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**News Release**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – June 2022

Wednesday / 1 / All Day **Opal Lee Storywalk + Grab & Go Kit - Available Starting Today** Check out the Library's new StoryWalk outside on the Plaza - Take a walk in the Garden Plaza, and along the way enjoy reading the book, *Opal Lee and What It Means To Be Free* by Alice Faye Duncan & Keturah A. Bobo at each of the stops. StoryWalk activity Grab & Go kits will be available for each family to pick up and take home in the lobby on the first floor of the Library starting June 1, while supplies last.

Wednesday / 1 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Wednesday / 1 / 12:00 PM **Lunchtime Meditation @ The Library** Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program.

Wednesday / 1 / 7:00 PM **Poetry Slam & Open Mic** Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Slam! Pre-registration is required to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. Register [here](#) to attend or perform. Please be sure to provide an active email address as we will contact you to confirm whether you will be performing or just attending.

Wednesday / 1 / 7:00 PM **Roots Of Black Music In America (All Ages, Virtual)** Music is a language that students of any age can understand and appreciate. It connects us, elevates our awareness, and deepens our learning beyond reading the words of a textbook. Audiences will sing, dance, use percussion, and practice call and response as they journey back in time to learn about and experience the music of the most influential Black musicians in American history. Join musician, producer, arts educator, and NYC performer KARLUS TRAPP in this one-of-a-kind musical and educational experience you won't soon forget!

Thursday / 2 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Thursday / 2 / 3:30 PM **Chinese Culture & Language Classes (Reg. Req. - Ages 5-15,** Registration required. Space is limited. Registration is for all FIVE sessions Thursdays, 5/5-6/2. This program is for children and families interested in a more in-depth exploration of Chinese culture in tandem with Chinese language learning. By cultivating enthusiasm for authentic Chinese culture, the programs teach them to: understand food culture, connect with Chinese history, appreciate Chinese traditions and holidays, and parse meaning from ever-important Chinese idioms. Through theme-based activities, children will learn about Chinese culture, as well as Mandarin language skills.

Thursday / 2 / 7:00 PM **Solving Crimes With Forensic Genetic Genealogy** In this virtual program, forensic genetic genealogists CAIRENN BINDER, Tracie Boyle and Harmony Vollmer will discuss how modern DNA technology is combined with traditional genealogy to solve cold cases. These three genetic genealogists have helped pioneer the field of investigative genetic genealogy through the identification of cold case remains at the nonprofit organization DNA Doe Project. More recently, they founded a Westchester-based small business specializing in family history tourism and applied genetic genealogy.

Saturday / 4 / 2:00 PM **Saturday Storytime! (Ages 2-6, Families, Library Plaza)** Stories, songs and fun for ages 2-6 with a Trove librarian. Rain Location: Auditorium.

Monday / 6 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Monday / 6 / 2:00 PM **Future Is Female Book Discussion** Ellen O'Connell, White Plains resident and retired English teacher, will moderate a discussion of /All In: An Autobiography/ (2021) by Billie Jean King. This path-breaking feminist and world-class athlete of indomitable spirit has been described by Serena Williams as "a constant role model in my life... a leading example of integrity in the face of adversity." The memoir is available in the Library's physical collection; Overdrive/Libby has both the eBook and digital audiobook.

Monday / 6 / 5:00 PM **Edge Battle Of The Books Club** Begin preparing for the Summer 2022 Battle of the Books Competition! This month we're discussing three Battle of the Books selections: Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee, You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson, and Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko. Grades 6 and up are welcome to participate.

Tuesday / 7 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Tuesday / 7 / 4:00 PM **Create A Minecraft World** Want to build your dream house? In this session, youth are invited to work together in a safe, learning environment via Minecraft Realms and focus on their design skills. Activities will include digitally planning to adequately survive in a randomly generated world and/or building things collectively with others in creative mode. All are welcome to partake in some fun, with both library friends and tech specialist Austin Olney.

Wednesday / 8 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Wednesday / 8 / 10:30 AM **Individual Tech Help** Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Ask Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in this VIRTUAL assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome.

Wednesday / 8 / 12:00 PM **Lunchtime Meditation @ The Library** Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program.

Wednesday / 8 / 7:00 PM **White Plains Public Library Board Of Trustees Meeting** Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. either virtually online or in the Library Administration Board Room on the 2nd Wednesday of the month or as designated.

Thursday / 9 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Thursday / 9 / 4:00 PM **Engineering Time For Youth** Participants of this program will practice engineering skills and partake in a variety of activities.

