

Pearl River Public Library

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Monday–Thursday: 9am–9pm
Friday: 9am–7pm
Saturday: 10–5
Sunday: 10–2

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The board meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. For additional details, please call 845.735.4084, x117.

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Eugenia Schatoff

Did You Know?

In the spring of 1897, the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company sent crews to town to run wires for telephone service. The first phone was installed in the general store of James A. Serven. His telephone number was “1.” The telephone company had their office in his general store. Talbot Dexter had the first residential telephone and its number was 2. The third telephone installed was at the office of Dr. Robert R. Felter whose number was 3. The Folder factory was number 4.

Many people know Ehrhardt Road in Pearl River. It was named for Jacob Ehrhardt, a farmer who made cider in his mill. He also made hard cider for consumption in bars, taverns, and for home use. In the late 1890s, he was prosecuted for not paying excise taxes on the hard cider that he made at his mill. Other men had cider mills in Pearl River, but Ehrhardt was the last mill operating in this hamlet into the 20th century.

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COMMUNITY RESIDENT

Drop-in Genealogy with Jim Cassetta

TUESDAYS 10AM-3PM

Genealogist, historian, author, journalist, and lifelong Pearl River resident James Cassetta is available for free one-on-one family history consultations and advice on a drop-in basis. Make an appointment to find answers to your family history questions. Bring queries, any information you may have, and any “brick walls” you may have run into. Please note that this service can only search from 1940 back. Call 845-735-4084 (ext. 139), to confirm Jim's availability. Consultations are provided on a first come, first served basis.

Coffee Talk with Jim

**FIRST AND LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:30 AM
FROM SEPTEMBER 5TH TO DECEMBER, 26TH**

Join your friends and neighbors in discussing topics about current events! Coffee, bagels, doughnuts, and spreads will be provided.

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The Pearl River Reader

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

An update on our Facility Master Plan: the Director and a brand new Board Committee dedicated to the process are hard at work with the planning firm Bulter, Rowland, Mays and Architect Paul Mays.

The committee will be analyzing the public input that we've acquired through the Town Hall Meeting, stakeholder interviews, dot exercise, our We Heard You meeting, and staff interviews. We will be developing a list of priorities for upgrades to the building and programs. The committee will eventually be developing cost feasible and constraint sensitive solutions.

In other news, the DVD and CD sections have moved! They are now housed after the audiobooks and before the Information Desk. We have a big arrow pointing to them from

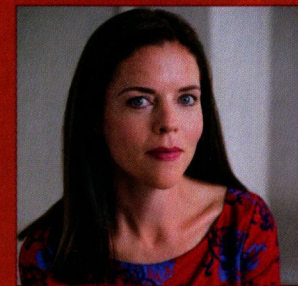
the ceiling. Our DVD and CD collections are now open to the public. Instead of having both collections housed behind the Circulation desk, they are now out on the floor and accessible to all. We relocated more than 7,200 DVDs and 2,400 CDs to public shelving. Each one was reprocessed and updated in our system to show it's new location.

Due to popular demand, you can now use our public copy machines as an outgoing fax machine.

Stay tuned, we will be unveiling a new website this Fall. All the things you love, and many new features will be added. I'm excited to share that the new site will be more streamlined and easier to navigate, so you can find exactly what you're looking for as quickly as possible. —Eugenia Schatoff

Meet Author Mary Beth Keane

OCTOBER 17, 2019, 7PM



We are thrilled to be hosting Mary Beth Keane, as she promotes her latest novel, *Ask Again, Yes*. Keane attended Barnard College and the University of Virginia, where she received an MFA. In 2011, she was named one of the National Book Foundation's “5 under 35,”

and in 2015 she was awarded a John S. Guggenheim fellowship for fiction writing. She currently lives in Pearl River with her husband and their two sons. She is also the author of *The Walking People* and *Fever*. She is also an avid Pearl River Library lover and user!

Patrons will hear a reading from her newest book, participate in a question and answer session, a book signing, and one lucky reader will win a free signed copy of *Ask Again, Yes*. This free event is open to the public, but advanced registration is recommended.

