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Registration starts at 10 am. Most programs require registration. Please register at poklib.org/events or (845) 485-3445, x3707 for adult, x3320 for youth, x3321 para español.

Get yourself registered!

Self-registration is simple, quick, and won't have you waiting and potentially losing a seat for a popular program. On our online calendar, you can sign up at 10 am on registration day. We often experience higher call volume than we are able to easily accommodate, so don't wait on the phone — register online.

Browse and register for upcoming programs from our new library calendar, still accessible at **poklib.org** ▶ Events ▶ Calendar of Events & Programs.

Did you know? More details about programs can be found on our online library calendar. You can also view a text-only PDF of the current *Rotunda* at **poklib.org** ▶ Events ▶ Rotunda – Text-Only Version.

Upcoming Closures

Veterans Day: *Wednesday, November 11*

Thanksgiving: *Closing early at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 25; closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27*

Christmas: *Closing early at 5 pm on Monday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 23; Closed Thursday, December 24 through Saturday, December 26*

New Year's: *Closing early at 12:30 pm on Thursday, December 31; closed Friday, January 1*

Veterans Day: *Wednesday, November 11*

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Adriance Memorial Library (ADR)
93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Monday–Thursday: 9 am – 8:30 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday: *2 pm – 5 pm*
Free parking and easy access off Noxon Street
GPS locator: 22 Noxon Street

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141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Monday–Thursday: 9 am – 8:30 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm Sunday: Closed

Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library (SPD), Family Partnership
29 N. Hamilton Street, Room 224, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9-5 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 1-5 pm
Saturday: Event days only, 10 am – 2 pm
Sunday: Closed
Hours may be liable to change; please call us before a visit if you're not sure.

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Big Read 2026 Finale

FDR Presidential Library Series

Presented by **Jeffrey Urbin** of the FDR Presidential Library & Museum. ***Registration required per session.***

Declaration Deep Dive
Tuesday, November 3, 7-8 pm, Virtual

The Constitution Speaks: Rules, Rights, & Responsibilities
Tuesday, November 10, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Franklin and the Founders
Tuesday, November 24, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Remember Liss: A New Founding Figure
Wednesday, November 4, 6 pm, BRD

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

for Kids! 18th Century Games Day
Thursday, November 5, 6:30 pm, BRD

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

North of America: Revolution, British Provinces, and Creating the US
Sunday, November 8, 2:30 pm, ADR

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

Concert: Cello, America: Songs of Patriotism, Praise, and Protest
Saturday, November 14, 2:30 pm, BRD

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

Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt's

THE FATEFUL HOUR
A DRAMA IN THREE ACTS

Tuesday, November 17, 7 pm, Bardavon

Join us for Poughkeepsie Big Read 2026 Finale! Judge Al Rosenblatt's drama, directed by Roger H. Simon, is charged with tension as the Anti-Federalist Governor George Clinton and the Federalist Alexander Hamilton argue the reins of power. Delegates Robert Livingston, John Jay and Melachton Smith have ideas, and "cameos" from others will challenge them all. Without this historically important hour in Poughkeepsie, there may have been no Bill of Rights today!

Tickets will be available for this free event from all three PPLD locations and the Bardavon box office, starting October 15. Please check the library calendar of events for updates.

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

Join **Historic Huguenot Street** in a journey back through time to discover the secrets of daily life during the colonial period! ***Registration required.***

POUGHKEEPSIE BIG READ

Books, Writing, & More

Join a book club!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Select Thursdays, 7 pm, Virtual

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

November 19: ***Lord of the Flies*** **by William Golding and Aimée de Jongh**

Following a world war, a group of schoolboys survive a plane crash on a deserted island and create a hellish environment leading to savagery and murder. Two leaders—one civilized, one depraved—epitomize the forces that war eternally in the human spirit.

December 10: ***Ginseng Roots: A Memoir*** **by Craig Thompson**

Follow Craig Thompson and his siblings—who spent the summers of their youth weeding and harvesting rows of coveted American ginseng on rural Wisconsin farms for one dollar an hour, interweaving this lost youth with the three-hundred-year history of the global ginseng trade and the many lives it has tied together. Stretching from Marathon, Wisconsin, to northeast China, *Ginseng Roots* charts the rise of industrial agriculture, the decline of American labor, and the search for a sense of home in a rapidly changing world.

Books & Brews Book Club

Select Wednesdays, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub (796 Main Street)

Contact Kira Thompson at kthompson@poklib.org or x3350. ***No registration required.***

November 18: ***Mask of the Deer Woman*** **by Laurie L. Dove**

Grieving ex-Chicago detective Carrie Starr returns to her father's reservation as tribal marshal, investigating missing college student Chenoa Cloud amid a decade of vanished women. Haunted by her daughter's murder and sightings of the mythic Deer Woman, Starr must decide whether the spirit offers guidance, or vengeance for daughters lost.

December 16: ***The Bear and the Nightingale*** **by Katherine Arden**

In a remote northern Russian village, Vasya grows up wild and willful after her father hides a mysterious jeweled necklace meant for her. When dark forces threaten her home, Vasya discovers the gift's power and realizes she may be the only one able to protect her family and village.

Creative Writing Info Sessions

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist

Wednesday, November 18, 7 pm, BRD

Everyone has at least one book in them, but if freeing that book feels like a challenge, you've come to the right place. We'll go over tools and techniques, as well as the basic blueprint all stories follow. Adults and teens welcome. ***Registration required.***

Genre Deep Dive for Novelists

New!

