will cover common misconceptions about Medicaid and asset limits, legal and financial planning resources to protect assets, the Medicaid application process and timelines, as well as options for caregivers and aging in place. Presented by **Medicaid Solutions**. **Registration required.**

History & Current Events

Walking Tour of Public Art in Downtown Poughkeepsie with Franc Palaia *Wednesday, September 9, 10 am*

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

Meet the Author: Professor Harvey Flad *Wednesday, September 9, 6 pm, BRD*

Main Street to Mainframes: Landscape and Social Change in Poughkeepsie picks up the narrative of the first edition, co-authored with Clyde Griffen, tracing the history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries of the small city of Poughkeepsie and the Hudson River Valley and following their stories into the twenty-first century. There will be books for sale and a signing. **Registration required.**

Hudson River State Hospital and Mental Health in America

Monday, September 14, 6 pm, BRD

Joseph Galante of then Hudson River State Hospital Museum will focus on the abbreviated history of mental health in America, including the development of a public care system in New York State and the role of the Hudson River State Hospital. We will also look at the shift in mental health care in the 1960s and beyond. In light of the recent fire on the lower campus, Galante will present an educational series about the facility's history and the roles they played in the society, both local and abroad. **Registration required.**

Meet the Author: JB Hughes

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 pm, ADR

JB Hughes will discuss his book *Financial Tsunami at the Frontier*, highlighting the inside story of the first bank implosion that marked the onset of the Global Financial Crisis beginning in Puerto Rico. Based mostly on eye-witness accounts, the book details the untold story of when, where, and why the crash began. JB Hughes has over 20 years' experience in banking and finance, from founding start-up consumer finance companies to working in global financial institutions. **Registration required.**



Vintage illustration of the Hudson River State Hospital

Evidence of Archaeoastronomy in Upstate New York and Northeast America

Thursday, September 24, 6:30-8 pm, BRD

Ancient structures show the study of astronomy was present with people and cultures long ago. Scattered throughout the lands of Northeastern America, a large number of standing lithic structures are emerging as part of a Native American tradition of ritual building practices. This multimedia presentation looks at patterns of site locations and their relationships to the sky and horizon. Presented by **Glenn Kreisberg**, NYS DEC outdoor guide who researches archaeoastronomy and landscape archaeology in the Hudson Valley. **Registration required.**

Shirley Chisholm: Unbought & Unbossed *Saturday, September 26, 2 pm, SPD*

Join us for a screening of the definitive documentary about the trailblazing congresswoman directed by Shola Lynch, detailing her historic 1972 presidential run. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion. **Registration required.**

Meet the Author: Lindsay Cormack

Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 pm, BRD

The League of Women Voters Mid-Hudson Chapter presents **Lindsay Cormack**, author of *How to Raise a Citizen (and Why It's Up to You to Do It)*. Dr. Cormack is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Diplomacy Lab at Stevens Institute of Technology. She is also a contributor to major media outlets including *The New York Times*. **Registration required.**

Historic Walking Tours with Shannon Butler

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

Springside National Historic Landmark

Fridays, September 4, 18, 9 am, 185 Academy Street

Laid out by the prominent Hudson Valley landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing, Springside was designed to be the 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.

Dwight Street – Hooker Avenue Historic District

Sunday, September 13, 1 pm, Bartlett Park

Beginning in 1895, the crescent shaped road of Dwight Street was laid out by architect Horace Trumbauer and over the course of the next 20 years, several more houses of various styles and materials were built to establish a very desirable place to live.

Union Street Historic District

Sunday, October 4, 11 am

Join us for a walk in Poughkeepsie's oldest neighborhood. 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.

Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery

Wednesday, October 7, 2 pm

We'll visit with some of the most fascinating characters in local history, from businessmen and doctors, to artists and musicians. As we make our way through the property, we'll discuss the creation of the cemetery itself. This program is made possible through the partnership between the Poughkeepsie Public Library District and the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

***New!* History Hike: College Hill Park**

Saturday, October 17, 10 am College Hill Park

Join Historian **Shannon Butler** as we venture up to the city's highest point and cover the history of College Hill Park. From its days as a boy's school and serving as a stage for Frederick Douglass, 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.

