Navigating Into the Future

Since the start of our digital literacy classes, I have enjoyed several discussions about the effect personal devices will have in the future on reading, culture, and even libraries. It is fascinating from a historian’s perspective to see the transition from one technological period to another. We are living in a time where the entire earth’s population is moving into a true digital age.

I am currently on a path of downsizing and going paperless in my personal and professional life, a process that fascinates many of my students. While I still love holding a “p-book” when reading, I have made an effort to do everything else via tablet. From meeting agendas to grocery lists, I try my best to have everything on a screen. I am more productive with less clutter. I can function in a smaller work space, and be mobile when necessary. I often joke that I can carry my entire office in my backpack.

How does this relate to the library? Well, we have seen a huge increase in people bringing their own devices to work and play with in the library, not just when the power is out. Before this past storm, the library was already on track for a 35 percent increase over 2011 in wireless usage. Our patrons have embraced the digital format; digital circulation is up 30 percent over last year. We love that people bring and use their own gadgets, and it is making the organization think about how we can better serve this growing segment of our users. We like to think of ourselves as a business incubator, a home office away from home office. We want to be the place you bring your device.

This doesn’t mean we have forgotten our most traditional role in the community, literacy. Many of my students are concerned that gadgets are having a negative impact on the reading habits of the public. Yet a new report from the Pew Research Center’s Internet and American Life Project reveals the prominent role of books, libraries, and technology in the lives of young readers. The Report indicates technology isn’t replacing books so much as supplementing them, as well as promoting reading in new and exciting ways. As an NPR interview with the study’s author, Kathryn Zickuhr, points out, "We found that about 8 in 10 Americans under the age of 30 have read a book in the past year. And that's compared to about 7 in 10 adults in general, American adults. So, they're reading — they're more likely to read, and they're also a little more likely to be using their library."

Then again, we are not surprised kids are still reading. This summer, Pawling’s Summer Reading Program goal was to read 1000 books; we not only met the goal but surpassed it 3 times over. We weren’t the only library: New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Bernard A. Margolis announced that 1.74 million children and teens throughout New York State participated in 2012 Summer Reading Program, a 5% increase over 2011.

Since becoming a librarian well over 10 years ago, I have constantly heard that technology is killing literacy and replacing libraries. What I have found is the opposite. Words are words, on paper or on a screen. As technology creeps into every aspect our lives, we need someone to help shepherd us through those changes. That I believe is one of the fundamental roles of the public library.

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Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 8 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 4 PM
Sunday 12:00 PM - 4 PM

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Sandy
Once again bad weather has arrived in the area and the library saw a tremendous increase in usage in its wake. In response to Sandy the library expanded hours, set up additional works spaces, and even opened the Annex for overflow. One grateful patron remarked “You have made my tax dollars go far today.”

Landscaping
You may have noticed that the front of the main building looks a bit different. This fall the library hired Native Landscaping to reconfigure the front beds so that it can be maintained without busting our budget. We are very happy with the outcome and look forward to a beautiful spring.

Courtyard Walkway
At the end of the summer the library installed a new walkway in the courtyard as well as some much need drainage. The work was done by Dutcher Avenue Builders and paid for by money raised during the last book sale. The timing was perfect; the most recent storm proved the renovations were a success.

Thank You!
A special thanks to Jeff Van Tassel of CBR Heating & Cooling for servicing our Annex Boiler as an “in kind” donation. We would also like to extend a belated thank you to Lisa Ellngworth of Uppercase Living. She is responsible for recent installation of beautiful lettering in our Community Room.

Come One, Come All!

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

This December you can add the Pawling Library to your list of places to find holiday gifts! The library’s annual Holiday Book Sale will be located in Community Room inside its Annex and will offer gently used books and media that have been donated to the library or weeded from the shelves.

The sale will open with a kick off event—complete with treats—at 5:00 PM on Friday, December 7th. This is the same night as Pawling’s annual tree lighting. Proceeds from the Holiday Book Sale will be used to support programming for adults and children. The sale with continue until Sunday, December 9th.

Ms. Karen will keep your child busy so you can shop!

11:00 am  Hanukkah story & craft Join Ms. Karen to hear the story of The Runaway Latke and then we’ll make a Flip the Latke game to take home!
1:00 pm Christmas story & decorate our library tree. We'll listen to Christmas stories, sing Christmas songs, and help Ms. Karen decorate our library tree!
**December**

**Monday Matinee**
Monday, 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17, 2:00-4:30 pm
An afternoon movie for an adult audience, popcorn provided. Please observe the film’s ratings. Registration required.