Thursday, December 3, 7 pm, BRD

We will go into both the conventions of traditional genres, and explore how Save the Cat's 10 "story genres" work as a roadmap to help plan your story. Adults and teens welcome. ***Registration required.***

Crash Course for the Hot Mess Novelist

Wednesday, December 16, 7 pm, BRD

All hail the messy first (or second, or twelfth) draft! We will take an in-depth look at character arcs, reliable vs. unreliable narrators, subplots, how to plan a series, cleaning up your manuscript, and more. Adults and teens welcome. ***Registration required.***

Exercise Your Writing

Sunday, November 1, December 6, 2 pm, ADR

Exercise your writing in this workshop where you receive prompts, write, and then share what you wrote with the group. Please bring a notebook and preferred writing implement. Facilitated by Billy Herman. ***No registration required.***

Write, Write, and Rewrite

Saturdays, November 21, December 19, 10 am – 12 pm, Lehman Loeb Museum (upstairs), Vassar College

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

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Language & Culture Learning

Spanish for English Speakers

Spanish paso a paso
Fridays, November 6 – December 18, 1:30–3 pm, ADR

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

The Dish of the Day: Spanish
Fridays, November 6 – December 18, 12–1 pm, ADR

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

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Day of the Dead Altar: A Space to Remember

October 30 – November 6, ADR

Visit the Day of the Dead altar, created by the community to honor our loved ones. Amidst marigolds, photographs, and traditional offerings, we celebrate the memories and culture that unite us. Come and explore this space filled with color, symbolism, and affection. The exhibition will be on display on the Ground Floor at Adriance.

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ROTUNDA GALLERY, ADRIANCE

Brittany Rose Lower

November 2 – December 30

GROUND FLOOR, ADRIANCE

Tiny Art Show

November 19 – Decemer 19

Pictured: by Margaret Mazurkiewicz

Closing Reception
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Day of the Dead Altar

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BOARDMAN ART WALL

Group Show: *Drawn Together*

October 1 – December 31

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

Jewish Heritage in the Arts

Hooray for Hollywood with Chuck Mishaan
Thursday, November 19, 6:30 pm, BRD

Early 20th-century Europe was marked by nationalism, imperial rivalry, industrialization, and devastating wars. These conditions weakened European dominance while helping create opportunities for the rapid expansion of Hollywood. Hollywood then emerged not only as an entertainment center but also as a powerful cultural and political force that shaped global perceptions, values, and modern media culture throughout the 20th century. *In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and supported by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund.* ***Registration required.***

Encore! The Return of The Big Galut(e)
Sunday, December 6, 2:30 pm, BRD

The Big Galut(e) is back for an encore performance! Join us for an afternoon of klezmer dance tunes, Yiddish theater songs and more, topped off with a great sufganiot or two (look it up!). This event will be fun for the whole family. *In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and supported by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund.* ***Registration required.***

See page 8 for programs on Jewish history.

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Strategy Board Game Night for Adults
(as seen on the cover!)
Thursdays, November 12, December 10, 5-8 pm, BRD

Join us to play strategy and board games at the library. Find new friends, new games, and use our tables for those games that do not fit on the kitchen table. Bring your own games or play from our collection. ***No registration required.***

Skills of a Ba-Roasta: How to Roast Coffee
Tuesday, November 17, 6–7:30 pm, ADR

Willie Needham, from the Pawling Coffee Roaster, will show you how you can roast your own coffee at home using basic materials and equipment. Enjoy a specialty coffee only available at the event, along with a selection of other coffees. Willie Needham is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and is a second-generation coffee roaster and coffee shop owner. ***Registration required.***

Drop-In Sketch Sessions
Wednesdays, November 18, December 16, 10 am, BRD

Want to work on your drawing skills? Join us on the third Wednesday of each month for a relaxed sketch session. Bring your favorite drawing materials and enjoy working from an arranged still life. This is a self-guided practice session — no formal instruction, just shared creativity. We'll wrap up with a friendly group critique. ***No registration required.***

Quilling Workshops
Thursdays, November 19, December 10, 3:30–4:30 pm, SPD

Learn basic paper quilling forms that will set you up for greeting card success! No experience necessary. Supplies provided. ***Registration required.***

African Drumming
Saturday, November 21, 1-2 pm, SPD

Please join Cliff Johnson for a wonderful afternoon of African Drumming. If you have your own drum, please bring it! ***Registration required.***

Holiday Treats with Tina
Tuesday, December 8, 6–7:30 pm, ADR

Join Tina as she demonstrates baking some holiday treats! Participants will get to sample the results and go home with recipes. ***Registration required.***

Closing Reception for Tiny Art Show
Saturday, December 19, 3:30-4:30 pm, ADR

Come celebrate the work of artists in the community, ranging in ages from 6 to 80. Artists, this is the time to pick up your artwork if you entered the Tiny Art exhibition. Light refreshments will be provided. ***No registration required.***

Open Mic
Wednesday, December 9, 7 pm, ADR

Come out and share your talent: spoken word, singing, playing an instrument, comedy with the community, or just come and watch the impromptu show! Your hosts this evening are **Tina Jaafar** and **Debora Shon.** ***No registration required.***

Kwanzaa Celebration
Saturday, December 12, 1–2 pm, SPD

Join Musician Khalil Kwame Bell for a very special Kwanzaa Celebration with live traditional African music, drumming and spoken word with a presentation of the Nguzo Saba. ***Registration required.***

History & Current Events

Celebrate Jewish History

Jewish Bialystok and Its Diaspora with Author Rebecca Kobrin
Sunday, November 1, 2:30 pm, ADR

Jewish Bialystok and Its Diaspora, **Rebecca Kobrin's** study of the dispersal of Jews from one city in Poland, demonstrates how the act of migration set in motion a wide range of transformations that led the migrants to imagine themselves as exiles not only from the mythic Land of Israel but most immediately from their east European homeland. Kobrin explores the organizations, institutions, newspapers, and philanthropies that the Bialystokers created around the world. Books available for purchase and signing at the event. *In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and supported by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund.* ***Registration required.***

Nosh & A Good Book: *The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto*
Sunday, November 15, 2:30 pm, BRD

Elizabeth Hyman, a Holocaust historian, archivist, and history blogger, adds a new dimension to the story of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising during World War II, shining a long overdue spotlight on five young, Polish Jewish women—champions who helped lead the resistance, sabotage the Nazis, and aid Jews in hiding across occupied Poland and Eastern Europe. *In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and supported by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund.* ***Registration required.***

See page 6 for more Jewish heritage programs.

