

The Pearl River Reader

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I'd like to share an update on our Facility Master Plan. The process has been going on for over a year now, and we're getting closer to having a finalized plan that we'll be sharing with the public.

As you probably know by now, many of the building's infrastructure components have been failing as a result of being old and out-of-date. This past summer, our cooling system failed permanently, requiring us to rent a mobile AC chiller unit to get us through the extreme heat of the season. While it was an adequate band aid, it's not a viable permanent solution to the problem.

And that was just one symptom of a wider issue facing the library, which is that the library hasn't been renovated since 1991. Because of that, our facility is facing major

mechanical and structural issues across the board that will only continue to worsen. Besides the cooling system, the roof and heating systems must also be replaced.

We believe that now is the right time to be proactive with making sure our building is up-to-date and up-to-code, and have a plan in place to phase in new mechanical equipment and structural upgrades that will make the library a truly 21st Century facility, rather than deal with emergency repairs as they pop up. To accomplish this, we must plan for capital projects in the long run.

Join us for a Town Hall Meeting on March 25 at 7PM to learn more as we reveal the facility Master Plan.

—Eugenia Schatoff

Irish Heritage Month

Throughout March, we will be hosting several programs celebrating Irish culture. Look for these programs and others in Green text inside.

March Art Gallery and Glass Case
Irish heritage items and photos of
Pearl River's St. Patrick's Day Parade

St. Patrick's Day Face-Painting

Tuesday, March 17
4:30-5:30PM

Celtic Henna

Tuesday, March 17
5:45-6:45PM

Irish Voices: Prose, Poetry, Humor...and Scones!

Thursday, March 19
12:30-2PM

Afternoon Movie: *Waking Ned Devine*

Tuesday, March 24
12:30-2PM

Preventing Intimate Partner Violence

Tuesday, January 7

4:30-6 PM

An All Ages Program

Children, teens, and adults are invited to talk about healthy relationships, consent, and the prevention of intimate partner violence. This program will be in partnership with **Center for Safety and Change**. Each age group will be separated into different spaces.



YOUTH SERVICES: CHILDREN'S



Pajama Storytime

Tuesdays, Jan. 21 and Mar. 31, 7PM
Ages 3-5, with a caregiver. Older and younger siblings welcome. Wear your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed pal, and your grownup for a fun evening of bedtime tales. **No registration required.**

Stories, Songs, and Silliness

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, 10, 11AM
Ages 0-3 with a grownup. Songs, rhymes, felt boards, and a book or two. **No registration required.**

Sing and Sign with Miss Fran

Two Sessions: Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 9:30AM
A unique hands on class, where you will both learn to communicate with each other. **Registration required.**

Stories and Coloring with Miss Dee

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10AM
For ages 3-5. Join us for stories and coloring! A new theme each week. **No registration required (First 12 children only).**

2s & 3s Together

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 9:30AM
Ages 2-3 with a grownup. Younger siblings welcome. For folks with short attention spans and lots of energy! **No registration required.**

Coffee & Coloring: Playgroup and Meetup

Friday, Jan. 10, Tuesday, Feb. 4, Tuesday, March 31, 9:30-11AM
Ages Birth-K, with an adult caregiver. Meet other local parents and kids for free play in our community room and enjoy free coffee and breakfast snacks. **Registration is required.**

Preschool Science Storytime

Friday January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, & 21, 10AM
For ages 3-5. Join us for stories and activities that encourage interest and exploration in science. **No registration required (First 12 children only).**

Lego Club

Tuesdays, January 14, February 4, 18, March 10, & 24, 4:15PM
For ages 4 and up. Build awesome stuff with our awesome Lego collection! **No registration required.**

R.E.A.D. to Therapy Dogs

Wednesdays, January 15, February 19, March 18, 4-5PM
For grades 1-6. Come snuggle up to a soft dog with a good book! This program is perfect for struggling readers or anyone who wants to practice their reading skills! **Registration is in person only at the children's desk; a signed permission slip is required. Registration for this program opens up one month before date of program.**

Take Along Dollhouse or Train Set

Thursday Jan 16, 10:30AM
Ages 3-5, with a grownup. Make either a train set or dollhouse that can fold up and travel with you. **Registration required.**

Tommy Gardner & the Uncle Brothers Band

Thursday, January 17, 10:30AM
Ages 2-6 with an adult caregiver. Younger and older siblings welcome. The Uncle Brothers Band are always chock full of fun! **FREE tickets will be available to PRPL cardholders beginning on January 3.**