**Afternoon Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus**
**Tuesday, 12/4, 12/11 and 12/18, 1:00-2:00 pm**
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Registration required.

**Program Fee:** $2.50

**Festive Chocolate**
**Tuesday, 12/4, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Learn how to make delicious chocolate candies from chocolatier Maria Brandriff. Registration required.

**Why be Kind to your Feet?**
**Thursday, 12/6, 7:00-8:00 pm**
At this free health seminar, hosted by Dr. Robert Lieb, you’ll learn why your feet may be the cause of your pain and what you can do about it. Registration required.

**Tuesday Afternoon Book Club**
**Tuesday, 12/11, 4:00-5:00 pm**
The book club will be discussing the novel "Year of Wonders," by Geraldine Brooks. Registration required.

**Baby Seal Felting Workshop, with Elizabeth Palmer-Buchtman**
**Tuesday, 12/11, 6:30-8:30 pm**
Learn how to make your very own adorable baby seal out of wool. Registration and parental supervision is required. Program Fee: $7.00

**The Writers Circle**
**Wednesday, 12/12, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Writers meet-up group. Share writing projects, exchange publishing resources, constructive critiques and more. Registration required.

**A Little Space for Artists**
**Friday, 12/14, 6:30-7:30 pm**
A once a month gathering where artists meet and talk. Registration required.

**The Tailor Of Gloucester**
**Sunday, 12/16, 2:00-3:30 pm**
Marian Grudko reads this classic Beatrix Potter story at the John Kane House. Registration required.

**The Evening Book Club**
**Wednesday, 12/19, 6:30-7:30 pm**
The book club will be discussing the novel “Motherless Brooklyn,” by Jonathan Lethem. Registration required.

**Evening Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus**
**Thursday, 12/20, 7:00-8:00 pm**
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Registration required.

**January**

**Evening Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus**
**Thursday, 1/3, 1/17, 1/24 and 1/31, 7:00-8:00 pm**
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Registration required.

**Program Fee:** $2.50

**Afternoon Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus**
**Tuesday, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 and 1/29, 1:00-2:00 pm**
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Registration required.

**Program Fee:** $2.50

**Tuesday Afternoon Book Club**
**Tuesday, 1/8, 4:00-5:00 pm**
The book club will be discussing the novel "The Lacuna," by Barbara Kingsolver. Registration required.

**Meditation, with Maria Polhemus**
**Thursday, 1/10, 6:00-7:00 pm**
Soothing guided meditation, calm your mind and release tension from your body. Registration required.

**Monday Matinee**
**Monday, 1/14 and 1/28, 2:00-4:30 pm**
An afternoon movie for an adult audience, popcorn provided. Please observe the film’s ratings. Registration required.

**The Writers Circle**
**Wednesday, 1/16, 7:00-8:30 pm**
Writers meet-up group. Share writing projects, exchange publishing resources, constructive critiques and more. Registration required.

**The Evening Book Club**
**Wednesday, 1/23, 6:30-7:30 pm**

**A Little Space for Artists**
**Friday, 1/25, 6:30-7:30 pm**
A once a month gathering where artists meet and talk. Registration required.

**Admissions and Financial Aid: What It Takes To Get Into College Today, with Stephanie Mauro.**
**Tuesday, 1/29, 6:30-8:00 pm**
Find out the most important and up to date college planning information. Registration required.
February

Afternoon Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus
Tuesday, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26, 1:00-2:00 pm
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Registration required.
Program fee: $2.50

Evening Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus
Thursday, 2/7, 2/21 and 2/28, 7:00-8:00 pm
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Registration required.
Program fee: $2.50

Monday Matinee
Monday, 2/11 and 2/25, 2:00-4:30 pm
An afternoon movie for an adult audience, popcorn provided. Please observe the film’s ratings. Registration required.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
Tuesday, 2/12, 4:00-5:00 pm
The book club will be discussing the novel "Our Kind of Traitor," by John Le Carre. Registration required.

Meditation, with Maria Polhemus
Thursday, 2/14, 6:00-7:00 pm
Soothing guided meditation, calm your mind and release tension from your body. Registration required.

The Writers Circle
Wednesday, 2/20, 7:00-8:30 pm
Writers meet-up group. Share writing projects, exchange publishing resources, constructive critiques and more. Registration required.

A Little Space for Artists
Friday, 2/22, 6:30-7:30 pm
A once a month gathering where artists meet and talk. Registration required.