Walking Tour: Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery
Sunday, November 1, 1 pm, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery

Join Historian **Shannon Butler** on a walk through the historic and beautiful Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. We'll visit with some of the most fascinating characters in local history, from businessmen and doctors to artists and musicians. As we make our way through the property, we'll discuss the creation of the cemetery itself. This program is made possible through the partnership between PPLD and the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. This will be an outdoor event with lots of walking so dress accordingly, with appropriate footwear. ***Registration required.***

Trains: The Role of Rails in World War II
Saturday, November 7, 2:30 pm, ADR

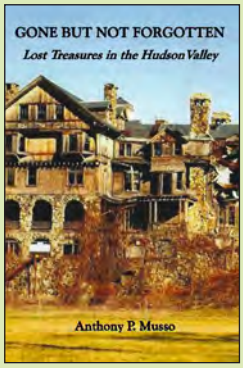
This presentation by **Jeff Cierniak** explains the effects trains, and the railroads they operated on, had on both foreign and domestic uses during WWII through pictures. He will describe and show the impacts different trains had on each nation's war efforts. ***No registration required.***

Great Decisions: Ukraine and the Future of European Security
Monday, November 9, 6:30 pm, BRD

With reduced U.S. support for NATO and Ukraine, Europe faces strategic uncertainty. The Trump administration has signaled an intention to reduce its security role in Europe. What are America's stakes in NATO and Europe's strategic dilemmas, and how might Europe respond? The facilitator is **Rick Levitt** of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley. ***No registration required.***

Meet the Author: Robert K. Brigham
Thursday, November 12, 6:30 pm, ADR

Robert K. Brigham, Vassar Professor and Vietnam War historian, will share excerpts from his new book *This Is a True War Story: My Improbable History with Vietnam*, a personal account by a war historian and adoptee who discovers his biological father was a famous Marine combat photographer in Vietnam. Books will be for sale and signing. ***Registration required.***



Author Talk: *Gone but Not Forgotten; Lost Treasures in the Hudson Valley* with Tony Musso
Tuesday, December 1, 6 pm, BRD

Explore some lost Hudson Valley history with author **Tony Musso,** from early industry, grand hotels, entertainment venues, and Revolution-era intrigue, to the ruins and remnants of once-important sites. This talk highlights stories from *Gone But Not Forgotten* and the places that shaped the region. Books will be available for sale and signing after the talk. ***Registration required.***

Springside. Photo: Yvonne Laube

Matthew Vassar's Springside Presentation
Wednesday, December 2, 6–7:30 pm, BRD

Springside is a National Historic Landmark, located in the City of Poughkeepsie. It includes 20 acres of walking trails through an old-growth forest and landscaping originally designed by local landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing. This was the home of Matthew Vassar in his final years, and today it serves as a beautiful park for all of us to enjoy. Join Historian Shannon Butler as we cover the history of Springside and explore the site remotely to see what once was and what remains. ***Registration required.***

Big Read programs on the Revolution — see page 3.

The Vassar-Warner Home: A History of Caring in Poughkeepsie
Wednesday, December 9, 6-7:30 pm, Vassar-Warner Home, South Hamilton Street

The need to care for the elderly of Poughkeepsie came about in the form of several different institutions that eventually formed into one, the Vassar-Warner Home. Join Historian **Shannon Butler** at the historic building for a lecture on the history of Poughkeepsie's endeavors to take care of its aging population.

Celebrating the Winter Solstice / Yule
Thursday, December 17, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Learn about the history and folklore surrounding the Winter Solstice/Yule with The Planted Witch. Gain some new ideas on how to honor the season. **Rachel Koladis** is The Planted Witch. She is the owner of a small business called The Replanted Witch and gives talks on herbalism, wellness, nature-based seasonal magic, and folk traditions related to her heritage. ***Registration required.***

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Health & Wellness

Zen Buddhist Meditation
Tuesdays, 10-11 am, ADR

Join a guided meditation with **Gerry Brooks,** Zen Buddhist practitioner. The session will include a 30-minute guided meditation and a 20-minute non-guided meditation. ***No registration required.***

Free Tai Chi at Boardman
Fridays, 9:15-10:15 am OR 10:30-11:30 am, inside

Fridays, 12-1 pm, outside at the birch grove

Free Tai Chi is a public outreach class offered by Complete Reality Tai Chi to promote the health and spiritual benefits of our practice to our community. Taught by **Karen Abramson,** Certified Free Tai Chi Instructor. Class will be held outdoors at the birch grove, rain or shine, but will be cancelled if below 40 degrees. Space is limited; first come, first served. ***No registration required.***

New! **Yang Taiji Quan – Continuous Form**
Fridays, 1:30 to 2 pm, BRD, outside at the birch grove

This silent class offers 30 minutes of continuous form practice of Traditional Yang Long Form Taiji Quan as codified by Yang Chengfu and documented by Fu Zhongwen. There is no instruction or cueing. You must know the form prior to participating. **Karen Abramson,** Certified Free Tai Chi Instructor with Complete Reality Tai Chi will organize the practice. Class will be held outdoors at the birch grove, rain or shine, but will be cancelled if below 40 degrees. ***Prerequisite: First Section certification. No registration required.***

Reading Meditatively Series
Select Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm, ADR
Join **Ann Byrne** from Hudson Valley Meditation in a reflective series of workshops based on a variety of self help/personal growth books. ***Registration required for each session.*** You do not need to have read the book to participate.

November 3: ***The Untethered Soul: Meditation for Observing the Mind*** **by Michael A. Singer**
Learn to notice thoughts and emotions without becoming caught up in them.

December 1: ***Let Them: A Meditation on Releasing Control*** **by Mel Robbins**
Learn to let go of what we cannot control and reconnect with a sense of steadiness and self-trust.