Sunday Concerts

3 PM IN OUR COMMUNITY ROOM

- 9/15: BURR JOHNSON
- 9/29: DR. DUBIOUS & THE AGNOSTICS
- 10/6: K-POP KOREAN DANCE PERFORMANCES
- 10/13: RICK, STICK & THE STACHE
- 10/27: JANE STUART
- 11/3: CARLOS COLINA & THE GRIND
- 11/24: ALBERT AHLF
- 12/8: CAROLYN ENGER
- 12/22: THE ROCKLAND COUNTY CONCERT BAND

Stories, Songs, and Silliness
MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9 – OCTOBER 21,
11-11:30AM

AGES 0-3, WITH A GROWNUP. Songs, rhymes, felt
boards, and a book or two. *No registration.*

2s & 3s Together
THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 – OCTOBER 24,
9:30-10AM

AGES 2&3, WITH A GROWNUP, YOUNGER SIBLINGS
WELCOME. For folks with short attention
spans and lots of energy. *No registration.*

Pajama Storytime
TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 24 & NOVEMBER 26,
7-7:30PM

AGES 3-5, WITH A GROWNUP. Come in your pjs!
No registration.

Stickers, Tape, and Glue
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 9, 10:30-11AM

FOR CHILDREN WHO WON'T EAT STICKERS, WITH A
GROWNUP. *No registration.*

Pajama Halloween Parade
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7-7:30PM

AGES 3-5, WITH A GROWNUP, OLDER AND YOUNGER
SIBLINGS WELCOME. Wear your costumes and
PJs for non-scary bedtime stories and a
Halloween Parade! *No registration.*

Silly Halloween Parade
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 11-11:30AM

AGES 0-3, WITH A GROWNUP. A non-scary sto-
rytime, followed by a parade through the
library! *No registration.*

2s & 3s Halloween Parade
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 9:30-10AM

AGES 2&3, WITH A GROWNUP, YOUNGER SIBLINGS
WELCOME. A non-scary storytime, followed
by a parade through the library! *No regis-
tration.*

Happy Birthday, Choo Choo!
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 11-11:30AM

AGES 0-3, WITH A GROWNUP. It's the Alphabet
Choo Choo's 18th birthday and we're having a
party: books, songs, and snacks! *No registration.*

Cozy Winter Storytime
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 9:30-10AM

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 3-5, YOUNGER
SIBLINGS WELCOME. Wear something comfy,
bring a big blanket, and snuggle in for hot
chocolate and cozy stories. *No registration.*

Lego Club
TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 10, OCTOBER 8, NO-
VEMBER 19, DECEMBER 3, 17, 4:15-5:15PM

AGES 4 AND UP. Build whatever you can imag-
ine! *No registration.*

Family Fort Night
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7-8PM

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 4 AND UP. We're
building forts in the library! We'll provide
the furniture, floor space, and tablecloths;
you bring your imagination and skills.

Life-Size Chutes & Ladders
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 11AM-12PM

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 5 AND UP. You and
your family are the players and pieces in
Chutes & Ladders! *Registration required.*

Stories and a Craft with Dee
TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 10-NOVEMBER 12,
10-10:45 OR 11:15-12

AGES 3-5. We will read, sing, move and create
in this storytime that supports early literacy.

*Coffee and Coloring:
Playgroup and Meetup*
FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER 11,
NOVEMBER 8, AND DECEMBER 13, 9:30-11AM

AGES BIRTH-K WITH A CAREGIVER. Meet other
local parents and kids for free play in our
community room and enjoy free coffee, tea,
and light snacks. *Registration is required.*

Musictime with Danna Banana
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:30 AM.

AGES 2-5 WITH A CAREGIVER. Smile and laugh
with Danna's entertaining show! *Free tick-
ets will be available at the Children's Desk for
PRPL cardholders beginning August 30th.*

Preschool Science Storytime
FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13-OCTOBER 18,
NOVEMBER 1-15, 10-10:45AM (NO CLASS
OCTOBER 25)

AGES 3-5. Stories and activities that will en-
courage interest and exploration in science.