Thursday / 9 / 4:00 PM **The Underground Railroad: Storytime & Craft (Gr. K-3)** Hear Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom by Shane W. Evans and other stories, then make a craft together related to the stories told. Outside on the Library Plaza. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like.

Thursday / 9 / 7:00 PM **African American Genealogy With Dennis Richmond** Yonkers native DENNIS RICHMOND, author of the memoir "He Spoke at My School," will talk about the genealogical research he did for his family and provide tips for people on starting their own genealogy projects.

Monday / 13 / All Day **Grab & Go Kit - PreK - Available Starting Today** Pick up a new PreK Grab & Go Kit at the Library, while supplies last, starting today. Kits will be in a bin in the Library's lobby. Please take only what you need so Kits will be available for others.

Monday / 13 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Monday / 13 / 4:30 PM **Tabletop Games - In-Person** Join librarians Ashley and Erik to play fun virtual tabletop games! This program is for those in fourth to twelfth grade. We use the platform boardgamearena.com. Feel free to bring your own device or we can provide a laptop for you to use during the program. Masks are required for all in-person programs in the Library. Kids and teens that haven't attended the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. Boardgamearena.com does have a for-pay premium service. Please take care when creating your account to not incur any unwanted charges.

Monday / 13 / 4:30 PM **Tabletop Games - Virtual** Join librarians Ashley and Erik to play fun virtual tabletop games! This program is for those in fourth to twelfth grade. We use the platform boardgamearena.com to play games while we have a conversation on Zoom. Kids and teens that haven't attended the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. Be sure to have an account with Zoom as well. You can no longer join a Library event on Zoom as a guest. Boardgamearena.com does have a for-pay premium service. Please take care when creating your account to not incur any unwanted charges. On the day and time of each program, simply login to your boardgamearena.com account and join us on Zoom using the link for the specific date you wish to attend.

Tuesday / 14 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Tuesday / 14 / 11:00 AM **Storytime (Ages 2-6, Library Plaza)** Enjoy a storytime with a Trove Librarian outside on the Library Plaza. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. Rain Location: Library Auditorium.

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Wednesday / 15 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Wednesday / 15 / 10:30 AM **Digital Library Resources** Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.

Wednesday / 15 / 12:00 PM **Lunchtime Meditation @ The Library** Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program.

Thursday / 16 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Thursday / 16 / 2:00 PM **Short Story Book Discussion** Join Librarian BARBARA WENGLIN for our Short Story Series using the rich anthology, 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories (ed. Lorrie Moore, c2015), focusing on the theme, "Family Matters." At this session we will explore "What You Pawn I Will Redeem" by Sherman Alexie (p.582). When a young Spokane Indian sees his grandmother's ceremonial regalia in a pawnshop, he embarks on a day-long quest to buy it back. Anthology is available to borrow in WLS and WP collections, also as an eBook in hoopla and Libby/Overdrive, with a copy kept at the Hub Desk for reading in the Library. The Zoom Meeting ID is 858 3428 4963 and the phone number is 1-929-205-6099. No password needed, walk-ins allowed and all are welcome, including newcomers! Program made possible with support of the Friends of the Library.

Thursday / 16 / 4:00 PM **Fortnite For Teens** Want to join Fortnite with library friends? Sign up for this program to play online together in a safe, private learning environment. In this app, which fosters an equal playing field and gender representation, players are rewarded for teamwork and planning abilities. Activities will include a variety of creative modes and a focus on designing 3D structures for strategic advantage. Squad up with Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney on either Windows, Android, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Nintendo Switch, or PlayStation 4/5.

Thursday / 16 / 4:30 PM **Stories And Stuff (Ages 4-8 Library Plaza)** Join us to hear a few stories. Afterwards we will work on creating a craft together. Please stop by the library at 4:00 to receive your ticket. The tickets for patrons are first come, first serve.

Thursday / 16 / 6:30 PM **Countdown To Eternity** Opening Reception

Sunday / 19 / 2:00 PM **Rocket League For Teens (In Person)** An app called "Rocket League" is essentially soccer with virtual cars, and it is currently a popular eSport. Teens can sign up to play with friends in a safe, private server, hosted by Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney.

Sunday / 19 / 2:00 PM **Rocket League For Teens (Virtual)** An app called "Rocket League" is essentially soccer with virtual cars, and it is currently a popular eSport. Teens can sign up to play with friends in a safe, private server, hosted by Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney.

Monday / 20 / All Day **Grab & Go Kit - Gr.K-3 - Available Starting Today** Pick up a new Grab & Go Kit at the library, while supplies last, starting today. Available in the Lobby. Please take only what you need, so that Kits are available for others.