Staff Spotlight: Yvonne Laube

Meet a Public Information Officer who has been with PPLD for nine years!

Can you describe your position in your own words?

I am a Public Information Officer and I get to promote all the great things and services the Library District provides. I manage the website, send out email communications, and post on social media (among other tasks).

What do you like most about your job?

I love my job! I love working in a place that is appreciated by those who use it and love seeing new patrons get a library card because of the work I (and my co-workers) have done. We offer so much regarding services and programs that I feel there is a benefit for everyone to use the library. My favorite service we offer is the Museum Passes (MAP Passes). I visited the Berkshire Botanical Garden for free and highly recommend it! Second to that, I love audiobooks and use Libby frequently.

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

I am an artist and like to work with various mediums like photography, paper, found objects, and paint. I find peace while working on projects, and working with my hands provides a nice balance to working on the computer all day. I am also a member of the Town of Poughkeepsie's Historic Preservation Commission. History and architecture are an important part of our community and should be retained and reused as much as possible for character and sustainability.



Big Read programs on the Revolution — see page 4.

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE



Shannon Butler

September 1 –
October 31

GROUND FLOOR, ADRIANCE



Harriet Bassen

September 1 –
October 31

Day of the Dead Altar (see page 11, right)

October 27 – November 6

BOARDMAN ART WALL



Rachel Williams

June 29 – September 29



Group Show: Drawn Together

October 1 –
December 31



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

B-I-N-G-O at Adriance with Tina *Thursday, September 24, 12 pm – 2 pm, ADR*

Let's have some fun at the library. Come and play Bingo and win some prizes.
Registration required.

Disc Golf

*Friday, September 4, 3-5 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.**

Open Mic

Wednesdays, September 9, October 14, 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 for Adults

Thursdays, September 10, October 8, 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, September 16, October 21, 10 am, BRD

Want to work on your drawing skills? Join us on the third Wednesday of each month for 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.**

Quilling Workshops

Thursdays, September 17, October 15, 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.**

Buena Vista Social Club: The Musical

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30-8 pm, BRD

In 1950s Havana, a group of young musicians created a sound that shook the world of Cuban music—until the revolution changed everything. Forty years later, the band came back together to record the songs they left behind and unexpectedly created the greatest-selling world music album of all time. Presenter **Rick Feingold** programmed the Latin Jazz series at Penn State's Performing Arts Center and has traveled extensively throughout Cuba. **Registration required.**

Tiny Art Sessions for Adults

Boardman

Drop-In:

Monday, September 28, 6-7:30 pm. No registration required.

Adriance: *Thursday, October 29, 6:30 pm. Registration required.*

Create a tiny art painting that will be on exhibit in Adriance in November and December. This is not a tutorial or art class. Please bring a picture or photo to work from, or have an idea of what you would like to paint. If you do not want to attend the session, you may pick up a tiny art canvas at the Boardman Drop-In session. They will not be given out at any other time. *There will be a session held for children and teens at the end of September. Please check the Teen's and Children's Pages in the Rotunda.*



Narrative Resonance: Music and Literature in Conversation

Saturday, October 10, 2:30 pm, BRD

How does Virginia Woolf's approach to writing illuminate German composer Robert Schumann's use of form? This event pairs the two, putting them in conversation to explore the parallels, culminating in a full performance of the musical work by Juilliard musicians. **Registration required.**

YidLife Crisis – Live!