Sing and Sign with Miss Fran
TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 17-OCTOBER 8,
9:30-10:15AM

AGES 6-36 MONTHS WITH AN ADULT CAREGIVER. Join
us for a unique hands-on class where you
will both learn signs to communicate.

Crafternoons with Colette
WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 18, OCTOBER 16,
NOVEMBER 20, AND DECEMBER 11, 4:30-
5:30PM

FOR GRADES 1-3. Join us for some creative fun.
All supplies will be provided. Just bring
your imagination!

Word Worms Book Club
FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 27 AND
NOVEMBER 22, 4PM

FOR GRADES 2-3. Join us for lively book discus-
sions and snacks. *Please see the website for
titles.*

Registration for each program opens two weeks before at 9:30 A.M. in person
and online only. Pearl River School District residents are always given priority.

Make it and Take It
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AND WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 11AM-4PM (DROP IN)

FOR GRADES 1-5. Stop by the Story Time
Room in the Library for a drop in craft on
your day off from school!

*Brown Bag Family Movie:
Spirited Away*
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 11:30AM

FOR GRADES 1-5. Bring your lunch and enjoy a
movie with family and friends!

Storytime with Princess Emily
THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 3-24, 1:30PM

FOR AGES 4-5. Dress like a princess or prince
and stop by Princess Emily's castle for sto-
ries and fun.

Toddler Yoga
THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 3-24, 1:30PM

FOR GRADES 1-5. Bring your lunch and enjoy a
movie with family and friends!

Preschool Yoga
THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 3-24, 1:30PM

FOR GRADES 1-5. Bring your lunch and enjoy a
movie with family and friends!

Parenting Workshop: Positive Discipline
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7PM

FOR GRADES 1-5. A workshop for parents by
Childcare Resources of Rockland County.

*Jeffrey Friedberg and the
Bossy Frog Band*
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10:30AM

AGES 2-5 WITH A CAREGIVER *Free tickets will be
available at the Children's Desk for PRPL
cardholders beginning October 11th.*

Music with Miss Fran
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 10:30AM

AGES 2-5 WITH A CAREGIVER *Free tickets will be
available at the Children's Desk for PRPL
cardholders beginning October 24th.*

Family Gingerbread House Decorating
WEDNESDAY DEC 4, 6:30PM

FOR GRADES 1-4 WITH AN ADULT CAREGIVER. Build
using icing and candy! One sign up per family
(max. 4 family members). *Space is limited.
Please register in advance. All supplies provided.*

Teen Library Council
THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19, OCTOBER 17,
NOVEMBER 21, DECEMBER 19, 5-5:45 PM

GRADES 6-12. Make the library all you want it
to be! Join us for a brainstorming session, eat
pizza, and plan fun stuff for teens to do.

Ghost Hunters
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6-7:30 PM

GRADES 6-12. The Paranormal Investigators of
Rockland County will show video and audio
evidence of paranormal activity they've dis-
covered, in addition to the gear they use.

Red Cross Babysitting Certification
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 AND TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 5-8 PM

GRADES 6-12. Attend both sessions to earn your
certification. Pay \$20 materials fee when you
arrive at the program or you will not be allowed
in. *Pearl River School District residents only.*

Henna Party
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 4:30-6 PM

GRADES 5-10. Learn to create your very own
Henna designs. *In person registration begins
Tuesday, September 10. Parents must sign
permission slip and register their child at the
Children's Reference Desk.*

Felt & Button Decorated Canvas Bags
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 6:30-7:30 PM

GRADES 5-9. Artist Kimberly Hack is back!
Decorate canvas bags with felt and buttons.

**Teen Holiday Party: For Members
of Teen Library Council & Teen
Book Club**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 5-7 PM
Come for Secret Santa, yummy treats, and a
holiday movie!