The Evening Book Club
Wednesday, 2/27, 6:30-7:30 pm
The book club will be discussing the novel "The Story of Beautiful Girl," by Rachel Simon. Registration required.

March

Afternoon Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus
Tuesday, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26, 1:00-2:00 pm
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Registration required.
Program fee: $2.50

Evening Hatha Yoga, with Maria Polhemus
Thursday, 3/7, 3/21 and 2/28, 7:00-8:00 pm
Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket.

Monday Matinee
Monday, 3/11, 3/18 and 3/25, 2:00-4:30 pm
An afternoon movie for an adult audience, popcorn provided. Please observe the film’s ratings. Registration required.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club
Tuesday, 3/12, 4:00-5:00 pm
The book club will be discussing the novel "Unbroken: a World War 2 story of survival, resilience and redemption," by Laura Hillenbrand. Registration required.

Meditation, with Maria Polhemus
Thursday, 3/14, 6:00-7:00 pm
Soothing guided meditation, calm your mind and release tension from your body. Registration required.

Organizing 101: Conquering the Clutter
Tuesday, 3/19, 7:00-8:30 pm
Professional organizer Ellen Kosloff will show you how to get your life back in order. Registration required.

The Writers Circle
Wednesday, 3/20, 7:00-8:30 pm
Writers meet-up group. Share writing projects, exchange publishing resources, constructive critiques and more. Registration required.

A Little Space for Artists
Friday, 3/22, 6:30-7:30 pm
A once a month gathering where artists meet and talk. Registration required.

SECOND ANNUAL FOOD FOR FINES

Share what you can.

For every non-perishable food item brought in, you will get one dollar off your fines for overdue books. Food will be donated to the Pawling Resource Center Food Pantry.
The Evening Book Club
Wednesday, 3/27, 6:30-7:30 pm
The book club will be discussing the novel "Coming Up For Air," by Patti Callahan Henry. Registration required.
**Digital Literacy Classes**

**Basic Skills: Using a Computer**
**Thursday, 1/10 and 1/17 10:00-11:30 am**
Learn the basics of computers from turning it on to the basic parts. Participants will also be instructed on how to open, create, organize and retrieve files.

**What is the Internet?**
**Thursday, 1/24 and 1/31, 10:00-11:30 am**
Learn how the Internet works and what it takes to get on it.

**Communicating on the Internet**
**Thursday, 2/14 and 2/21, 10:00-11:30 am**
Learn the basics of communicating over the Internet. Learn the basics of e-mail and social media.

**Using the Internet for Maps and Directions**
**Thursday, 2/28, 10:00-11:30 am**
Get customized directions quickly using sites like Google and Bing.

**Cut The Cable: An Introduction To Streaming**
**Thursday, 3/7, 10:00-11:30 am**
A basic introduction to how your computer can become your entertainment center. This lecture will cover all the basics you need to get away from cable television.

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010**
**Thursday, 3/14 and 3/21, 10:00-11:30 am**
Learn the basics of creating documents in Microsoft Word.

**Fall Classes in Review**
**Thursday, 3/28, 10:00-11:30 am**
A quick review of previous digital literacy classes. This is also where individuals interested in the NY Digital Literacy Certificate will be tested.

**Rent a Librarian**
**Wednesdays, Call to Make Appointment**
Schedule yourself with the Library Director for a hands on hour long computer tutoring session; ask the questions you always wanted to ask. Limited availability.

**Borrow a Laptop**
**Call to Make Appointment**
Schedule yourself for two hours blocks with a laptop for job searching or educational related activity. Must have a valid MHLS library card and License. Limited availability.

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**TEENS AND TWEENS**

**Programs for grades 5 & up**

**Movies at The PFL**
**Wednesdays, 1/2/13, 2/6/13 & 3/6/13 4:30-6:00 pm**
Join us for the presentation of the latest PG movies. Popcorn & beverages will be provided.

1/2/13 - Para Norman
2/6/13 – Thunderstruck
3/6/13 – Ice Age: Continental Drift

**Gaming Club**
**Wednesdays, 1/9/13, 2/13/13 & 3/13/13 4:30-6:00 pm**
Team up & compete for fun! Place yourself at the center of the action & test your skills in a friendly battle with your peers. Enjoy a variety of games that include action, sports, fitness & adventure.