Thursday, October 15, 7 pm, Bardavon

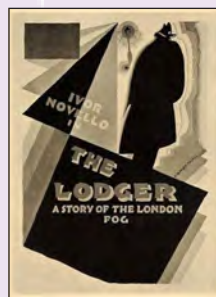
Get ready to laugh and kvell! Award-winning comedy duo **Eli Batalion** and **Jamie Elman** travel to Stockholm and unexpectedly uncover a rich and little-known world of Jewish culture. More details on page 3. **Free event – tickets will be available at the Bardavon and the three library locations starting October 1.**

Seasonal Specials

Spooky Treats with Tina

Tuesday, October 20, ADR, 6–7:30 pm

At this demonstration, we will make some edible Halloween-themed treats to taste, and you'll go home with recipes on how to make them. **Registration required.**



On the Big Screen: Alfred Hitchcock's *The Lodger* (1927)

Saturday, October 24, 7 pm, Bardavon

This year's silent movie feature is Alfred Hitchcock's *The Lodger*, a suspenseful silent film about a mysterious tenant suspected of murder. **Juan Cardona, Jr.**,

resident organist, will accompany the film with an original score. **Free tickets will be available at the Bardavon and the three library locations starting October 1.**

Slash and Grab: Horror Movies of the 1980s

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30-8 pm, Virtual

The horror boom that began in 1978 coincided with an era of global nuclear fears, urban decay, and recession as well as the collapse of the Hollywood studio system and the decline of censorship laws. This mix of circumstances gave rise to the genre of horror that we now know as the "slasher" or "splatter" film. Join presenter **Professor Adam Jortner** as he examines how and why these films were created. **Registration required.**

Day of the Dead Altar: A Space to Remember

October 27 – November 6, ADR

Visit this colorful and meaningful display made by community members just for the library! The altar features marigolds, photographs, and traditional offerings that honor and celebrate loved ones.



Connecting

Closed Saturday, September 5 – Monday, September 7; Friday, September 18; and Monday, October 12.

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, September 4, 11, October 2, 9, 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.**

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, 5-7 pm, ADR

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.**

Paper Crafting

Thursdays, September 24, October 22, 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.**

Defensive Driving

Saturday, October 3, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, 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, September 19, 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 since 2017. **Registration required.**

Shred Free Day @ Your Library

Wednesday, October 21, 9-11 am, BRD

Offered by Legal Shred. Paper shredding only. Please limit three kitchen-size garbage bags per person. Papers can be in boxes, paper bags, or plastic bags—limit three. **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, September 8, October 13, 1-3 pm, BRD

Ukulele Strumalong

Tuesday, September 22, 6-8 pm, BRD

No October Meeting

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.



Love Rover? Grab a sticker! Coming to a Rover stop near you! While supplies last.

Community Visits

Arlington Street Fair

Saturday, September 19, 12-6 pm

City of Poughkeepsie

First Fridays

Eastdale

Second Fridays

Senior Center Visits

Office For the Aging (OFA)

Bilingual services onsite!

Tuesdays, September 1, October 13,
10:30 am – 12 pm, 114 Delafield Street

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP) with Pop-Up Computer Lab!

Tuesdays, September 8, October 6,
10:30 am – 12 pm, 14 Abe's Way

Brain Games for Seniors

Office For the Aging (OFA) Friendship Center

Thursdays, September 17, October 22,
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, September 22, October 27,
10:30 am - 12 pm, 14 Abe's Way

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

Tax Prep: Help Neighbors in Need!

Take your skills to a new level by becoming a volunteer for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program and the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition. Becoming an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer is a great way to learn a new skill and increase your own personal talents while helping others. Last year, volunteers filed over 7,000 returns at more than 30 tax sites throughout the Hudson Valley.

Volunteer tax preparers review client documentation, interview clients, and prepare federal and state tax returns digitally. Free training is provided in tax law, preparing tax forms, and using tax preparation software. This opportunity is open to all ages; AARP membership is not required. Other opportunities include: client facilitators at the tax sites, program promotion, IT support, and appointment confirmation callers.

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

Learn Spanish!