IGIF TWEEN
MOVIE NIGHTS

FRIDAYS, 5-7PM
GRADES 4-7

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

OCTOBER 11: *Aladdin* (2019)
NOVEMBER 22: *Spider-Man: Far From
Home*

Making the Grade: Getting Ready for College

EAT SAT/ACT NONFICTION FOR BREAKFAST WITH TREVOR HOCHMAN
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1-2:45 PM
GRADES 9-12. Strengthen and sharpen key passage reading skills. *You must register for each
Trevor Hochman workshop individually.*

SAT/ACT ALGEBRA FUNDAMENTALS WITH TREVOR HOCHMAN
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1-2:45 PM
GRADES 9-12. Learn central algebra skills and concepts tested by the SAT and ACT, cate-
gorized with examples and guidance on how to build and practice these skills. *You must
register for each Trevor Hochman workshop individually.*

SAT/ACT GRAMMAR NO ONE EVER TAUGHT YOU WITH TREVOR HOCHMAN
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1-2:45 PM
GRADES 9-12. Learn usage, mechanics, and rhetorical skills tested throughout the SAT Writ-
ing and ACT English tests. *You must register for each Trevor Hochman workshop individually.*

SAT VS. ACT : WHICH IS BEST FOR YOU?
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7-8 PM
GRADES 9-12 AND PARENTS. Learn how to decide which test is best suited for you.

SAT PRACTICE TEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 11:45-4 PM
GRADES 9-12. Bring picture ID, and show up at least 15 minutes before the test starts.
Bring two #2 pencils and a graphing calculator. Water and a small snack is allowed
during testing breaks. *Pearl River School District residents get priority.*

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE WITH JOSHUA MARBER
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 6:30-8:30 PM
GRADES 9-12 WITH PARENTS. Learn how to find the best match.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE WITH JOSHUA MARBER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 6:30-8:30 PM
GRADES 9-12 WITH PARENTS. Learn how to get the most financial aid from the government
and colleges. Do not submit FAFSA financial aid form prior to attending.

IS COLLEGE IN YOUR FUTURE?
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7-8 PM
GRADES 5-8 WITH PARENTS. College readiness begins in middle school. This workshop will
address what kind of early preparation should be done for a college education.

Teen Book Club, Grades 7-12
THURSDAYS AT 6PM.

SEPTEMBER 19: *Somewhere Only We Know*
by Maureen Goo
OCTOBER 17: *Two Can Keep A Secret* by
Karen M. McManus
NOVEMBER 21: *Girls With Sharp Sticks* by
Suzanne Young
DECEMBER 19: *Aurora Rising* by Amie Kaufman

Tween Book Club, Grades 4-6
WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM.

SEPTEMBER 18: *Towers Falling* by Jewell
Parker Rhodes
OCTOBER 16: *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
NOVEMBER 20: *Harbor Me* by
Jacqueline Woodson
DECEMBER 18: *Max Einstein: The Genius
Experiment* by James Patterson

**HOLIDAY ART
BOOTCAMP WITH
ELIZABETH LAURI**
(3 TWO-PART WORKSHOPS)
GRADES 6-12

HALLOWEEN THEME
THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 17 & OCTOBER 24,
6:30-7:30 PM

THANKSGIVING THEME
THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 7 & NOVEMBER 21,
6:30-7:30 PM

WINTER HOLIDAY THEME
THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 12,
6:30-7:30 PM

Adult Programs

WORKSHOPS:

Ray Portante - Martial Arts Self Defense

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7PM

Master Ray Portante from East Coast Martial Arts will demonstrate self-defense techniques.



Rockland Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependence Presentation: "Dangers in Disguise"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7PM

Trained professionals will recreate a teen's bedroom. Parents, guardians, grandparents, caretakers and other caring adults will learn how to identify signs and symbols in a teen's room that might indicate they are in trouble with alcohol and/or drugs and other risky behaviors.