Word Worms Book Club

Fridays at 4pm
For grades 2 & 3. Books are available at the children's desk one month before.
Jan. 24: Stanley Flat Again by Jeff Brown
Feb. 28: Judy Moody & Stink: The Big Bad Blackout by Megan McDonald
March 27: TBA

Musical Morning with Miss Fran

Tuesday, February 11, 10:30AM
Ages 2-6 with an adult caregiver. Younger and older siblings welcome. Join us for this fun, interactive concert! **FREE tickets will be available to PRPL cardholders beginning on January 28.**

Stickers, Tape, & Glue

Thur., Feb. 13 & Mon., Mar. 13, 10:30AM
Have fun with construction paper, crayons, safety scissors, and all the stickers, tape, and glue you can handle. **Children who won't eat stickers, with a grownup. No registration.**

ADHD: A Parent's Survival Guide

Thursday, February 13, 7-9PM
A workshop presented by Huntington Learning Center offering parents information and tips for students with ADHD. **Registration opens January 15.**

Toddler Yoga

Thursdays, February 27, March 5-19, 9:45AM
For ages 0-3, with a grownup.

Preschool Yoga

Thursdays, February 27, March 5-19, 10:30AM
For ages 3-5, with a grownup.

St. Patrick's Day Face-Painting

Tuesday, March 17, 4:30-5:30PM
For Grades 1-4. Get your face painted for St. Patrick's Day!

Spanish Together

Tuesdays, March 3-24, 11AM
For ages 3-5 with an adult caregiver. This fun, friendly, and engaging program utilizes an interactive approach to teach conversational Spanish and basic vocabulary through a variety of songs and hands on activities. **Registration begins February 1 at 9:30AM.**

Music Time with Delores Jiji

Monday, March 23, 10:30AM
For ages 2-6. Older and Younger siblings welcome. **FREE tickets will be available at the Children's Desk beginning March 9 to PRPL cardholders.** If tickets are still available on the day of the show, they will be available to everyone, first come, first served.

T-Rex Tea Party

Thursday, March 26th, 1:30PM
For ages 3-5, with a grownup. You are cordially invited to a fancy tea party with special guests: DINOSAURS! **Registration required.**

PLEASE NOTE:

We are adjusting registration dates for all Youth Services programming. If there is no registration date given next to a program, registration will open two weeks before each program starts, online and in person at 9:30 AM. Pearl River School District residents always get priority.



YOUTH SERVICES: TEENS & TWEENS



Helping Teens Cope With Grief

Monday, January 6, 5:30-6:30PM

Education on the grieving process, what grief looks like, and applicable tools to cope with your own grief as well as ways to help support someone else who is grieving. **Grades 5-12**

Wire Peg Jewelry with Kimberly Hack

Thursday, January 9, 6:30-7:30PM

Make wire peg jewelry with one of the library's favorite artists: Kimberly Hack! **Grades 5-9.**

Crafternoons With Colette

Monday, January 13, February 10, March 9, 4:30-5:30PM

Join "Crafting Queen" Colette Thomas in this creative after-school crafting club. **Grades 4-7.**

Teen Library Council

Thursdays, January 16, February 20, March 19, 5-5:45PM

Make the library all you want it to be. Suggest new teen programs and services. Join us for a brainstorming session, eat pizza, and plan fun stuff for teens to do at PRPL. You'll get community service credit for attending. **Grades 6-12.**

YA Art Club

Thursdays, Jan. 23 - March 19, 6:30-7:30PM

Let your creativity flow with artist Elizabeth Lauri. **Grades 5-12.**

End of Midterms Party

Friday, January 24, 5-7PM

Celebrate the end of midterms with a movie, pizza, and popcorn. **Grades 8-12.**

Craftastic!

Thursday, March 12, 5:30-6:30PM

Create action origami with master crafter, Sarah Northshield! **Grades 5-12.**

Celtic Henna

Tuesday, March 17, 5:45-6:45PM

Get Celtic-style Henna in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Parents must register their child in person at the Children's Desk and sign permission form. **Grades 5-12.**

Teen Knit and Crochet Club

Thursdays, starting Feb. 6, 6:30-8PM

Join our Crochet and Knit club and learn from our talented PRPL staff and volunteers. Create hats and scarves to donate to charitable organizations and earn community service hours for doing so! Open to Pearl River cardholders only. **Registration is required for each session.**

Making the Grade: Getting Ready for College

Eat SAT/ACT Nonfiction for Breakfast with Trevor Hochman

Saturday, January 4, 1-2:45PM

Strengthen and sharpen key passage reading skills for the SAT and ACT with practice and guidance. For Grades 9-12. ***You must register for each Trevor Hochman workshop individually.***

SAT/ACT Algebra Fundamentals with Trevor Hochman

Saturday, January 11, 1-2:45PM

Students will learn central algebra skills and concepts tested by the SAT and ACT, categorized with examples and guidance on how to build and practice these skills. For Grades 9-12.