The Dish of the Day: Spanish

Fridays, September 11 – October 30,
12 – 1 pm, ADR (closed September 18)

Boost your career with practical Spanish. Explore workplace vocabulary, basic professional conversation, and strategies for communicating with clients and colleagues. This engaging, intermediate-level class helps adult learners strengthen real-life language skills in a supportive library setting. **Limited spaces; registration required.**

Spanish *paso a paso*

Friday, September 11 – October 30,
1:30 – 3 pm, ADR (closed September 18)

Start your Spanish journey in a friendly, beginner-level class. Learn basic conversation, build essential vocabulary, and gain confidence in a relaxed library setting. No experience needed - just curiosity and enthusiasm. **Limited spaces; registration required.**



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, September 5 – Monday, September 7; Friday, September 18; and Monday, October 12.

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, September 1, October 6, 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.

Drop-In eBook Help

Monday, September 28, 1–3 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.

Basics

PC Basics B

Thursday, September 10, 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, September 17, 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, October 1, 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, September 28, 3 pm

Wednesday, September 30, 6:15 pm

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

Word 102 B

Monday, October 5, 3 pm

Wednesday, October 7, 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, October 19, 3 pm

Wednesday, October 21, 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.*

Microsoft Word 104 I

Monday, October 26, 3 pm

Wednesday, October 28, 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

Saturday, October 24, 11 am

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

Recommended Experience



Beginner



Intermediate



Advanced



Expert

Technology

All events are at Adriance Memorial Library unless noted.

Using an iPhone B

Monday, September 14, 1 pm

Saturday, October 10, 2 pm

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

Using an Android B

Friday, September 25, 2 pm

Monday, October 5, 1 pm

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

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 1:

The Blockchain A

Wednesday, September 16, 6:15 pm

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

Blockchain & Crypto Basics Part 2:

Cryptocurrency A

Wednesday, September 23, 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.*

AI as a Thinking Partner I

Saturdays, September 26, October 10, 11 am

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.

File Management with File Explorer B

Saturday, September 26, 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.*

Medicare 101/Navigating the Medicare Site B

Tuesday, September 29, 9:30 am, ADR

Thursday, October 15, 9:30 am, 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 (HII)CAP at Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Contact: Jamie Carey (845) 486-2083.

Online Security & Common Scams B

Friday, October 2, 2 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.

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs B

Saturday, October 3, 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, October 9, 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.*

Mac Basics B

Thursday, October 15, 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.*

“The course relieved the anxiety I had about using the new phone and provided me with confidence.” (Using an iPhone)

Programas en español

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

Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie

Es un programa de educación básica para migrantes que hablan español, de cualquier nacionalidad, y son mayores de 18 años. Si deseas finalizar tus estudios, acércate a la biblioteca los martes y jueves de 6 - 8 p.m. y solicita más información. **Semestre de otoño inicia el 8 de septiembre.**

• Clases de primaria para adultos

Los jueves, 6–8 pm, ADR

• Clases de secundaria para adultos

Los martes, 6–8 pm, ADR

• Alfabetización: Clases para adultos de lectura y escritura

Los jueves, 6–8 pm, ADR

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

Protéjase contra el robo de salarios ¡Conozca sus derechos!

Lunes 21 de septiembre, 6–7:30 pm, ADR

Este taller te brinda un resumen general de las protecciones salariales relacionadas al salario mínimo, el pago de horas extras, las represalias, y más. También discutiremos los esquemas comunes de robo de salarios, las estrategias para protegerse del robo de salarios y lo que puede hacer si es víctima de un robo de salarios, sin importar su estatus migratorio. **No requiere inscripción.**

Protéjase contra la discriminación y el acoso sexual en el lugar de trabajo

Lunes 19 de octubre, 6–7:30 pm, ADR

Este taller abordará las cuestiones de discriminación y acoso sexual en el lugar de trabajo. Los participantes aprenderán a ejercer sus derechos a un entorno laboral libre de discriminación y acoso sexual, independientemente de su estatus migratorio. **No requiere inscripción.**