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup
Tuesdays, November 10, December 8, 6-8 pm, BRD

Come and spend an evening every month with fellow gardening enthusiasts in a casual, laid-back atmosphere! You'll be able to exchange ideas, share experiences, and promote the joy of gardening. Whether you are experienced, a beginner, or just love to garden, all are welcome! ***No registration required.***

Handy Chatter: American Sign Language (ASL) Monthly Meetup
Select Tuesdays, November 17, December 15, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Interested in practicing American Sign Language (ASL)? Come to the library and join others in learning and honing your ASL skills in a casual and non-judgmental environment. ***No registration required.***

The Magic of the Winter Garden
Wednesday, December 2, 7 pm, Virtual

The garden can be a magical place — even in winter! Stripped of summer foliage and flowers, the success of a winter garden lies in its structure, basic design, and choice of plant material. This richly illustrated lecture provides inspiration and tips on designing your garden for winter interest, choosing the best trees, shrubs and perennials, and grouping them to create arresting vignettes. Led by **Jana Milbocker.** ***Registration required.***

Defensive Driving
Saturday, December 5, 9:30 am, BRD

Completing the course may provide a 10% discount on your auto insurance as well as the elimination of up to four points from your NYS license. Cost: $40/person, cash only (exact change) – no credit cards or checks accepted. Bring your own lunch and pen. Pay the day of the class. The instructor is Staci Cussick. ***Registration required. Each person must register separately.***

Origami to Rejuvenate Mind and Body
Monday, December 28, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Experience the surprising neurological benefits as your fingertips dance across colorful paper, creating intricate folds that stimulate your brain and awaken your senses. Each completed creation offers not just a beautiful art piece, but a profound sense of accomplishment and joy. ***Registration required.***

The Empowered Caregiver: Building Foundations of Caregiving
Monday, November 2, 4:30–5:30 pm, BRD

Join Joan Carl of the Alzheimer's Association to get help and support caring for your loved ones living with dementia while learning to manage your own well-being. ***Registration required.***

Building Brain-Healthy Habits
Tuesday, November 3, 11 am - 12 pm, BRD

Learn how to give your mind a daily boost with Joan Carl from the Alzheimer's Association as she gives tips on how to build brain-healthy habits and how to create your own daily personalized action plan for brain smart success! ***Registration required.***

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's
Tuesday, December 1, 11 am - 12 pm, BRD

Joan Carl from the Alzheimer's Association will discuss the importance of early detection and diagnosis as well as the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's and other dementias. ***Registration required.***

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Connecting

See our holiday closing schedule on page 2 or call before planning your visit if you are unsure.

Drop In!

No registration.

Board Games
Mondays, 1-4 pm, BRD

Bring a friend and play games like SCRABBLE®, Mah Jongg, or cards!

Brain Games
Fridays, November 6 & 13, December 4 & 11, 10-11 am, ADR

An hour of assorted thinking games in a group setting. No judgment; just socialization and fun challenges!

Canasta

Come Play Modern American Canasta
Fridays, 1:30-4:30 pm, BRD

Come play Canasta with other Canasta enthusiasts. Beginners welcome but must know how to play. ***No registration required.***

Knitting Circles

Bring your knitting and/or crocheting projects to the library and share your tricks and tips with others. ***No registration required.***

Stitch Your Heart Out
Fridays, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD

Pick Up Stitches
Saturdays, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD

All-Ages Chess Club
Tuesdays, November 3 – December 15, 5-7 pm, ADR

Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages and skill levels are welcome. ***No registration required.***

Learn Mah Jongg
Saturdays, November 7, 14, 21, 2-4 pm, BRD

Join Misha Fredericks, a local math tutor and Mah Jongg enthusiast, for a three-part series to learn how to play American Mah Jongg. You will learn the names of the tiles, tile combinations on the 2026 card, important terms of the game, and begin practicing making hands. In addition, you will learn to do the Charleston and learn strategies to play more effectively, win hands, and block opponents from getting Mah Jongg. Handouts will be provided. Adults and teens welcome. ***Registration required. Please only register if you can attend all three classes.***

Paper Crafting
Thursdays, November 19, December 17, 6:30-8:30 pm, ADR

You can bring your own project and materials and/or use materials the library will provide. ***No registration required.***

Jam Sessions

Strum and sing songs together in a fun and relaxed environment! Players of all abilities are welcome. Bring some favorite songs to share. Please bring your own instrument. ***No registration required.***

Guitar Circle
Tuesdays, November 10, December 8, 1-3 pm, BRD

Ukulele Strumalong
Tuesdays, November 24, December 29, 6-8 pm, BRD

Rover Pupdate

Rover the Roaming Library Bookmobile is going places! We're always bringing our books, movies, audiobooks and services to many neighborhood spots in Poughkeepsie, senior communities and Office For the Aging, schools, preschools, and Marist University. Scan the QR code or visit **poklib.org/rover** for updates.

Senior Center Visits

Office For the Aging (OFA)

Bilingual services onsite!

Monday, November 2, 12:30-2 pm
Tuesday, December 1, 10:30 am – 12 pm, *114 Delafield Street*
Note: OFA is closed on Tuesday, November 3 for Election Day.

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

Tuesdays, November 10, December 8, 10:30 am – 12 pm, *14 Abe's Way*

Brain Games for Seniors

Office For the Aging (OFA) Friendship Center

Thursdays, 12:30-2 pm, November 19, December 10, *114 Delafield Street*

Please call Cindy at the Office for the Aging at (845) 486-2564 for registration and lunch information.

Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (TOP)

Tuesdays, 10:30 am – 12 pm, November 17, December 15, *14 Abe's Way*

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

Staff Spotlight: Danielle Smith

Can you describe your position in your own words?

I am a Rover bookmobile driver for the library. I am also Rover the mascot, set up programs, deliver books from branch to branch, clean and fix things in the library, and work outside keep the grounds beautiful.

What do you like most about your job?

I enjoy seeing smiles on kids' faces when the see me as Rover, driving, or when patrons say, "I've never been in a bathroom so clean — this such a nice, clean library."

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

I enjoy being outdoors, playing sports (basketball, hockey, hunting, and fishing), and camping. I also have 4 Labrador dogs and I enjoy hiking and walking with them.

Public Computer Center

The Public Computer Center offers drop-in lab time and free classes to address all your technology needs. All events are in the Marcotte Computer Lab on the Main Floor at Adriance, and are 90 minutes unless otherwise noted. ***Registration is required for all classes.*** **See our holiday closing schedule on page 2 or call before planning your visit if you are unsure.**

Personal Assistance

Drop-in; no registration.

Receive individualized help addressing your computer-based needs. Learn basic computer skills, create email accounts, perform job searches, fill out job applications, format resumes, file for unemployment, and create and edit Microsoft Office documents.

Computer Lab

- *Monday - Friday, 11 am – 1 pm, ADR*
- *Mondays, 6:15-8:15 pm, ADR*
- *First Tuesdays, November 3, December 1, 1:30-3:30 pm, SPD*
- *Thursday, 11 am – 1 pm, BRD*

Technology Assistant

Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm, ADR Ground Floor

Stop by to have your tech questions answered and issues resolved.