SAT/ACT Grammar No One Ever Taught You w/Trevor Hochman

Saturday, January 18, 1-2:45PM

Students will learn usage, mechanics, and rhetorical skills tested throughout the SAT Writing and ACT English tests but seldom touched on in school with examples, practice, and recommendations of resources for additional study. For Grades 9-12.

Setting Your Clock For Success: Time Management Skills

Thursday, January 30, 7-9PM

Time management strategies and study skill tips for students grades 6-12 and their parents. Students must bring a pen/pencil and notebook. Parents and students must register separately.

Study Hall @ the Library: Studying for Midterms

Tuesday, Jan. 21 - Thursday, Jan. 23, 3:30-6PM

Study for Midterms at the library. Bring your textbooks and a snack and sign into the library's Community Room. No registration required beforehand. For Grades 5-12.

Research Redux: Research Skills 2-Part Workshop for Teens

Session 1, Saturday, February 1, 1-2:30PM (Grades 9-12)

Better Google skills; Google Advanced; Assessing Websites

Session 2, Saturday, February 8, 1-2:30PM (Grades 9-12)

Use of Databases; Use of Library Online Catalogs

College Planning for 9th and 10th Graders

Monday, February 24, 7-9PM

Students and their parents will learn the best ways freshmen and sophomores can begin to prepare for college.

Tween Movie Nights

Grades 4 - 8

Fridays, 5 - 7 PM

February 21: The Lion King (2019)

March 13: Maleficent: Mistress of Evil

Come for pizza, popcorn, and a movie at the library.

Pearl River Library News

Strategic Planning Update

The Pearl River Public Library would like to extend an invitation for you to join us for a Town Hall Meeting on **March 25 at 7PM** as we reveal the results of our master planning process. The Board of Trustees engaged Butler, Rowland, Mays to develop a Facility Master Plan to identify our current needs, and where we can improve. Refreshments and supervised children's activities will be provided.

Join your neighbors and learn about how the Pearl River Public Library can serve our community in the 21st century and beyond. If your children will participate in supervised activities, please RSVP to the library by March 15, 845-735-4084.

Exploring Possibilities

The library was awarded \$1,000 to develop and implement our new program series, "Possibilities in Reach." Through a partnership with our local ARC and our neighboring group home, this series will serve adults with intellectual, developmental, and/or physical disabilities

The series will feature opportunities for group learning and enrichment with technology, art, music, and crafts. See the info box on the Learning Lab page to learn more.

Additions to Our Growing Collection



We have two new displays in our recently renovated Periodical Room, including a display case from the Pearl River High School Class of 1959, and our collection of local historic plates.



The Periodical Room is used daily and has become a much needed additional meeting space for community groups and staff.

Pearl River Library News

SPOTLIGHT ON: LAURIE WILSON

The Circulation Desk has a new supervisor: 10-year PRPL veteran Laurie Wilson.

What do you like about working at PRPL?

LW: I like the people -- the patrons. And the staff. I also really like the atmosphere.

What do you like about working in Circulation?

LW: I like helping people. I like helping them find and select their books.

How does it feel to be the new Head of Circulation?

LW: It feels good! I've been here for a long time -- I know the people, I know the staff, and I know all the functions of the library really well. And I'm excited for all the new changes that are being made.



Laurie Wilson
Circulation

Which changes are you most excited about?

LW: The idea of moving the Circulation Desk near the Reference Desk. We'll be able to provide better customer service that way, because we're not just about books anymore: we're information providers.

Paula Bohovesky Gallery

January: Art Student exhibit from Lincoln Avenue Elementary School, Pearl River

February: PFLAG of Rockland (LGBT community)

March: Carol Dyer photography: Photos of the Pearl River St. Patrick's Day Parade

Glass Cases

Jan-Feb: Dave Kasny truck collection

March: Irish Heritage month; celebrating Irish culture and heritage

YOUTH BOOK CLUBS

Teen Book Club

Grades 7-12, Thursdays, 6-7PM

January 16: *The Walls Around Us* by Nova Ren Suma

February 20: *Permanent Record* by Mary H.K. Choi

March 19: *Spin the Dawn* by Elizabeth Lim

If you write a 1-page book review for book club, you will receive community service credit.