Alfabetización Tecnológica:

Escribe en la computadora

Jueves, del 10 de septiembre al 22 de octubre, 5:30– 7:30 pm, ADR

La Plaza Comunitaria de Poughkeepsie ofrece un programa práctico de 10 sesiones consecutivas dirigido a adultos que desean aprender el uso básico de un procesador de palabras para elaborar diferentes documentos. **Requiere inscripción.**

Mostrador Público: Atención en español

Martes y jueves, 1–3 pm, ADR

Miércoles, 10 am – 12 pm

Ofrece apoyo gratuito para ayudarte con información, trámites básicos y servicios de la biblioteca.

- Referencia e información
- Tarjeta de la biblioteca
- Inscripción a programas y eventos
- Pases para museos y atracciones
- Guía para citas consulares
- Apoyo con formas simples
- Servicio de notario público

No necesitas cita previa. Solo acércate al mostrador durante los horarios marcados.

Del cine a la literatura: *Star Wars*

Lunes, 14 de septiembre y 5 de octubre, 6–8 pm, virtual

Un viaje épico del cine a la literatura. Exploraremos *Star Wars Episodios IV, V y VI* a la luz del libro *El héroe de las mil caras*, descubriendo cómo la saga refleja el viaje del héroe y sus resonancias míticas en la cultura contemporánea. **Requiere inscripción para obtener el enlace de Zoom para unirse a la reunión.**



Consulado Mexicano Sobre Ruedas

*Del 29 de septiembre al 3 de octubre,
9 am – 1:30 pm, Auditorio del MHLS
(105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie)*

Facilita el acceso a documentos oficiales a la comunidad mexicana del área con los siguientes servicios:

- Pasaporte mexicano – renovación o primera vez
- Matrícula consular – Identificación oficial para mexicanos en el extranjero
- Acta de nacimiento – emisión según disponibilidad
- Credencial para votar (INE) – trámite y actualización de datos
- Doble nacionalidad – **indispensable hacer cita previa**
Hacer cita por WhatsApp al 1-424-309-0009.

Tejidos al viento

*Viernes, 25 de septiembre y 23 de octubre,
6–8:30 pm, Panera Bread (712 Dutchess Turnpike)*

Es un espacio acogedor para aprender a tejer, compartir proyectos y disfrutar café, pan y otros sabores otoñales. Cada puntada une historias y crea compañía, especialmente para quienes buscan conexión y creatividad en comunidad. **Actividad abierta, sin inscripción.**

Altar de Muertos: un espacio para recordar

Del 27 de octubre al 6 de noviembre, ADR

Adriance Memorial Library te invita a visitar el altar de muertos creado en comunidad para honrar a nuestros seres queridos. Entre flores de cempasúchil, fotografías y ofrendas tradicionales, celebramos la memoria y la cultura que nos unen. Ven a recorrer este espacio lleno de color simbolismo y cariño. La exhibición estará disponible en el vestíbulo de la planta baja.

Para que los angloparlantes aprendan español / For English Speakers to Learn Spanish

The Dish of the Day: Spanish

*Fridays, September 11 – October 30,
12–1 pm, ADR (closed September 18)*

Boost your career with practical Spanish. Explore workplace vocabulary, basic professional conversation, and strategies for communicating with clients and colleagues. This engaging, intermediate-level class helps adult learners strengthen real-life language skills in a supportive library setting. **Limited spaces; registration required.**

Spanish paso a paso

*Fridays, September 11 – October 30,
1:30–3 pm, ADR (closed September 18)*

Start your Spanish journey in a friendly, beginner-level class. Learn basic conversation, build essential vocabulary, and gain confidence in a relaxed library setting. No experience needed - just curiosity and enthusiasm. **Limited spaces; registration required.**



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, September 5 – Monday, September 7; Friday, September 18; and Monday, October 12.