**Pokemon & Pizza**
**Wednesdays, 1/16, 2/20 3/20/13 4:30-5:30 pm**
Come join other Pokemon fans for a slice of pizza and some great fun with your cards.
Program Fee: $3.00

**Lego Club**
**Wednesdays, 1/23 & 2/27 4:30-5:30pm**
Let your imagination soar as we put our skills to work in creating a unique design. We will also be exploring new "Lego Games"

**Grade Savers...**
Weekly math or science support for students in grades 6 - 12
Meet with certified teacher, Alexander Liao and keep your math and science skills sharp during the summer. Organizational skills and study tips for math and science success will be included. Registration is required. Convenient individual appointments will be scheduled for your child.
EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS & MORE

Wiggle, Giggle & Bump... infants and young toddlers ages birth - 18 months
Mondays, 11:00 - 11:30 am
Infants & parents will participate in lively 30 minute sessions that include music, movement, body rhymes, nursery rhymes and listening to books all designed to encourage language.

Read, Rhyme & Romp... for toddlers ages 18 - 30 months.
Mondays, 10:00 - 10:45 am OR Fridays, 10:00 - 10:45 am
Toddlers and parents will participate in fun filled 45 minute sessions that include listening to books, music, movement and nursery rhymes that will develop your child’s understanding of language and increase vocabulary. Each session is followed by an open exploration time for children so parents can socialize.

Saturday Stomp... for toddlers ages 18 - 30 months
1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10:00 - 10:45 am
Just like our weekday program Read, Rhyme & Romp, but offered on alternate Saturdays for working parents and their toddlers.

The Two of Us... a parent and child program for ages 2½ - 3½ years.
Thursdays, 10:00 - 10:45 am OR Fridays, 11:00 - 11:45 am
A weekly parent and child program that introduces children to group story programs with 45 minute sessions that include listening to books, music, movement, finger plays and more all designed to develop early literacy and language skills.

Playspace... play group fun for toddlers & a parent
Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Helping young children learn to share and play together is a challenge! Bring a toy and your little one for an hour of group playtime for the children and parent time for you! Children will play together in our community room while parents enjoy a little time chatting with other adults. Parents must stay with children in the community room. Playgroup is open to children ages 18 months & up. Younger children are welcome, but must be directly supervised by a parent.

Free Development Check Ups for Your Young Child
Thursday, 1/17 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
The Pawling Library continues to partner with Astor Head Start & United Way to provide free development check ups for children ages 2 months - 5 years. Interested caregivers can call 2-1-1 or 1-800-899-1479 for an appointment. All appointments will take place in the library Annex building.

PRE-SCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAMS

Just for Me... a program for 3 - 4 year olds.
Thursdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm OR Fridays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Our first independent program includes listening to books, games, music, rhythm, movement, and flannel board activities. Sessions are designed to encourage language, thinking skills, imagination and early literacy skills in a fun, natural setting. Parents are welcome to stay with their child if needed.

Just for Me Weekend edition... a program for 3—4 year olds.
1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 11:00 - 11:45 am
Can't make our weekday program? Try our Saturday edition created with our busy families in mind!

Reading & Rhythm... a program for 4 - 5 year olds
Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm OR Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Children will participate in sessions that include listening to books, music, movement story re-telling, games and thinking activities designed to make early literacy skills fun and engaging.

Leapin’ Letters... an early literacy program for children ages 4 & 5 year olds
Tuesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Immerse your child in early literacy skills in our special literacy program that focuses on those important pre-reading skills. We'll play with sounds, rhyming and syllables in a fun and natural atmosphere.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Exciting Writing!... making non-fiction writing easier & more exciting for grades 4–5!
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
The Core Curriculum has students doing more non-fiction writing than ever before and we’ve got just the class for your writer’s block. Come and learn to identify the important facts, think about their impact and incorporate them into your writing. We’ll start out reading the same information text so we can discuss, debate, advertise & write!

Books, Blocks & Brains... listen, think, build for grades 3 - 5.
1st Thursday of the month, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Ms. Karen will begin with a central theme and then put your thinking skills to the test to create many different kinds of structures to test strength, stability and speed. Design, test and redesign will help students refine their creations.
Books & Blocks... listen & build for grades K - 2.
2nd Thursday of the month, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Come listen to a story and imagine what the building possibilities are! Then put your imagination in high gear and get ready to create many different kinds of structures. Weekly challenges will guide students to think about their construction and build within a specified criterion. (Meets: 1/8, 2/12 & 3/12)

Book Bites... a recipe program for students in grades 3 - 5.
3rd Thursday of the month, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
A special after-school program that combines recipes and reading to add up to a fun afternoon program for students. Children will read and follow recipes, while learning about specific cooking tools & techniques, to make a very tasty snack. (Meets 1/22 & 2/19) Program fee: $2.00