Tween Book Club

Grades 4-6 Wednesdays, 6-7PM

January 15: *View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg

February 19: *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova

March 18: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick

ADULT PROGRAMS

Upcoming Programs

Art Workshop

Tuesday, January 14, 7PM
Jewelry-making: Bird's Nest Pendant
Registration required



Small Business Workshop

Thursday, January 23, 7PM
Simple Steps to Starting Your Business, presented by SCORE of Rockland.

Financial Wellness

Tuesday, January 28, 6PM
Retirement by Design workshop & dinner provided by Financial Advisor Jenna Fabio
Registration required

History Lecture

Monday, February 10, 7PM
Braunsdorf vs. Edison: The Race to Light the Night
Local historian Jim Cassetta will discuss Julius Braunsdorf's work on inventing the light bulb.

Ongoing Programs

Dinner & a Movie

Wednesdays, 6PM, Community Room
January 8: *The Art of Racing in the Rain*
February 12: *Downton Abbey*
March 11: *Brooklyn*
Registration required



Adult Book Discussions

Evening: Tuesdays, 7PM, Pearl River Room
Jan. 21: *Educated* by Tara Westover
Feb. 18: *The Wives of Los Alamos* by Tara Nesbit
March 17: *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane

Afternoon: Thursdays, 1PM, Pearl River Room

Jan. 16: *The Pioneers*
Feb. 20: *The Library Book*
March 19: *We Were the Lucky Ones*

Drop in Genealogy

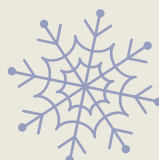
Tuesdays, 10:00AM-3:00 PM
Genealogist, historian, author, and lifelong Pearl River resident Jim Cassetta is available for free one-on-one family history consultations and advice. Make an appointment to answer your family history questions. Call 845-735-4084 (ext. 139), to confirm Jim's availability. Consultations are provided on a first come first serve basis.

Coffee Talk with Jim

First and last Thursday of the month, 10:30AM
Join your friends and neighbors in discussing topics about current events! Coffee, bagels, donuts, and spreads will be provided.

Senior Balance & Meditation

Last Friday of the month, 2PM
January 31: Community Room
February 28: Pearl River Room
March 27: Pearl River Room



Health & Wellness

Meditation with Dr. Frank Pawlowski

Tuesday, January 14, 2PM
Sunday, February 9, 2:30PM
In the Community Room



Nutrition Seminar

Tuesday, February 4, 1PM
With Registered Dietician Corinne Brier of ShopRite

Alzheimer's Disease: Know the 10 Signs

Tuesday, February 11, 1PM
Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter

Posture Coach: 4 Weeks to Better Posture

Mondays, February 24 - March 16, 11AM
With physical therapist Loretta O'Toole
Registration required

LITERACY SOLUTIONS

Citizenship Tutoring

Are you a legal permanent resident? Would you like to become a United States citizen? Apply for a free one-on-one tutor to help you prepare for your USCIS interview.

English Tutoring

Do you want to improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills? Apply for a free one-on-one tutor.

Volunteers Needed

Do you want to help someone learn English or become a U.S. citizen? Apply to become a Literacy Solutions tutor.

All applications are at the Adult Reference Desk.



THE LEARNING LAB

KIDS

My First Robot!

Mondays, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10 & 24, 4:30-5:15PM

It's never too soon to start learning about technology -- and robots make the learning fun! **For 2nd-4th graders who have NOT been in our robotics programs before.**



App Makers of Tomorrow!

Mondays, March 2, 16 & 30, 4:00-4:45PM

Kids will learn how to make apps that really work on phones! Create User Interfaces in JavaScript and more. **Grades 5-10.**

TWEENS/TEENS

Chess and Games Club

Tuesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 4 & 25, March 3, 17, 31, 4:30-5:15PM

Next Tech with Coding and Robotics

Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 4:15-5:00PM
Take the next step with fun robotics and coding challenges. **Grades 5-8.**

Teen/Tween Robot Challenge Club

Thursdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27, 4:30-5:30PM

Our teen tech wiz will help participants turn their own ideas into reality and complete a series of challenges combining engineering abilities, coding skills and our EV3 robots.

STEAM Projects with Math

Tuesdays, Feb. 4 & 25, March 3, 24, April 7, 5:30-6:30PM

TEENS

Intro to Filmmaking for Grades 9-12

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, April 2, 4:30-5:30PM

Participants will learn about film theory and analysis, storyboarding, cinematography, editing, and more. It all leads to shooting their own films.