Basics

PC Basics (B)

Thursday, November 5, 1:30 pm

Learn how to start up and shut down a PC; how to open, close, and resize windows; use the taskbar to move between windows. Includes practice time.

Mouse & Keyboard (B)

Thursday, November 12, 1:30 pm

Explore the keyboard and practice with the mouse. Learn about special key functions and shortcuts. Practice correcting typing mistakes and entering text into online forms. *Prereq: basic computer skills.*

Basic Email (B)

Thursday, November 19, 1:30 pm

Learn how to organize your account, send email messages and attach documents such as your resume and cover letter. We will create a Gmail account in class. *Prereq: basic computer skills.*

Microsoft Office Courses

All are 90 minutes at Adriance; prereqs apply.

Microsoft Excel: *Spreadsheets*

Excel 101 (B)

Monday, November 2, 3 pm
Wednesday, November 4, 6:15 pm

Learn how to create a spreadsheet, including how mouse pointers work, formatting your document, inserting basic formulas and saving your work. We will make an annual budget from scratch. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Excel 102 (I)

Monday, November 16, 3 pm
Wednesday, November 18, 6:15 pm

Learn how to work with multiple worksheets, sorting and filtering data, creating charts and additional functions. *Prerequisite: Excel 101 or equivalent experience.*

Excel 103 (A)

Monday, November 30, 3 pm
Wednesday, December 2, 6:15 pm

Learn how to use custom sort, group worksheets, create multi-sheet formulas, apply conditional formatting and protect formulas for file security. *Prerequisite: Excel 102 or equivalent experience.*

Microsoft PowerPoint: *Slideshows*

PowerPoint 101 (B)

Saturday, December 19, 11 am

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

Recommended Experience

(B) Beginner (I) Intermediate
(A) Advanced (E) Expert

ADR: Adriance BRD: Boardman Road SPD: Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library

Testimonials

"Very good class to learn from." *(PC Basics)*

"Henry is a good teacher." *(Mac Basics)*

"Straightforward and informational." *(Intro to 3D Printing Services)*

"Teacher is wonderful, easy to follow, patient, will answer questions, and explains things very well." *(Windows 11)*

"Tino is an excellent instructor. Extremely patient!" *(Excel 103)*

Technology

All events are at Adriance Memorial Library unless noted.

Using an iPhone (B)

Friday, November 6, 2 pm
Saturday, December 5, 2 pm
This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of iPhones. You are welcome to bring your iPhone.

Using an Android (B)

Monday, November 9, 1 pm
Friday, December 11, 2 pm
This introductory class covers basic navigation features and functions of Androids. You are welcome to bring your Android.

File Management with File Explorer (B)

Saturday, November 7, 2 pm
We will go over what files and folders are, and what to do with them (create, rename, delete, move, and where to find them) using File Explorer. We will also go over some tips on how to manage and organize files and folders. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Medicare 101/Navigating the Medicare Site (B)

Monday, November 9, 3 pm, ADR
Friday, December 11, 12 pm, BRD
Learn about Medicare Prescription Drug and Advantage Plans, and which is best for you. Navigate the website to find answers you need. Led by volunteers and staff from (HIICAP) at Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Contact: Jamie Carey (845) 486-2083.

Introduction to 3D Printing Services (I)

Friday, November 13, 2 pm
Introduction to 3D Printing and how you can submit projects to our 3D Printing Service. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Tinkercad 3D Printing Workshop (I)

Friday, November 20, 2 pm
Now that you know the basics of 3D printing, come and learn how to design your own models using Tinkercad.com. Tinkercad is an online 3D design application we will use during the workshop to create a model to print. *Prerequisite: Intro to 3D Printing Services.*

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs (I)

Saturday, November 14, 11 am
Learn the basics of using Google Drive that includes free Google Docs. Upload and create files, navigate Google Drive, share files and collaborate with others. *Prerequisite: Internet 101 or equivalent.*

Computer & Tablet Buying: Help & Tips (B)

Monday, November 16, 1 pm
Learn about the different types of personal computers and their technical components. This class will help you understand the different specifications and terms to help you be an educated shopper. *Prerequisite: Basic computer skills.*

Mac Basics (B)

Thursday, December 3, 1:30 pm
Learn Mac basics, navigation and tips on laptops and iPad. You are welcome to bring an Apple Device if you have one. *Prerequisite: PC Basics or equivalent.*

Windows 11 (B)

Monday, December 14, 1 pm
Learn how to navigate the Windows 11 operating system, perform basic work-related tasks, and personalize certain Windows 11 features to meet your needs. *Prerequisite: basic computer skills.*

Programas en español

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

Plaza Comunitaria Poughkeepsie

Es un programa de educación básica para migrantes que hablan español, de cualquier nacionalidad, y son mayores de 18 años. Si deseas finalizar tus estudios, acércate a la biblioteca los martes y jueves de 6-8 pm y solicita más información. Periodo del 3 de noviembre al 17 de diciembre:

- **Clases de primaria para adultos**
Los jueves, 5:30-8 pm, ADR
- **Clases de secundaria para adultos**
Los martes, 6-8 pm, ADR
- **Alfabetización: Clases para adultos de lectura y escritura**
Los jueves, 6-8 pm, ADR

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

De la milpa a la mesa

Sábado, 14 de noviembre, 11 am – 12:30 pm, ADR

Celebra la cosecha del maíz azul aprendiendo a cocinarlo, molerlo hasta obtener la consistencia perfecta de la masa para preparar unas ricas tortillas y arepas. Una experiencia culinaria que une tradición y sabor, compartida con nuestros amigos de Poughkeepsie Farm Project. ***Requiere inscripción.***

¿Conoces acerca del permiso laboral pagado y protegido?