Super Snacktivities... a simple snack club for students in K - 2.
4th Thursday of the month, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
A “cooking” program that combines great books with simple directions for making great after school snacks. We’ll start with a story and then follow simple rebus or illustrated recipes to make fun edible art. (Meets 1/22 & 2/26) Program fee: $2.00

Magic Tree House Club... for students in grade 1 & up.
1st Saturday of the month, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Join us as we continue to read Jack and Annie adventures together! Read the book at home and then come for interactive story discussion and fun activities. This season we’ll read Winter of the Ice Wizard, Night of the Ninjas and Moonlight on the Magic Flute.

Reading Connections... reading support for K - 3 reader
3rd Saturday of the month, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

READING PRACTICE PROGRAMS

1st, 3rd & 4th Fridays, 3:45 - 4:45 pm
Now struggling and reluctant readers can get extra encouragement to support their reading needs. Sign your child up for 15 minutes of individualized quality reading time with Ms. Karen. Follow it up with 15 minutes of reading time with one of our trained therapy dogs and your child will get 30 minutes of reading practice that could make all the difference.

Wrigley’s Readers... relaxed reading with our first therapy dog.

1st, 3rd, & 4th Fridays of the month, 3:45 - 4:45 pm
Sign up to read to Wrigley, the first four-legged member of our literacy team! Wrigley is a boxer and a trained therapy dog who loves to have children read to him. He and his owner Ms. Caroline will be here on Fridays to work with children in 15 minute sessions. He’s one of the best listener in Dutchess County! Registration for each 15 minute session is required.

Team Hogan... relaxed reading with our evening therapy dog.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Sign up to read to Hogan, our evening literacy canine. Hogan is a chocolate lab and a trained therapy dog who loves to have children read to him. He and his owner Ms. Vicki will be here on Tuesday evenings to work with children in 15 minute sessions. Hogan loves to sit with you and listen to you read! Registration for each 15 minute session is required. (No Session 1/22)

Achilles Readers... relaxed reading with our weekend therapy dog.
3rd Saturday of the month, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Weekdays can get busy, so Achilles and trainer Ms. Carisa will make time on Saturdays to come and listen to you read. Achilles is a golden retriever and a trained therapy dog who is happy to meet children and listen to them read. Registration for each 15 minute session is required. (No Session 3/16)

Family Movie Night... for families with children ages 5 & up.
Friday, January 11th, 7:00 pm
Put on the pj’s, pack a snack and join Ms. Karen to watch Madagascar 3 in our community room.

January Jewels... half day fun for students in grade 3 & up.
Friday, January 25th, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Join Ms. Karen & Melissa to make your very own bracelet and matching earrings or two bracelets. We’ll have lots of beautiful beads to choose from so you can create a very personal look! Program fee: $6.00.

Fifth Tuesday Fun - It’s My Bag!... a fun tote in your very own design for grades 3 & up!
Tuesday, January 29th, 4:00-5:30 pm
Join Ms. Karen to create your own one-of-a-kind tote bag. You’ll start with a basic bag and add pizzazz... color, fabric yo-yo’s, buttons and more to make your own unique bag. Program is limited to 12 participants. Program fee: $3.00.
Chinese New Year Celebration... fun for the whole family.
Friday, February 8th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

It’s the Year of the Snake and our very own Madeleine Clemmons and her sisters Elisabeth & Julia will join Ms. Karen to create an evening of fun and learning. We’ll listen to a Chinese folk tale, learn about the Chinese Zodiac, hear the beautiful music of the GuZeng and make an origami snake.

Fairy Fun... an enchanting afternoon for grade 3 & up.
Friday, March 8th, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Thanks to Cecelia Hernandez, the fairies are arriving for an early spring! Come dressed as a fairy and join Ms. Karen, the library’s fairy princess as we enjoy a fairy story and make princess crowns of our very own.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Resident registration will take place on Sunday, December 16th at the following times:

4:30 pm Preschool Literacy & Early Literacy Family Programs
5:30 pm All School age programs, after-school reading practice & Book Clubs

Non-resident registration opens on Friday, 12/21 at 10:00 am

Registration is for Children’s Programs only! All programs will take place between Thursday, January 3rd and Saturday, March 16th. Please see our calendar at www.pawlinglibrary.org for specific program dates and times and to send email reminders for programs to your computer every week!

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- Monthly Program listings
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