Monday / 20 / All Day **Grab & Go Kit - Grades 7-12 Craft Kits - Available Starting Today** Pick up a new Grab & Go Kit at the library, while supplies last, starting today.

Monday / 20 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Tuesday / 21 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Tuesday / 21 / 11:00 AM **Storytime (Ages 2-6, Library Plaza)** Enjoy a storytime with a Trove Librarian outside on the Library Plaza. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. Rain Location: Library Auditorium.

Wednesday / 22 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Wednesday / 22 / 12:00 PM **Lunchtime Meditation @ The Library** Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program.

Wednesday / 22 / 2:00 PM **Zoom Tips And Tricks** Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.

Wednesday / 22 / 2:30 PM **Book 'Em** Library Director Brian Kenney will lead a discussion of Stephen Mack Jones's /Dead of Winter/.

Wednesday / 22 / 4:30 PM **Virtual Dungeons & Dragons For Beginners** Are you interested in learning to play D&D? Game Master JESSY STANLEY will be running a 3-hour campaign where you will learn about using your character, working with the group and defeating monsters. We will be running 3 of these programs in the Spring, join one or join them all. Registration is required, this is open to 5 teens, grades 7-12. After you register we will share links for joining the campaign.

Wednesday / 22 / 7:00 PM **Understanding Your Energy Choices, Reading Your Bill & Energy** Want to learn more about your energy usage, conserve energy and save money? The first step is to better understand your electricity bill. The bill can be confusing and complicated, but in this one-hour session, SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER can help make it easy. AND, you will leave the session with energy savings tips and information about Community Energy programs that can save you money and even earn you cash rewards!

Thursday / 23 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Thursday / 23 / 2:00 PM **Short Story Film Discussion** Join Librarian BARBARA WENGLIN for the last session in our Short Story Series focusing on the theme, "Family Matters." We will discuss the related feature film "The Farewell" (2019, 1hr. 40min.) A Chinese-American family learns of their grandmother's terminal illness and decide not to tell her as they plan a family celebration in China before she dies. Critically acclaimed, award-winning film including Golden Globe Best Actress Awkwafina, Sundance Audience Favorite, an American Film Institute Movie of the Year. To view before the meeting with Library's Kanopy, or borrow as DVD or Blu-Ray through the catalog, also on Amazon Prime. The Zoom Meeting ID is 858 3428 4963 and the phone number is 1-929-205-6099. No password needed, walk-ins allowed and all are welcome, including newcomers! Program made possible with support of the Friends of the Library.

Thursday / 23 / 4:00 PM **Game Design For Youth** Participants of this program will learn key game design concepts, cooperatively, in a private server.

Thursday / 23 / 7:00 PM **Forever Young Adult Book Club** Forever Young Adult is a group for YA fans who are a little less "Y" and a bit more "A." Whether you're a regular YA reader or you need a break from your usual "To Read" list, all are welcome! \*Reading: Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé. This book club is made possible by a partnership between Yonkers Public Library and White Plains Public Library.

Monday / 27 / All Day **Grab & Go Kit - PreK- Available Starting Today** Pick up a new PreK Grab & Go Kit at the Library, while supplies last, starting today. Kits will be in a bin in the Library's lobby. Please take only what you need so Kits will be available for others.

Monday / 27 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Tuesday / 28 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Tuesday / 28 / 11:00 AM **Storytime! (Ages 2-6, Library Plaza)** Enjoy a storytime with a Trove Librarian outside on the Library Plaza. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. Rain Location: Library Auditorium.

Wednesday / 29 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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Wednesday / 29 / 11:00 AM **Special Author's Storytime! (Ages 2-6, Library Plaza)** Enjoy storytime with authors Jade Greene-Grant and Barbara Magnotta to celebrate their book Animals Eating the Alphabet outside on the Library Plaza. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. Rain Location: Library Auditorium.

Wednesday / 29 / 12:00 PM **Lunchtime Meditation @ The Library** Brief beginning instruction followed by meditation. No experience needed. A variety of guest instructors will lead the program.

Wednesday / 29 / 7:00 PM **Fair Street USA – Opening Reception** Fair Street USA is a Fair Housing Education Public Art Exhibition sponsored by the City of White Plains Planning Department and funded by a HUD grant. Local community groups worked with artists to design and create interactive models that "speak" to participants. On view in the Library Gallery June 27 through July 30.

Thursday / 30 / 10:15 AM & 5:45 PM **Beginners ESL Presented By Westchester Community College**  
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