Sábado 14 de noviembre, 2:30 - 4 pm, ADR

Este taller ofrecerá un resumen general sobre las formas de permiso laboral disponibles para los trabajadores en el estado de Nueva York. Los participantes conocerán sus derechos al permiso familiar remunerado, la licencia por enfermedad y otras formas de permiso laboral protegidas por ley, independientemente de su estatus migratorio. ***No requiere inscripción.***

Alfabetización Tecnológica: Escribe en la computadora

Jueves, 5 de noviembre – 10 de diciembre, 5:30 – 7 pm, ADR

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

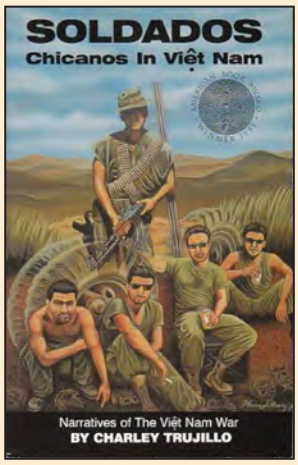
Mostrador Público — Atención en español: Horarios de servicio

Martes y jueves: 12:30-4 pm, ADR
Miércoles: 9 am – 1 pm, ADR

Apoyo gratuito para la comunidad hispana Te ayudamos con información, trámites básicos y servicios de la biblioteca, de manera clara y accesible. Servicios disponibles:

- Referencia e información general
- Orientación para navegar sitios de empleo
- Solicitud de tarjeta de la biblioteca
- Inscripción a programas y eventos
- Pases para museos y atracciones
- Guía para programar citas consulares
- Apoyo con formularios simples
- Preparación de cartas en computadora
- Servicio de notario público

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



Voces de Vietnam: La Experiencia Chicana
Martes, 10 de noviembre,
4 – 5:30 pm, ADR

Proyección de *Soldados: Chicanos en Vietnam*, documental premiado que examina los efectos persistentes de la Guerra de Vietnam en veteranos chicanos, sus familias y comunidades. La película aborda temas de raza, inmigración, trabajo, masculinidad y guerra, seguida de un panel moderado por Jaime L. Del Razo. Programa bilingüe. ***Requiere inscripción.***

Del cine a la literatura: los libros de Joseph Campbell *Star Wars*
Lunes, 16 de noviembre y 7 de diciembre,
6 – 8 pm, virtual

Un viaje épico del cine a la literatura. Exploraremos Star Wars Episodios I, 11 y III a la luz de descubriendo cómo la saga refleja el viaje del héroe y sus resonancias míticas en la cultura contemporánea. ***Requiere inscripción para obtener el enlace de Zoom para unirse a la reunión.***

Tejidos al viento
Viernes, 20 de noviembre y 18 de diciembre,
6–8:30 pm, Panera Bread (712 Dutchess Turnpike)

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

Para que los angloparlantes aprendan español

The Dish of the Day: Spanish
Fridays, November 6 – December 18,
12–1 pm, ADR (closed November 27)

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

Spanish *paso a paso*
Fridays, November 6 – December 18
1:30–3 pm, ADR (closed November 27),

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

Altar de Muertos: un espacio para recordar
Del 30 de octubre al 6 de noviembre, ADR

Adriance Memorial Library te invita a visitar el altar de muertos creado en comunidad para honrar a nuestros seres queridos. Entre flores de cempasúchil, fotografías y ofrendas tradicionales, celebramos la memoria y la cultura que nos unen. Ven a recorrer este espacio lleno de color simbolismo y cariño. La exhibición estará disponible en el vestíbulo de la planta baja. ***No require inscripción.***

La inscripción comenzará el lunes, 19 de octubre, a las 10 am.

Teen

Registration is required except where noted. Programs are held in the Teen Room at Adriance Memorial Library and are for ages 12-18 unless otherwise noted. *Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 x3320.* **See our holiday closing schedule on page 2 or call before planning your visit if you are unsure.**

Drop-In Gaming
Monday, November 2, December 14, 5-8 pm, ADR

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

Youth Chess
Mondays, November 2 – December 14, 6-8 pm, ADR

Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us weekly for meetings — the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. Recommended for ages 8 to 12. ***No registration required.***

All-Ages Chess Club
Tuesdays, November 3 – December 15, 5-7 pm, ADR

Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages and skill levels are welcome. ***No registration required.***

Pokémon Club
Wednesdays, November 4, 18, December 2, 16, 4:30-6 pm, ADR

We are starting a Pokémon Club at the Adriance Library! We are going to learn and play Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG), tournaments, and more! For teens ages 12 to 18. Space is limited. This program is sponsored by The Pokémon Company International, ALA, and ALSC. ***Registration required.***

Unleash Your Inner Author!

Young Writers' Club
Wednesdays, November 4, December 9, 4-6 pm, BRD

Engage with your peers in a small group discussion to build better stories and characters. Build confidence while you foster your imagination and creative ideas. Meet-ups are on the second Wednesday of each month. Bring your best original or fan fiction! For ages 10-18. **Seating is limited.** ***Registration required.***

National Novel(ette) Writing Month
Fridays, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, 3:30-4:30pm, ADR

It's National Novel Writing Month! Come to the library and get working on your own original works or fanfiction to celebrate. Starting with character development and plot outlining, you'll spend November writing a novelette of 7,000 to 15,000 words before getting your work published online in December. Teen Only Program. ***Registration required.***

Creative Writing Info Sessions

Adults and teens welcome. ***Registration required per session.*** More details on page 4.

Crash Course for the Beginning Novelist
Wednesday, November 18, 7 pm, BRD

We'll go over tools and techniques, as well as the basic blueprint all stories follow.

Genre Deep Dive for Novelists *New!*
Thursday, December 3, 7 pm, BRD

We will both go into conventions of traditional genres, and explore how Save the Cat's 10 "story genres" work as a roadmap to help plan your story.

Crash Course for the Hot Mess Novelist
Wednesday, December 16, 7 pm, BRD

We will take an in-depth look at character arcs, reliable vs. unreliable narrators, subplots, how to plan a series, cleaning up your manuscript, and more.

