

# Pearl River Public Library

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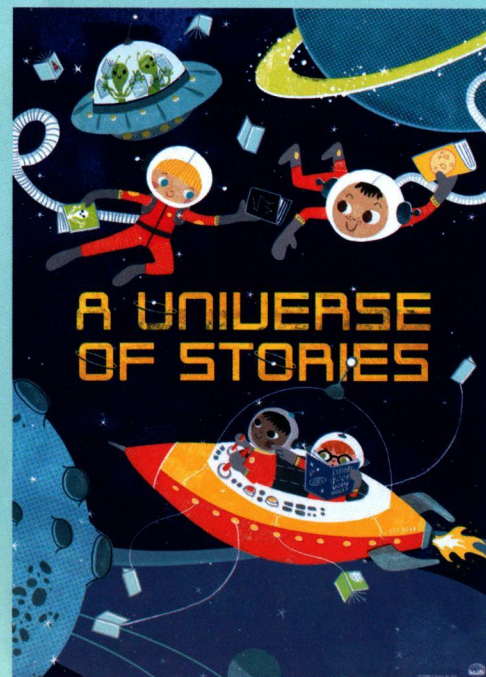
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Eugenia Schatoff

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We've got FREE summer  
reading programs for  
children, teens and  
adults—join us!

Tenemos programas de  
lectura de verano  
GRATUITOS para niños,  
adolescentes y adultos.  
¡Únase a nosotros!



## **FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Summer is here, and boy do we have a lot for you to experience at the Library!

For children and teens of all ages, our Summer Reading Program provides a way to track your reading, attend fun events, and win exciting prizes.

Our Adult patrons can also get in on the fun, as we are happy to announce our first ever Summer Reading Club for Adults. They can participate by reading and entering to win a weekly prize.

Other than reading, Summer also conjures up images of fresh fruit and veggies. With that in mind, our Library is partnering with the Friends to be a site for Field Goods delivery services. Field Goods is a rapidly growing company on the forefront of reinventing food distribution. They offer a service that delivers produce from small farms to employees and consumers at workplaces and community sites year round. Their distribution model provides numerous benefits to the community, while reducing food waste and supporting sustainability. Consumers gain convenient access to local produce on a regular basis, along with information that moti-

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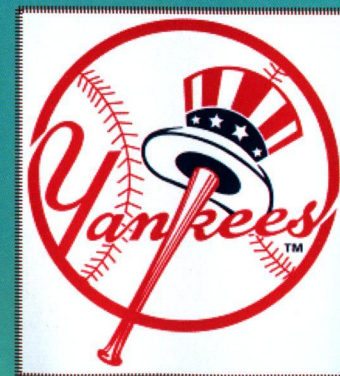
Our delivery day will be Tuesday, which means that from 12pm–9pm the former Periodical Room will be a drop off site. Patrons who sign up to receive groceries can pick up their deliveries at that time.

You can sign up through their website and purchase the bag size and add-ons that you want. A percentage of each sale goes to the Friends of the Library.

If you follow the link below and search for "Pearl River Public Library," it will take you to our sign up site:

<https://www.field-goods.com>

Finally, we are participating in the New York State Creating Breastfeeding Friendly Communities initiative at the Rockland County Department of Health by hanging a "Breastfeeding Welcome Here" window cling at the front entrance.



## Tour of Yankee Stadium and Arthur Avenue

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Bus trip and backstage tour of Yankee Stadium and lunch at Arthur Avenue! Tour includes visits to the field, dugout, press box, and historic Monument Park. After the tour, we will travel to Arthur Avenue for lunch at Emilia's Restaurant. Depart from Library at 8:30 A.M., return at 4:30 P.M. \$84 per person for PRPL cardholders and \$89 per person for the general public (includes transportation, admission, lunch, and all gratuities). Registration starts July 1. For more information, contact Karen Romaner at 845-735-4084 [kromaner@rcls.org](mailto:kromaner@rcls.org).

# Pearl River Library News

## FACILITIES UPDATE

The Pearl River Public Library continues to evaluate the state of our building as we move forward with the Facility Master Planning process. In the last newsletter, we explained that the Facility Master Planning process appraises the condition of the library's facilities – specifically mechanical components that are starting to fail – and identify our current and future needs. This process will also assess the interior design of the library itself and offer suggestions on how to improve the layout and patron-facing facilities to improve the library experience for all who visit.