Make-up Workshop: Faces by Carrie

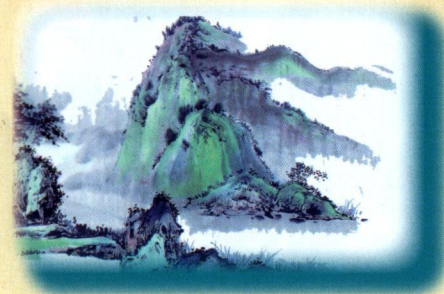
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7PM

Professional make-up artist Carrie Newman will show you how to look your holiday best. *Registration required*

Chinese Brush Painting Workshop with John L. Ng

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:30PM

Learn this beautiful technique with painter & calligrapher John L. Ng. *Registration required.*



DR. FRANK PAWLOWSKY MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Meditation for Health & Wellness

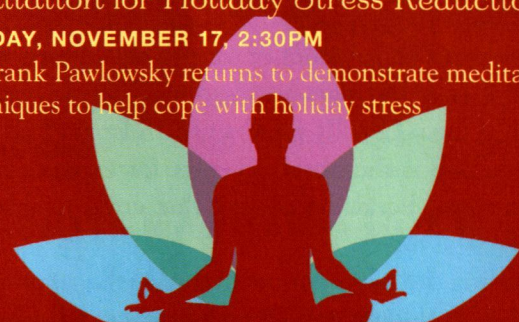
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2:30PM

Dr. Frank Pawlowsky will demonstrate meditation techniques to promote health & wellness

Meditation for Holiday Stress Reduction

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2:30PM

Dr. Frank Pawlowsky returns to demonstrate meditation techniques to help cope with holiday stress



Hobsessions Fair

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 12 - 5PM

Are you interested in picking up a new hobby? Join us for our first annual Hobsessions Fair and learn about the wide range of fun and exciting activities that you can participate in. You just might find a lifelong obsession!

Adult Book Discussions

TUESDAYS AT 7PM IN THE PEARL RIVER ROOM

SEPTEMBER 17: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

OCTOBER 15: *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney

Halloween Horrorfest

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7:00PM; SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 4:45PM; SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1:30PM

Vampires! Witches! Monsters of all kinds! We're bringing in all the heavy hitters of horror for our first annual Halloween Horrorfest Movie Marathon. Three days, three double features! Arrive early and enjoy a pre-show video collection of spooky treats!

Friday: *The Horror of Dracula* and *The Lost Boys*

Saturday: *The Tinger* and *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*

Sunday: Family-friendly classics: *The Monster Squad* and *Hocus Pocus*



KIDS

Robot-Tech for Kids

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, AND OCTOBER 7, 4:30 - 5:15 PM

3RD-5TH GRADE. Problem-solving, teamwork, coding basics, and creativity add up to lots of tech learning fun with our Lego WeDo 2.0 robots.

Code Smarts!

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 4, 11, AND 18, 4:30-5:15PM

5TH-8TH GRADE. Get our Edison robots moving as you learn Python. And get ready for app building as you learn Swift on our iPads.

TWEENS TEENS

Robot-Tech for Tweens and Teens

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11, 18, 25, AND OCTOBER 2 (4:30 - 5:15 PM)

Digital Animation with Blender!

THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21, AND DECEMBER 5 (4:30 - 5:30 PM)

STEAM projects with Math

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 8, 22, NOVEMBER 5, AND 19 (5:30 - 6:30 PM)

Chess and Games Club

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 8, 22, NOVEMBER 5, 19, AND DECEMBER 10 (4:30 - 5:15 PM)

New! Intro to Filmmaking

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, AND 24, 4:30 - 5:30PM

GRADES 9-12. Participants will learn about film theory and analysis, storyboarding, cinematography, the art of editing, and more. It all leads to shooting their own films which will premiere at a special Student Film Festival.

New! Pay a visit to our Winter Break STEM Exploration Table

TWEENS AND TEENS. Our Snap Circuits Pro kit has over 100 electrical engineering explorations, and our Arkit Go gives budding architects the tools to model their dream designs. Bring a friend and have fun! Coming in December!

ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS

New! Intro to Photoshop and Lightroom

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19 (7 - 8 PM)

Learn pro photo editing skills and design techniques with Photoshop and Lightroom.

New! Drop-in Creative Space in the Learning Lab

Schedule some time in our Creative Space, featuring Photoshop, Lightroom, and inDesign. Start with a private lesson in the software, or jump right in on your own if you're already savvy. To make an appointment, call 845.735.4084 x142.