Teen Crochet Club
Mondays, November 9, December 14, 5-7 pm, ADR

Once a month until June, we will meet up and create blankets. Any skills are welcome! Bring your excitement and enjoy the company of your peers. Seating is limited. ***Registration required.***

Comic Book Club
Tuesdays, November 10, December 8, 5-6 pm, ADR

Are you a fan of comic books? Come join us once a month to get a free comic book, read and talk about it, and connect with other folks who think comics are cool too. Attending members can vote for which comics to read and discuss in the next sessions! Seating is limited. ***Registration required.***

Teen Cooking
Thursdays, November 12, December 10, 4-6 pm, ADR

November 12: **Japanese curry (chicken and vegetarian)**

December 10: **Mug cakes (with icing — vegan and gluten-free options available)**

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

Financial Literacy: Explore the Money Multiverse
Tuesdays, November 17, December 15, 4-5 pm, ADR; November 24, December 22, 3:30-4:30 pm, SPD

Team up with staff from Heritage Financial Credit Union for a series of hands-on sessions where you discover your "money alter ego" and how your spending habits can shape your path to success. Each month drops you into a new storyline where you level up your financial skills and learn how to make smarter money moves in everyday life. ***Registration required.***

Horror-Thriller Book Club
Tuesday, November 17, 5-6 pm, ADR

Fans of all things creepy, scary, bloody, and twisted can find kindred spirits (and free books) here. We're open to reading just about any kind of horror you can imagine—the only limit is a book's age rating. Attending members can vote for which books to read and discuss in the next sessions! Seating is limited. ***Registration required.***

Movie Club
Wednesday, November 18, 6-8 pm, ADR

Expand your cinematic horizons by watching a movie a month. After-movie discussions, though optional, are highly encouraged! The movie is *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Teen Only Program. There is no December meeting. ***Registration required.***

Anime / Manga Club
Wednesday, December 30, 5-6 pm, ADR

Monthly, we'll watch a couple of episodes of a selected anime series and then discuss its corresponding manga. It's a great way to connect with fellow fans, share recommendations, and enjoy some fantastic stories together. Everyone is welcome. There will be no November program; our December selection is *The Ice Guy and the Cool Girl*. ***Registration required.***

Young Adventurers Guild – D&D Club
Saturdays, 1-4:30 pm, BRD

Want to play D&D or learn how? Join the club and have fun with D&D! We have everything you need: a Dungeon Master, adventures, maps, and minis. Snacks, drinks, and dice are provided. Roll up a new character or play a pre-generated one. All you need is your imagination! For ages 12-18. ***Please note that registration is now required.***

Volunteer Opportunities

Our teen volunteers assist with a variety of tasks, like helping with programs, and more!

All library volunteers must be certified in NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. The minimum age for PPLD volunteers is now 14.

Visit **poklib.org/your-library/volunteer**, contact Hannah Ricottilli at **hricottilli@poklib.org,** or call the Youth Services Desk at (845) 485-3445 x3320 for more information.

Early Childhood

Free parking and easy access is available from the Noxon Street Parking Lot (GPS Locator: 22 Noxon Street). Story times are weekly series. **See our holiday closing schedule on page 2 or call before planning your visit if you are unsure. *Registration not required except where noted.***

At Adriance

Preschool Learning Center Storytime (PLC)
Mondays, November 2 – December 7, 10-11:15 am

Weekly themed stories, music 'n movement, sensory art activities, and open-ended play in the several centers in our Preschool Learning Center classroom. For children ages 3-5. ***Registration required.***

Toddler Time & Play
Tuesdays, November 3 – December 8, 10-10:50 am

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

Baby and Me
Wednesdays, November 4 – December 9, 10-10:50 am

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

Music & Movement
Thursdays, November 5 – December 10, 10-10:50 am

Get ready for a wigglin', gigglin', toe-tappin', hand clappin' time! We'll dance, sing, play instruments, and end with interactive play. For children ages 2-5.

Sensory Lab
Fridays, November 6 – December 11, 10-11 am

Enhance fine motor skills through sensory exploration and play. For children ages 18 months to 5 years. Dress for the mess!

At Boardman Road

Baby Rhyme & Play Time
Mondays, November 2 – December 7, 10-10:45 am

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

Preschool Story Time & Play
Tuesdays, November 3 – December 8, 10-10:30 am

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

Walk & Wiggle
Wednesday, November 4 – December 9, 10-10:45 am

This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For ages 18-24 months.

Toddler Time for Two-Year-Olds
Thursdays, November 5 – December 10, 10-10:30 am

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

Toot & Scoot & Play
Thursdays, November 5 – December 10, 10:45-11:30 am

Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for walkers up to age 5.

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Specials for Kids

Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 X 3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register. ***Registration is required except where noted.***

Be a Kid Librarian!

Mondays, November 2 – December 7, 4–5 pm, ADR

Be our next Kid Librarian! Kid Librarians will: get to select and display their favorite books in a designated display, get their picture taken and given an ID card that they get to keep, share things on the shelf like the books they are reading, their artwork and facts about themselves. Please note, while Mondays are the only days listed on the calendar for registration, the availability is for the full week. For example, if you sign up for Monday, November 9, you will be the star Kid Librarian for November 9–15. Recommended for ages 7-11. ***Registration required.***

Holiday Gingerbread House Workshop

Tuesday, December 8, 5-6:15 pm, MHLS Auditorium (105 Market Street)

Get ready for a sweet time with Miss Holly at our annual gingerbread house decorating! Hot cocoa and cookies served. For ages 3-12. ***Registration required.***

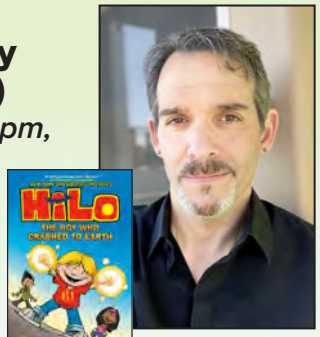
Eric Litwin's Family Concert & Book Signing

Wednesday, November 4, 5:30 pm, MHLS Auditorium (105 Market Street)

Eric Litwin, the original author of the Pete the Cat series, is song-singing, guitar-strumming, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author who brings early literacy, music, and positivity together. He also wrote *The Nuts*, *Groovy Joe,* and *The Poop Song*. Books for purchase and signing will be available. ***Registration required.***

Author Judd Winick Presents the Hilo Holiday Special (and Other Stuff)

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 pm, MHLS Auditorium (105 Market Street)



Judd Winick, creator of the *New York Times*–bestselling Hilo graphic novel series, brings his signature humor and behind-the-scenes stories or a festive celebration of the Hilo Holiday Special — plus a few surprises. ***Registration required.***

Children

At Adriance

Register at poklib.org/Events or (845) 485-3445 X 3320. Please check age appropriateness before you register.