Finally, the Facility Master Plan document will help us anticipate how much these renovations will cost in the long run and devise an efficient maintenance timeline that allows us to address issues proactively, instead of waiting for a critical failure to occur before action is taken.

These updates will help the library continue to evolve as a space where people can come to not just read or study, but also experience unique programs and events that enrich their lives. With capital improvements to the facility, we can ensure a smooth transition as we usher the library into a new era as a cultural and community center.

*Thank you to all who attended the Town Hall Meeting. We appreciate the feedback we received and look forward to sharing our progress with you in our next newsletter.*

As always, we're still looking for feedback from the community on what you love about the library and what you would like to see improved.

We encourage you to keep checking our website for news on further developments.

## AMAZON SMILE

The Friends of the Pearl River Library have announced that they created a charity that is listed on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

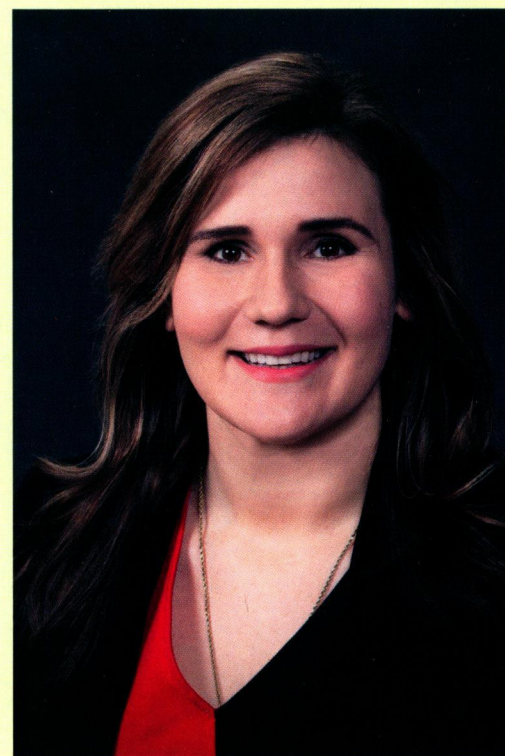
For those who regularly purchase from Amazon, simply visit <https://smile.amazon.com/>. When asked to select your charity, type in "Friends of the Pearl River Library." Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the Library.

## EUGENIA Q&A

Libraries around the globe are in a transition period, moving from purveyors of reading materials and media to community and cultural centers where residents can take in local artwork before learning how to code.

As the Pearl River Public Library stands at the dawn of this new era, Director Eugenia Schatoff plans to guide the library with exciting new programs, services, and upgrades. In the nine months since she's been the Library Director, Schatoff has introduced several initiatives including an evaluation of the building itself. To move forward in establishing the library's role as a center

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Eugenia Schatoff, Pearl River Public Library Director

The last facilities renovation occurred in 1991, she explained.

"That was pre-Internet, so a lot of the technology has changed since then."

Ultimately, Schatoff would love to see a successful budget vote in the near future to help carry out the much-needed renovations. In addition, she is applying her grant writing experience to attempt to secure more funds for capital improvements.

Schatoff is eager to revitalize not only the library building, but also its offerings to the public. One of her goals is to continue providing the same programs and services the residents love, while putting her own spin on them. The newsletter has undergone a facelift and more programming has been created to attract millennials, such as Less-Stress Thursdays for 20 and 30-somethings. On the horizon, she has plans to create more innovative and meaningful programs and events to serve the Pearl River community.

"I love Pearl River," she said, "and it's clear how supportive the community is. This is a well-loved library, and it really shows."

## WE'D LIKE YOUR OPINION!

We are pondering the future of our newsletter and would love feedback from our cardholders. Do you rely on our printed newsletter for information about programs other library happenings? Do you rely on our monthly calendar that is available at circulation? Do you rely on our eNewsletter or one of our social media platforms?

We'd love to know what you think. Please email our director, Eugenia Schatoff at [prpldirector@rcls.org](mailto:prpldirector@rcls.org) with your comments.

for the community to meet and learn and enrich their lives, Schatoff says the facilities need to be renovated, citing several mechanical components needing repairs or replacement.