ADULTS AND SENIORS

Tech Tutors

THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER 17, OCTOBER 15, NOVEMBER 19, DECEMBER 17 (3:30 - 4:30 PM)

Get smart about your tech, with help from one of our Tech Tutors.

New! Intro to Gmail, Google Drive and G-Suite

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 12 & 19, (12:30 - 1:30 PM)

Free storage, easy sharing, access to all your online stuff any time, anywhere, and apps for all interests. This 2-session workshop series will teach you how to make the most of it.

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 x122.

Writing from Life

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, 19, OCTOBER 3, 17, 31, NOVEMBER 7, 21, DECEMBER 5 (12:30 - 2 PM)

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

Photographer inResidence

With John Aiello: Pop-Up Darkroom Photography: A 2-part workshop

PART-1 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 (7 - 9 PM)

Snap some portraits and still lifes on our vintage film cameras in our pop-up photography studio. Then do a dry run of darkroom techniques with the teacher.

PART-2 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 (1/2 HOUR TIMESLOTS 5 - 9 PM)

Our teacher will develop the negatives from part one, then participants will print their own photos in our pop-up darkroom. Everyone brings home a hand-made print and is included in our online film photography gallery.

Intro to Genealogy: A 2-part Workshop

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 15, 22 (1 - 2 PM)

Learn to use the library's free account to access your family's past. Local History Librarian Jim Cassetta will show you how.

EVERYONE

STEAM Hot Topic Talk: Changing Climate: Changing Planet!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 7PM

A field geologist with over thirty years of experience, professor Margaret Winslow will talk about the inter-related subjects of the our changing climate and our changing planet.

New! Learn to use ShopRite Digital Coupons

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 10 (12:30 - 1:30 PM)

In this 2-part workshop, create a ShopRite Digital Coupons account and learn how to use it and the app to save money.

Learning Lab Tech Fair

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, (7 - 8:30 PM)

Come see what's new in tech at PRPL: Robotics, Coding with Swift Playgrounds, Photoshop, Lightroom and inDesign, Tech Tutors, STEAM projects with Math, Digital Animation, and more!

Local History Talk with Jim Cassetta: Crime, Justice, and Law Enforcement in Pearl River 1660 -1960

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 6:30 PM

Learn how law and order was maintained, and how crime was prosecuted and punished for centuries in Pearl River and Orangetown. Order your book at this program, then pick it up at the Book Launch in December. Refreshments will be served.

Crime, Justice, and Law Enforcement Book Signing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 (7 PM)

Author Jim Cassetta will autograph copies of his book *Crime, Justice, and Law Enforcement 1660 -1960*. Payment is due upon receipt of your book.

Book Release Party: Writing from Life Vol. III!

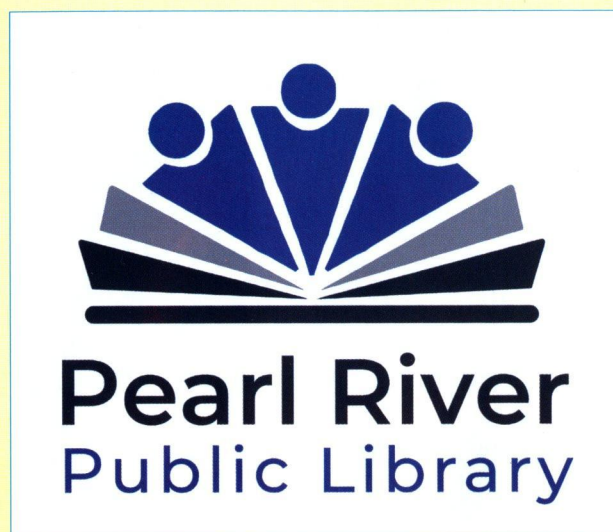
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 (1:30 - 3 PM)

Celebrate the launch of their 3rd collection. Authors will read and sign books. Refreshments and music!

Pearl River Library News

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PRPL HAS A NEW LOGO!



After receiving hundreds of entries from around the world for our New Logo Contest, we have finally chosen the design that

will represent the library. It was hard to choose among the many beautiful submissions, but CreativeWest from Australia walked away with the top honor.