Youth Chess

Mondays, 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 ages 8 to 12. **No registration required.**

All-Ages Chess Club

Tuesdays, 5-7 pm, ADR

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.**

Young Adventurers' Guild – D&D Club

Saturdays, 1-4:30 pm, BRD

Want to play D&D or learn how? Join the club and have fun with D&D! We have everything you need: a Dungeon Master, adventures, maps, and minis. Snacks, drinks, and dice are provided. Roll up a new character or play a pre-generated one. All you need is your imagination! For ages 12-18. **Registration is now required.** We will make announcements when cancellations occur due to unexpected events like weather, power outage, or DM is unavailable.

Young Writers' Club

Wednesdays, September 9, October 14, 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.

Explore the Money Multiverse!

Select Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm

Secret Identities: Unlock your Money Personality

September 15, ADR or September 22, SPD

Avengers vs. the Digital Shadows

October 20, ADR or October 27, SPD

Team up with staff from Heritage Financial Credit Union for a series of hands-on sessions where you discover your “money alter ego” and how your spending habits can shape your path to success. You’ll take on missions like spotting scams, making investment decisions, and negotiating money deals and exchanges. You will tackle banking challenges with your team, including a Monopoly tournament. Each month drops you into a new storyline where you level up your financial skills and learn how to make smarter money moves in everyday life.



Drop-In Gaming

Mondays, September 14 – October 5, 5-8 pm, ADR

Visit the Teen Room to play games on our Nintendo Switch! Up to 4 players at a time; please bring positivity and kindness to our gaming community. **No registration required.**

Teen Crochet Club

Mondays, September 14, October 19, 5-7 pm, ADR

Once a month, we meet up and create blankets. Any skills are welcome! Bring your excitement and enjoy the company of your peers. For ages 12-18. Seating is limited.

DIY Glowing Ghost in a Jar

Wednesday, September 23, 4-6 pm, ADR

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

Teen Tiny Art Show Painting

Monday, September 28, 6-7:30 pm, ADR

Come create tiny art and participate in the Community Tiny Art Show that will be displayed in the ground floor cases at the Adriance Memorial Library during the month of November. Materials will be provided while supplies last, but you are welcome to bring your own. For teens of ages 12-18. This is a drop-in program. **No registration required.**



Anime / Manga Club

Select Wednesdays, 5-6 pm, ADR

September 30: *May I Ask for One Final Thing?*

October 28: *Mieruko-chan*

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



Teen Cooking: Waffles & French Toast

Thursday, October 8, 4-6 pm, ADR

We'll make simple, delicious dishes you can easily recreate at home for yourself, your family, or your friends. Why not pick up some new cooking skills along the way? For ages 12-18.

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.



POKÉMON CLUB!

Wednesdays, October 7 and 21, 4:30-6 pm, ADR

We are starting a Pokémon Club at the Adriance Library! We are going to learn and play Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG), tournaments, and more. This program is for teens aged 12 to 18. **Registration is required as we have a limited space.**

This program is sponsored by The Pokémon Company International, ALA, and ALSC.

A note from Hannah, Teen Librarian:

We are excited to start this new program! I know over time we have seen a blow-up in the Pokémon world, and it has been incredible. We are pleased that the program is possible with the incredible sponsorship from The Pokémon Company International, ALA, and ALSC, who wanted to give youth access to enjoy the game. And teens, your voices have been heard! We have plans for you to learn the game, trading, crafting, and enjoy the community together. We understand younger audiences would want to join, but we are starting with our teen group as we are learning to play TCG as well. We will update our materials when the time comes for younger audiences to join. But in the meantime, we would greatly appreciate your patience as we begin.



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, September 5 – Monday, September 7; Friday, September 18; and Monday, October 12.*

At Adriance

Preschool Learning Center Storytime (PLC)

Mondays, September 14 - October 12, 10-11:15am

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

Tuesdays, September 8 – October 13, 10 am

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

Baby and Me

Wednesdays, September 9 – October 14, 10-11am

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

Music & Movement

Thursdays, September 10 – October 15, 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.