"Very little money has been spent on capital improvements," Schatoff explained, "and the building is suffering from lack of attention."

Among the short-term solutions will be renting a mobile air conditioning unit to cool the library during the upcoming summer months, as the current cooling system is damaged beyond repair.

"My goal," she said, "is to have a well-thought-out, financially supported plan for the facility. Having a project-based plan staged over several years will give us a library that lasts at least another 30 years."

*Everything Animals with Jan Berlin!*  
ENTERING GRADES 1-5. Jan is a certified teacher, a former Director of Humane Education for the Humane Society, a Curator of Living Exhibits at the Museum of the Hudson Highlands, and an Interpreter for the Living Science Foundation.

**OUR COSMIC NEIGHBORS: ANIMAL CONSTELLATIONS**  
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.  
What do you see when you look up at the night sky? During the program we will explore their origins and learn to identify some of the many animal constellations that share the night sky.

**THE UNHUGGABLES**  
MONDAY, JULY 1, 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.  
Learn to appreciate a variety of animals who aren't exactly cuddly!

**THE COLORFUL WORLD OF ANIMALS**  
MONDAY, JULY 8, 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.  
Animals can have colorful skin, scales, feathers, and fur or they can be "colorful characters!" Meet both beautifully colored animals and those whose colorful personalities more than make up for their plain physical appearance!

**WHICH PET TO GET?**  
MONDAY, JULY 15, 6:30 – 7:15 P.M.  
How do you know what pet (if any) is best for you? Consider the responsibilities of a partnership between you and whatever pet you decide to get.

*Stories, Songs & Silliness*  
MONDAYS, JUNE 24 – JULY 29, 11-11:30 A.M.  
AGES 0 – 3 WITH A GROWNUP. Stories, songs, rhymes, and a book or two. No registration.

*Pajama Storytime with Miss Sarah*  
TUESDAYS, JUNE 25 – JULY 30, 7-7:30 P.M.  
AGES 3 – 5 YEARS OLD WITH A GROWNUP. Put on your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed pal (and a grownup), and wrap up your day with bedtime stories. No registration.

*Story Time for 2s & 3s*  
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 26 – JULY 31, 9:30-10 A.M.  
AGES 2 & 3 WITH A GROWNUP. Terrified to bring your toddler to the library? Don't worry, we're ready for you! This storytime is geared towards folks with short attention spans and lots of energy. No registration.

*Tommy Gardner and the Uncle Brothers Band*  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 10:30 – 11:15 A.M.  
AGES 2-6, OLDER AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME. The Uncle Brothers' shows are upbeat and fun, chock full of important messages wrapped in spirit and humor.

*Lovely Ladybugs!*  
TUESDAY JULY 9, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.  
ENTERING GRADES 1-5. Learn all about cute, colorful, and helpful insects. Meet live ladybugs and find out how ladybugs keep plants healthy.

*Mad Science Space Spectacular*  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 7-8 P.M.  
ENTERING GRADES 1-5. This show will guide kids through an interactive demonstration to understand how huge the universe really is, learn about the Laws of Motion and Gravity, and learn about space travel. Kids experiment with retro-rockets and watch someone shoot across the room on our Rocket Car.

*Family Math Night*  
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 6:30-8 P.M.  
ENTERING GRADES 1-5, WITH A GROWNUP. Parents and children will explore math together through engaging activities and games. A fun way to combat the summer slide!

*Stories and a Craft with Dee*  
FRIDAYS, JULY 12-AUGUST 2, 11 – 11:45 A.M.  
AGES 4-5. Preschoolers will read, sing, move, and create during this fun storytime that supports early literacy!

*Cool Caterpillars!*  
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 6:30-7:30 P.M.  
ENTERING GRADES 1-5. Meet awesome live caterpillars! Discover how they eat, move, and breathe. And learn about metamorphosis . . . what will caterpillars turn into?

*Family Astronomy Program*  
MONDAY, JULY 22, 7-8 P.M.  
AGES 6 AND UP. In this family workshop, participants will investigate some of the tools that astronomers use to learn about stars. Hands-on activities will show how astronomers detect visible and invisible energies to learn more about our Sun, other stars, galaxies, and black holes.

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.