Visit Our STEM Exploration Table

Our Snap Circuits Pro kit has over 100 electrical engineering explorations, and our Arckit Go gives budding architects the tools to model their dream designs. Bring a friend and have fun! **For Tweens & Teens.**



ADULTS & SENIORS

Intro to Microsoft Office

Tuesdays, Jan. 14, 21, 28, 12:30-1:30PM

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.

Computer and Internet Basics for Adults/Seniors

Wednesdays, March 4, 11 & 18 12:30-1:30PM

This 3-part, hands-on, skill-building series is designed to get you comfortable with computer and internet basics. Use our Chromebooks in class.

New! Photoshop and Lightroom on Saturdays!

Saturdays, January 18, February 1, 15 & 29, and March 14 & 28. 10AM-12PM

Start with a private lesson on Photoshop or Lightroom, or jump right in and work on your own project if you're already savvy. Our Drop-in Creative Space also has InDesign for your use.

All About the iPhone and iPad!

Wednesdays, Jan. 22-Feb. 26, 12:30-2PM

Got a new iPhone or iPad, or considering one? This 6-session course will help you take control, unlock features, customize your device and start making the most of these amazing, portable technologies!

Tech Tutors

Third Tuesdays of the month, January 21, February 18, March 17, 3:30-4:30PM

Come by the Learning Lab and get smart about your tech, with help from one of our Tech Tutors. **Sign up or call to choose your 20-minute session: 845-735-4084.**

Tech Librarian on-Call!

If you've got tech issues, our Tech Problem Solver will help you with a one-on-one lesson when the time is right for you. **To make an appointment, call 845-735-4084 ext. 122.**

Writing from Life

Thursdays, Jan. 9, 23, Feb. 6, 20, March 5, 12:30-2PM

You've got a lifetime of stories and it's time to write them down. Find your voice in this open, encouraging environment.

Irish Voices: Prose, Poetry, Humor...and Scones!

Thursday, March 19, 12:30-2PM

Join us in a cafe setting as we celebrate the beauty of Irish literature: poetry, prose, humor, scones, coffee, tea...and music.



Great Performances

Our new, High Definition, Surround Sound A/V system brings a world of great performances vibrantly to life at the library.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 12:30-2PM: *The Power, Poise and Beauty of Mozart's Music for String Quartet*

Thursday, Feb. 13, 12:30-2PM: *Celebrate Valentine's Day with Latin Love Songs*

Tuesday, March 24, 12:30-2PM: A great Irish comedy: *Waking Ned Devine*

Possibilities In-Reach!

Funded through a grant, these programs are for adults with disabilities (and their caregivers), and feature opportunities for group learning and enrichment with technology, art, music and crafts.

Inspired by Robots: Mondays, Jan. 6 & 27, 10:30-11:30PM

Fun with History & Puzzles: Tuesdays, Feb. 4 & 18, 10:30-11:30PM

A Beatles Sing-and-Draw-Along: Mondays, March 9 & 23, 10:30-11:30PM



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday: 9am-7pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: 1pm-5pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Eric Sharrin, President
William Morris, Vice-President
Marie Manning, Elizabeth Van Wynen, Ed.D. RN, Donna Warren

The board meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. For additional details, call 845.735.4084, ext. 117.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Eugenia Schatoff

COMMUNITY RESIDENT

SUNDAY CONCERTS

2:30PM in our Community Room

1/12: ANNA VELEVA

1/26: MITCHELL'S MELLOW MADNESS

2/2: AKIKO KOBAYASHI

2/16: WILLIE & THE J'S

3/15: FRED KATZENBERG

3/29: THE UNIT



PLUS: A THEATRICAL PRESENTATION

1/19: THE MATURELY MOTIVATED

**PLAYERS PRESENT: LIFE IS JUST A
BOWL OF ... !**

Did You Know?

Pearl River had two classic water wheel driven cider mills. The older of the two was the Beyer Cider Mill, which was located near Grotke Lane on the Pascack Brook and was built in 1840. In 1910, the mill was being used by the Beyer family as a rental property. The father of Dr. Henry V. Borst, a local dentist, rented this property when he first came to Pearl River.

The second cider mill was the property of Jacob Ehrhardt and was located on the Naurashaun Brook. It was built after the Civil War. Ehrhardt was known to take the surplus cider and ferment it into hard cider and sell it in disregard of the excise taxes due on its production and sale. This practice got him into trouble with the law more than once in the 19th Century.