Youth Chess
Mondays, November 2 – December 7, 6–8 pm

From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. Recommended for ages 8 to 12. ***No registration required.***

Youth Gaming Club
Tuesdays, November 3 – December 8, 3:30-5 pm

Kids are invited to hang out and play a variety of co-op and competitive games on the Nintendo Switch. Recommended for ages 7-12. ***No registration required.***

Graphic Novel Club for Kids
Thursdays, November 5, December 3, 4–5 pm

November 5: ***The Tea Dragon Society*** **by Kay O'Neill with Dragon Tea tasting**

December 3: ***Avatar: The Last Airbender Vol. 1*** **with charms based on Katara's necklace**

Every month, we'll read a new graphic novel or manga, and then do a fun project or activity based on the book. All titles will be available to borrow through MHLS. For ages 8-12. ***Registration required.***

Edible Slime Lab
Monday, November 9, 4–5 pm

National STEM/STEAM Day is in November, so let's experiment with slime! We'll make three different versions of edible slime, then compare them for differences in taste, color, texture, and stretchiness. Children under 6 must be assisted by an adult. Recommended for ages 3-12. ***Registration required.***

Learning & Leisure in the 18th Century (Big Read)
Thursday, November 12, 1-3 pm

Join **Historic Huguenot Street** in a journey back through time to discover the secrets of daily life during the colonial period! ***Registration required.***

Tween Book-to-Movie Club
Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm

November 19: ***A Wrinkle in Time*** **by Madeleine L'Engle and 2018 film adaptation**

December 17: ***The Neverending Story*** **by Michael Ende and 1984 adaptation**

Tweens ages 9-12 will meet once a month to discuss a book, then watch and compare the movie version. Participants are required to make a good-faith effort to finish reading the book before the meeting date. All titles will be available to borrow through MHLS. Popcorn will be provided! ***Registration required.***

Math Games: Developing Computational Thinking
Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30 pm
December 2: **Grades 1-3** *December 9:* **Grades 4-8**

Education majors from Marist will host computational thinking activities for elementary and middle school students. Computational thinking is an umbrella term that describes the skills needed in the computer and digital fluency requirements in NYS. Elementary and middle school students will work in small groups with Marist students. ***Registration required.***

Cocoa and Cookies
Tuesday, December 15, 5–6 pm

Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and unleash your creativity by decorating delicious cookies! We'll provide icing, sprinkles, candy, and everything else you need to make the perfect cookie! Limit three cookies each. Ages 5-11. ***Registration required.***

Winter Break Drop-In Craft
Monday, December 28, 11 am – 12 pm
Tuesday, December 29, 11 am – 12 pm
Wednesday, December 30, 11 am – 12 pm

Stop by the Children's Room and create fun crafts and projects! Dress for a mess. Recommended for children ages 4-11. While supplies last. ***No registration required.***

Noon Year's Eve
Thursday, December 31, 11 am – 12:10 pm

Come dressed in your best and celebrate an early New Year's Eve at the library! Drop in for crafts, activities, and treats for the whole family ending with a special countdown to noon. All ages welcome. ***No registration required.***

At Boardman Road

Young Writers' Club
Wednesdays, November 4, December 9, 4-6 pm

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

18th Century Games Day (Big Read)
Thursday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

Educators from **Clermont State Historic Site** will teach families how to play three popular games from the 1700s. Test your agility and gracefulness with Graces, dodge whoever is "It" in Blind Man's Bluff, and stump your friends with Pass the Slipper. These beloved games were favorites among New York's youth over 250 years ago! Recommended for families with children 5 and up. Presented in partnership with the Sports Museum of Dutchess County and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. ***Registration and safety waiver are required.*** **All participants must sign a safety waiver. All children's waivers must be signed by THEIR OWN parent or guardian before participating. Waivers will be available to fill out online and at check-in.**

Winter Luminary
Monday, November 16, 4-5 pm

Light up the season with a winter luminary. Recommended for ages 6-11. ***Registration required.***

K-2 Stories & Crafts
Wednesday, November 18, 4-5 pm

We'll share some of our favorite picture books and make a special craft. ***Registration required.***

Ice Skating Rink
Wednesday, December 2, 4–5 pm

Learn how to make your own mini ice-skating rink model with skaters that can move around! Recommended for ages 6-11. ***Registration required.***

At SPD

Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

African Drumming
Saturday, November 21, 1-2 pm

Please join Cliff Johnson for a wonderful afternoon of African drumming. If you have your own drum, please bring it! ***Registration required.***

Kwanzaa Celebration
Saturday, December 12, 1–2 pm

Join Musician Khalil Kwame Bell for a very special Kwanzaa Celebration with live traditional African music, drumming and spoken word with a presentation of the Nguzo Saba. ***Registration required.***

Horse Scavenger Hunt
November 9 – December 31

Can you find all 10 horses hidden in the SPD? ***No registration required.***

POUGHKEEPSIE BIG READ

Gathering the community around great books.

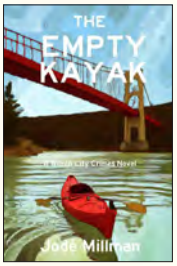
POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Friends News

The Friends of PPLD is an independent entity organized to support the Library District.

Visit the Friends' Book Store:
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Get in touch: (845) 485-3445 x3423
Facebook: PoughkeepsieLibraryBookStore



Mystery Mondays Book Club
Mondays, 11 am, BRD

November 30: ***The Empty Kayak*** by Jodé Millman

December: No meeting

Book Store Volunteers Needed

The Friends of PPLD are seeking volunteer help in our Book Store, located at the Boardman Road Branch in Poughkeepsie. Help is needed for the positions of cashiers or counters, and we will train! Experience as a cashier is desirable, and cash handling experience is a plus.

Shifts are for two hours Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (Saturday help needed most.) The Book Store is open from 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Visit the Book Store to learn more!

The Friends of PPLD

Holiday Book Sale

will now be held at the Hellenic Community Center

54 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie

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

Early Bird Sale:
Friday, November 20, 9–11 am

Purchase Early Bird tickets on Friends' website from Monday, November 2 at 9 am ($30 per person).

Shop online for vintage and rare books while supporting the Friends of PPLD!
tinyurl.com/ppld-friends-shop