Bilingual Family Story Time

Thursdays, September 24, October 8, 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.

Sensory Lab

Fridays, September 11 – October 16, 10-11 am, ADR

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, September 14 – October 5, 10-10:45 am



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

Preschool Story Time & Play

Tuesdays, September 8 – October 13, 10-11 am

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

Walk & Wiggle

Wednesdays, September 9 – October 14, 10-11 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, September 10 – October 15, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play

Thursdays, September 10 – October 15, 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.



Library Card Sign-up Month for Children! **September 1 – 30**

September is Library Card Sign-up Month! In this special month-long program, use your library card to explore every section of the Adriance Children's book collection. Discover something new all month long! Register in the Children's Room to participate. Recommended for children ages 11 and under.

Youth Chess

Mondays, 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 ages 8 to 12. ***No registration required.***

Tiny Art Painting

September 30, 4 pm, ADR

Create miniature paintings and then see your artwork on display at the Community Tiny Art Show, November 20 - December 19! Dress for a mess. Recommended for children ages 4 - 11.

Creepy Crafty Storytime

Wednesday, October 7, 4 pm, ADR

Join us for an eerie storytime and craft! Recommended for ages 4 - 11.

Young Writers' Club

Wednesdays, September 9, October 14, 4-6 pm, BRD

Engage with your peers in a small group discussion to build better stories and characters. For ages 10-18. More information on page 18. Seating is limited.

Freedom to Read Storytime

Saturday, October 10, 10:30-11:15 am, ADR

It's national banned books week, come celebrate the freedom to read! We will read some stories, and end with an activity. Best suited for ages 3-8 but all are welcome. ***No registration required.***

Paint a Pumpkin

Tuesday, October 20, 6-7 pm, ADR

Join us for a relaxing evening of pumpkin decorating! We'll provide pumpkins, paints and supplies. Just bring your ideas and creativity! For ages 6-11.

Math Games

Thursday, October 8,

Wednesday, October 21, 4-5 pm, ADR

An evening of math games focusing on developing mathematical fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division for elementary students hosted by Marist University students in the elementary education program. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend and play with their children alongside the Marist students. For ages 5-10.

At Boardman Road

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

K-2 Stories & Crafts

Wednesday, September 16, 4-5 pm, BRD

Ages 5-8, join us for some of our favorite picture books and make a special craft afterwards.

Make Your Own Magic Wand

Monday, September 21, 4-5 pm, BRD

Decorate your very own magic wand. For ages 6-11.

Halloween Automata

Wednesday, October 14, 4-5 pm, BRD

Create a spooky Halloween scene that moves. For ages 6-11.

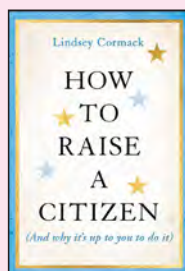
Fallscapes Art

Monday, October 19, 4-5 pm, BRD

Create your own fall landscape and take your collage artwork home. For ages 6-11.

***More programs, updates, and
Big Read info on the next page!***

For Caregivers



Meet the Author: **Lindsey Cormack**

**Wednesday,
September 30,
6:30 pm, BRD**

The League of
Women Voters
Mid-Hudson

Chapter presents **Lindsey Cormack**, author of *How to Raise a Citizen (and Why It's Up to You to Do It)*. Dr. Cormack is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Diplomacy Lab at Stevens Institute of Technology. She is also a contributor to major media outlets including *The New York Times*. **Registration required.**

At SPD

Winnie the Pooh Scavenger Hunt

September 11 – October 31

A certain silly old bear turns 100 years old in October.

Can you find him and all of his friends hidden in the SPD? **No registration required — just grab a sheet!**



WHERE WILL YOU GO THIS FALL?

Did you know that fall is the most popular time of year to take out a MAP Pass? Get access 40+ museums, attractions, and parks for free or reduced admission using your PPLD resident library card. Most passes available for download. Visit



poklib.org/map-pass for details on all venues and how to get started.