We recognized several other artists with Best in Category awards, shown below. Congratulations to all the winners!

NOTARY PUBLIC HOURS

We have reduced the hours that we can offer Notary Public services. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. We now have pamphlets available which will list nearby Public Notaries.

The new Notary Public hours are:

Mon-Fri: 9:30 - 11:30AM & 2 - 4 PM

Wednesday nights: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Please call ahead to ensure that a Notary is available.

SPOTLIGHT ON: JOHN AIELLO

If you've spent any amount of time in the library, you're sure to have noticed the glass-enclosed space in the corner of the Reference area. Usually filled with students of all ages, the Learning Lab is the library's center for experiential education, featuring hands-on courses that cover a wide range of technological topics.

Heading the lab is our own John Aiello, a librarian with degrees in Fine Arts and Library Science. John has worked at the library since 2011, while he was still attending library school. His initial duties included running a book group for boys and manning the Children's Desk—a location he was familiar with as he has two young sons.

In 2014, John helped the library create the Learning Lab—a space for our patrons to learn new skills, enhance old skills, and engage with constantly evolving technologies.

"A Learning Lab or makerspace can't just start with a 3-D printer or a fleet of chromebooks," John explains. "It has to start with an enthusiastic teacher. I love teaching."

John taught at the New School University for several years, and before that the Greenwich House Music school and elsewhere.

"Our Lab has a lot of technology to learn on," he adds, "but, more importantly, I create programs and curriculum for specific age groups to learn specific technologies."

Even though the Learning Lab is very much about tech, John says it's also very much about people-to-people learning, shared experiences, and team work.

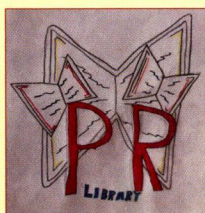
"Technology has actually served as a generational bridge between our senior patrons and the teens who help them use their smartphones and tablets in our tech tutoring program. Our Super Coder Kids have taught their parents about coding and robots in our Hour of Code programs. When the Learning Lab was created, I had hoped these kinds of community relationships would develop here, and they have, in a big way."

John is excited about what the future holds for the Learning Lab. Along with the classes, workshops, and clubs,

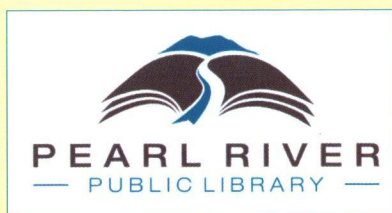


the Lab will also have more open hours for patrons to work on their own projects.

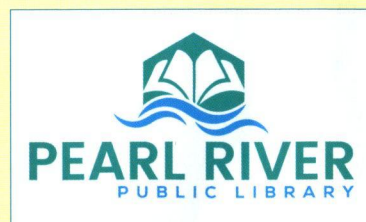
"I'm proud of how far the Learning Lab has come in the last 5 years," John says. "In 2014, we started with a 4-session coding program for kids. Since then, we've had hundreds of sessions of wide ranging programming for all ages. From what I see, and from the feedback I regularly get, I'm confident that there's a lot of learning going on, a lot of excitement about learning, and a lot of fun being had in the process."



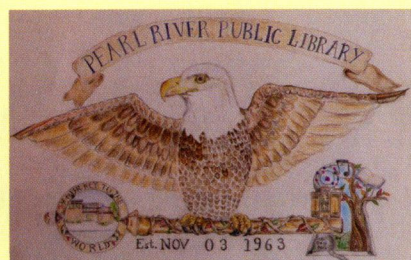
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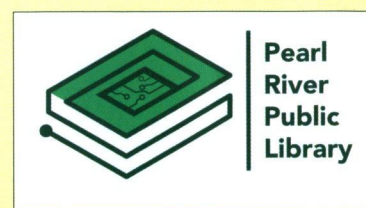
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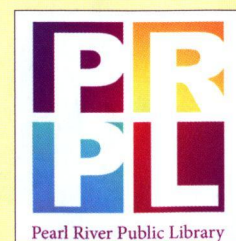
PEOPLE'S CHOICE



TEEN WINNER



WILD CARD



STAFF WINNER