*Button Moon Collages*  
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 7 – 9 P.M.  
ENTERING GRADES 1-5. Do you love to gaze at the moon? Then this craft is for you! We'll use buttons in all shapes and sizes to recreate that beautiful orb in the sky.

*De-Stressing Children: A Parenting Workshop*  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 7-8:30 P.M.  
Is your child or grandchild frequently crying, tired, squabbling, whining, and/or tantruming? Is this normal childhood behavior, or is your child/grandchild as stressed out as you? This seminar, run by Child Care Resources of Rockland, will focus on the importance and benefits of reducing stress and offer techniques to help children and caregivers cope more effectively with daily challenges.

*Children's SRP Closing Party with the Bubble Bus!*  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 6-7 P.M.  
Celebrate the end of the summer reading program with Bubble Bus and music in the park. Families of SRP participants are welcome too!

*Music Time with Delores Jiji*  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 10:30-11:15 A.M.  
AGES 2-6. OLDER AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME. Delores Jiji has brought music into the lives of thousands of children. Her love of music is infectious and her shows are so much fun!

*A Visit to the Stars in the Challenger Center Planetarium*  
TUESDAY JULY 30  
Step into the Challenger Center's planetarium and see the night sky in a whole new "light." Explore our planets and galaxies. Discover the wonders of the Universe. Travel to the planets and moons of our Solar System. Learn the ancient myths about the constellations in the sky. Observe eclipses, stars, nebulae, galaxies and more!  
4:30-5:30 P.M. (AGES 6-9), 6-7 P.M. (AGES 10-12), 7:15-8:15 P.M. (AGES 13-18)

**Art Bootcamp**  
with Elizabeth Lauri  
**TIE DYE T-SHIRT PARTY**  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27 4:30-6 P.M.  
GRADES 6-12. Design your own t-shirt with colorful dyes to wear for summer and eat pizza after you finish your shirt.  
**SAND MANDALAS**  
THURSDAY, JULY 11 4:30-6 P.M.  
GRADES 6-12. Students will design their own circular mandalas, using glue and colorful sand.  
**MIXED MEDIA PAINTING**  
THURSDAY, JULY 18 4:30-6 P.M.  
GRADES 6-12. Acrylic paints, paper, and found objects will be used to create unique paintings.  
**PAINTING WITHOUT BRUSHES**  
THURSDAY, JULY 25 4:30-6 P.M.  
GRADES 6-12. Students will design their own stencils/cutouts using oil crayons.

**Teen Library Council**  
THURSDAYS, JULY 18, AUGUST 15, 5-5:45 P.M.  
GRADES 6-12. 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 at PRPL.

**TGIF TEEN MOVIE NIGHTS**  
**The Kissing Booth**  
FRIDAY, JULY 19 (7 – 9 P.M.)  
GRADES 8-12. Come for pizza, popcorn, and a movie after-hours at the library. Register in person at the library; a permission slip is required.  
**10 Things I Hate About You**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 (7 – 9 P.M.)  
GRADES 8-12. Come for pizza, popcorn, and a movie after-hours at the library. Register in person at the library; a permission slip is required.

**Teen SRP Closing Party: Black Light bubble Dance Party**  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 7:30-9:30 P.M.  
GRADES 7-12 (TEENS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SRP). Celebrate the end of Teen Summer Reading with a blacklight bubble, dance party! We will also raffle off an iPad to one lucky Teen SRP participant.

**Tween SRP Closing Party: Captain Marvel Movie Night**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 7-9 P.M.  
GRADES 4-6 (TWEENS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SRP). Come for pizza, popcorn, and a raffle for a Fujifilm Instax Mini 9 Camera.

**Tween Arts & Crafts Summer Studio**  
**HENNA PARTY FOR TWEENS**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 7-8 P.M.  
GRADES 4-7. Mehndi—the art of painting henna on the body—has been practiced in India, Africa, and the Middle East, where the henna plant is believed to bring love, good fortune, and protection.  
**QUILT PILLOW WORKSHOP**  
TUESDAYS, JULY 23 & JULY 30, 4:30-5:30 P.M.  
GRADES 5-7. Learn how to make a small four-square patchwork pillow in this two-part workshop. All materials provided.  
**SHARPIE PING PONG STRING LIGHTS**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 5:30-7 P.M.  
GRADES 5-9. Make a set of colorful lights to brighten up your room, using LED lights and ping pong balls. You can make them fun and funky, or calm and soothing.  
**SHRINK ART JEWELRY**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 5:30-7 P.M.  
GRADES 5-9. Create mini works of art, using shrink plastic, permanent markers, colored pencils, stamps, and more!