Looking for more PPLD from home?

Our Kids & Family Fun webpage is packed with fun and educational activities for kids to enjoy or for families to do together! Head to **poklib.org/youth/kids-family-fun** to learn about our Nature Exploration Backpacks, Library of Things, book lists, and streaming services like these:

- **Freegal**: stream about 13 million songs, including Sony artists
- **Hoopla Kids Mode**: age appropriate e-books, read-along e-books, audio books, movies, music, and comics
- **Kanopy Kids**: films and TV series that inspire and inform
- **Libby, by Overdrive**: popular children's and teen's magazines
- **Scholastic Teachables**: 30,000 ready-to-use printable learning resources
- **World Book online**: of articles, as well as hundreds of maps, videos, and other media



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Fuel your child's imagination and prepare them for school with the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** challenge. This free, self-paced program encourages families to read 1,000 books together before the first day of kindergarten.

How it works:

- **Register**: Visit the children's department at Adriance to sign up.
- **Track Progress**: Color a bear on your log for every book read. Yes, repeats count!
- **Earn Rewards**: Visit the library every 100 books for stickers and stamps.
- **Celebrate**: Reach 1,000 books to earn a certificate and a spot on the Wall of Fame!



Start this rewarding journey today and foster a lifelong love of reading! To learn more, visit **poklib.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten**, call x3320, or visit the children's desk.

Gale in Context: Elementary

Gale in Context: Elementary is a great, safe source for kids to learn more about a topic of their choice among a variety of **scientific, historical, social, and arts-related** topics.

Read about the topic of interest on the website and explore linked sources to take your research further. This service is complete with formatted citations, photographs, and recent news articles. Gale in Context: Elementary is an empowering experience that makes research fun and

accessible. This is part of NovelNY, which provides free online resources to all New York residents. Visit **tinyurl.com/ppldgalekids** or scan the QR code for access!



Big Read 2026 for Children

18th Century Games Day (pictured below) Thursday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 pm, BRD

Come play the 18th century way! Educators from **Clermont State Historic Site** will teach families how to play three popular games from the 1700s.

Test your agility and gracefulness with Graces, dodge whoever is "It" in Blind Man's Bluff, and stump your friends with Pass the Slipper. These beloved games were favorites among New York's youth over 250 years ago, and we think you'll enjoy them too!

Recommended for families with children 5 and up. Presented in partnership with the Sports Museum of Dutchess County and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

Registration and safety waiver are required. All participants must sign a safety waiver. All children's waivers must be signed by **THEIR OWN** parent or guardian before participating. Waivers will be available to fill out online and at check-in.



New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

Learning & Leisure in the 18th Century Thursday, November 12, 1-3 pm, ADR

Join **Historic Huguenot Street** in a journey back through time to discover the secrets of daily life during the colonial period! Explore the impacts of a diverse range of cultures on the Hudson Valley's history, including Esopus peoples, European colonists, and enslaved Africans. Through hands-on investigation of reproductions of Indigenous and colonial cultural artifacts, virtual tours, and 18th century games, students will get a taste of life in the past! For ages 6-12. **Registration required.**



To learn more about Big Read youth titles, visit poklib.org/big-read. Contact your child's school to learn if they are hosting a Big Read author this fall.





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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

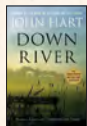
Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423

Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore



Mystery Mondays Book Club *Mondays, 11 am, BRD*

September 28: *The Briar Club*
by Kate Quinn



October 19: *Down River*
by John Hart

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!

The Friends of PPLD Holiday Book Sale

will now be held at the
Hellenic Community Center
54 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie



Friday, November 20: 12pm – 7pm
Saturday, November 21: 10am – 5pm
Sunday, November 22: 10am – 5pm
Free admission! Gift-quality books!



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tinyurl.com/ppld-friends-shop