**Making the Grade: Getting Ready for College**  
**NOTE-TAKING AND STUDYING EFFECTIVELY**  
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 7-9 P.M.  
STUDENTS GRADES 6-12 AND THEIR PARENTS. Learn new techniques for note taking and studying. Parents/guardians will also be guided through how to effectively assist their children at home as they work with new strategies. Students must be accompanied by a parent and should bring a pen or pencil and a notebook.  
**PSAT PRACTICE TEST**  
SATURDAY, JULY 13, 10:15 A.M.-1:30 P.M.  
GRADES 9 – 12. Students must bring picture ID (student ID or license), a graphing calculator, and two #2 pencils. Students can bring water and a small snack, which are only allowed during testing breaks. Cell phones cannot be in sight and must be silent during the test.

**Red Cross CPR for Teens**  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 4:30 –7:30 P.M.  
GRADES 6-12. This is a 3-hour course that requires a \$20 materials fee paid at the door. Pearl River School District residents only.  
**Teen Yoga**  
MONDAYS, JULY 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:15-5 P.M.  
GRADES 6-12. Yoga increases focus, confidence and self-esteem, physical strength, and flexibility. Please wear comfortable clothes.

# Adult Programs

## Summer Reading for Adults!

JULY 1 - AUGUST 31

Why should kids have all the fun? Each week tell us the title and author of a book you read for a chance to win prizes! Forms will be at the Circulation and Reference desks.

## Adult Game Club

MONDAYS, 12:30-3:30PM

Adults are invited to join the game club to play cards (no gambling), board games, and mahjong.



## Summer Concert: The Rockland County Concert Band

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 7:30 P.M.

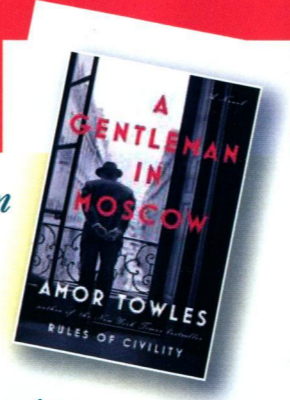
Since 1975, the Rockland County Concert Band has been entertaining audiences and enriching the culture of the county with varied programs of classical, light classical, show tunes, movie themes, rock, jazz, and marches.



## Adult Book Discussion

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 7 P.M.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.  
No Meeting In August; see you in September!



## Mandala Drawing Workshop



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 10:30-1:30 P.M.

Local artist Kaitlyn Rindler will teach the art of creating colorful mandalas. Registration required

## 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 from 10am to 3pm every Tuesday. Make an appointment to find answers to your family history questions. Bring questions, 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 serve basis.

## Paula Bohovesky Gallery

JULY: Photography by PRPL's own Photography Club Members (See the Learning Lab page for reception details)

AUGUST: Artist Kaitlyn Rindler, Watercolor mandalas

## Glass Cases

July & August: Seashell collection, courtesy of Ellen Frawley

## DINNER AND A MOVIE

WEDNESDAYS IN THE PEARL RIVER ROOM AT 6 P.M.

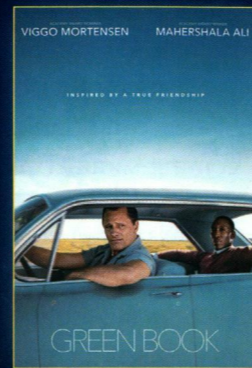
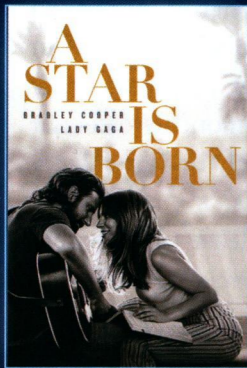
Too hot to cook? Have dinner with us and enjoy one of these recent releases. Registration is required (priority given to Pearl River School District residents; all others will be waitlisted).

JULY 17: A STAR IS BORN

Musician Jackson Maine discovers—and falls in love with—struggling artist Ally. As Ally's career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaks down, as Jackson fights his own internal demons.

AUGUST 21: GREEN BOOK

A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South.



## KIDS

### Greetings from...CAMP ROBOT!

MONDAY, JULY 8 - FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2-4:30 P.M.

GRADES 3 - 5. Campers will have lots of hands-on tech-learning fun with our Edison and WeDo 2.0 Robots, an outdoor snack break, and warm-ups and cool-downs that include typing races and online chess. Friday Pizza Party and Robot Expo for parents. Prizes too!

### Code Crackers

MONDAYS, JULY 1, 15, 29, & AUGUST 5, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

GRADES 3 - 6. Using our new iPads and Apple's Swift Playgrounds, kids will crack the essential code language used for building apps and games.

## TEENS/TWEENS

### Greetings from...CAMP ROBOT!

MONDAY, JULY 22 - FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2-4:30 P.M.

GRADES 6 - 12. With our EV3 robots, campers will learn to build like engineers, then control our Edison robots with a real coding language — Python! Outdoor snack break, warm-ups and cool downs that include typing races and online chess. Friday Pizza Party and Robot Expo for parents. Prizes too!

### Design Cool Stuff with Photoshop!

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 17, 31, & AUGUST 7, 6-7 P.M.

GRADES 6 - 12. Morph! Superimpose! Stretch! Clone! Feather! Layer! Mask! Make awesome designs and photo creations in this fun 3-session Photoshop workshop!

### PRPL Photography Club Show Reception

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 12:00-1:30 P.M.

Celebrate our members' artistic achievements at the PRPL Photography Club Show Reception! Meet our teen, adult, and senior members, who worked on their projects throughout the year. Refreshments too!



**One-on-one Tech Help! NEW!**  
Smartphone outsmarting you? iPad making you irate? Can't steer your Google Drive? If you've got tech issues, our Tech Problem Solver will help you with a one-on-one lesson. To make an appointment, call 845.735.4084x122

## SENIORS

### Writing Life for Seniors

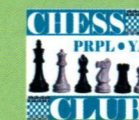
THURSDAYS, JUNE 28, JULY 18, AUGUST 8, 22, 12:30-2 P.M.

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

### Chess and Board Games Club

THURSDAYS, JULY 18, AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 4-4:45 P.M.

AGES 11 - 18. Come and meet other chess and board games enthusiasts to engage in some brain-building, friendly competition, conversation, and snacks.



### Steam Projects with Math

THURSDAYS, JULY 18, AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 5-6 P.M.

AGES 11 - 18. S.T.A.C. Math Professor DeWitt will introduce cool new math concepts, show how to put them to use, and give each participant an cool take-home project.

## ADULT TECH

### Tech Tutors

THURSDAYS, JULY 18, AUGUST 1, 8, 2-3 P.M.

Come by the Learning Lab and get smart about your tech, with help from one of our Tech Tutors.



with Chris Shankar

### Program 1: Garden Confidently!

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 7PM

- Perennials or annuals? Find out the difference, and find out why you want both!
- Getting ready for fall planting - How to plant, and how to make more plants!
- Salad bar or garden? How to minimize animal damage.

### Program 2: Expand your Plant Horizons!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 7PM

- Winter doesn't have to be boring - adding winter interest to your garden
- Out of space? Try container gardening!
- Getting to know native plants and why you want them in your garden

## Did You Know?

Police Chief Fred Kennedy organized the Decoration Day parade for the town, with the first of these being held in 1924. The parades were popular with veterans and town residents alike. After the construction was complete for the Rockland State Psychiatric Hospital, the chief realized there were World War I veterans housed there who could not attend the parade. Kennedy organized a parade at the hospital for their benefit in 1942, which the hospitalized veterans greatly appreciated. This act of kindness and respect was especially noted as, at that time, mental institutions were depressing places called "snake pits."

The Pearl River Fishing Club was organized in the late 1890's among fishing enthusiasts in town. They held their first Clam and Crab Bake in the picnic grove behind the Franklin Avenue School baseball diamond along the Cherry Brook. The club's members fished in the local streams for brook trout, and in the spring, they would go on fishing excursions to the Hudson River for the shad run. It's unknown when the club disbanded, as is much else about the club.

—James Casse