



“The Pawling Free Library is not simply a static structure sitting within the village of Pawling, but a conduit to the heart and pulse of the community at large. More importantly, it provides the bridge between our collective past and futures – a connection to our history and provides preparation for an uncertain future.”

*-Margaret and Mark Yates*



## Annual Report to the Community

In October, the Pawling Library won an award from the Mid-Hudson Library System for outstanding work in Civic Engagement Activities. We are proud to receive this recognition, and even prouder to belong to a community that is so engaged with us!

Because we have such a wide range of people in our community, we try to form partnerships and offer opportunities that reflect that diversity. English language learners might be interested the **ESOL classes** we offer in partnership with Dutchess Community College (and in our expanded collection of **Spanish language books**). Families may want to take advantage of our vast array of **children’s and family programs**. Teens have a full-slate of their own programs, including **Project Do Something**, which provides an opportunity for young adults to give back to their community. (One of the teens who helped start the project even won a scholarship in recognition of her outstanding work!) Adults on the job market may want to sign up for a **Job Ready** session, offered in partnership with Dutchess OneStop. Seniors can attend some of our many programs offered in partnership with the Dutchess County Council for the Aging, or just kick back and enjoy a good movie as part of our **Monday Matinee** series. Even if they can’t visit the library in person, they can download **digital books** or have physical items brought to them as part of our **homebound delivery service**. Whatever your interests are, the Pawling Library wants to help connect you with resources that can help you grow and flourish. Together we made great strides in 2016, and we want to hear from you on what we should be doing in 2017.

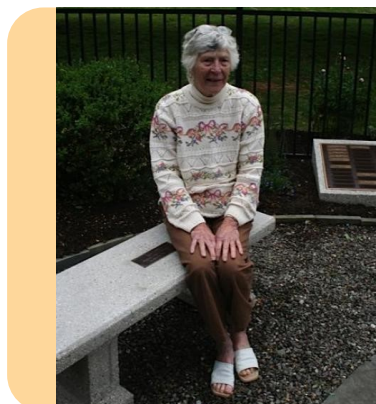
With the help of Library architecture firm Holmes, King, Kallquist & Associates, the Library continues to work on a plan to expand its main building. The expanded building would vastly improve access to the Library and its resources with more multifunctional meeting spaces, a dedicated children’s space, an area just for teens, as well as a larger community room. The renovated Library would continue to provide space for people of all ages who come to the Library to work, read, learn and pursue personal growth.

Thank you for the support you provide that allows us to continue to grow as a library and as a community. We are looking forward to this summer’s events and to the opportunity to continue to serve the community of Pawling.

Sincerely,

Brian Avery, Library Director

Stephanie McLaughlin, Board President



### In Memoriam: Our Friend Nada Davis

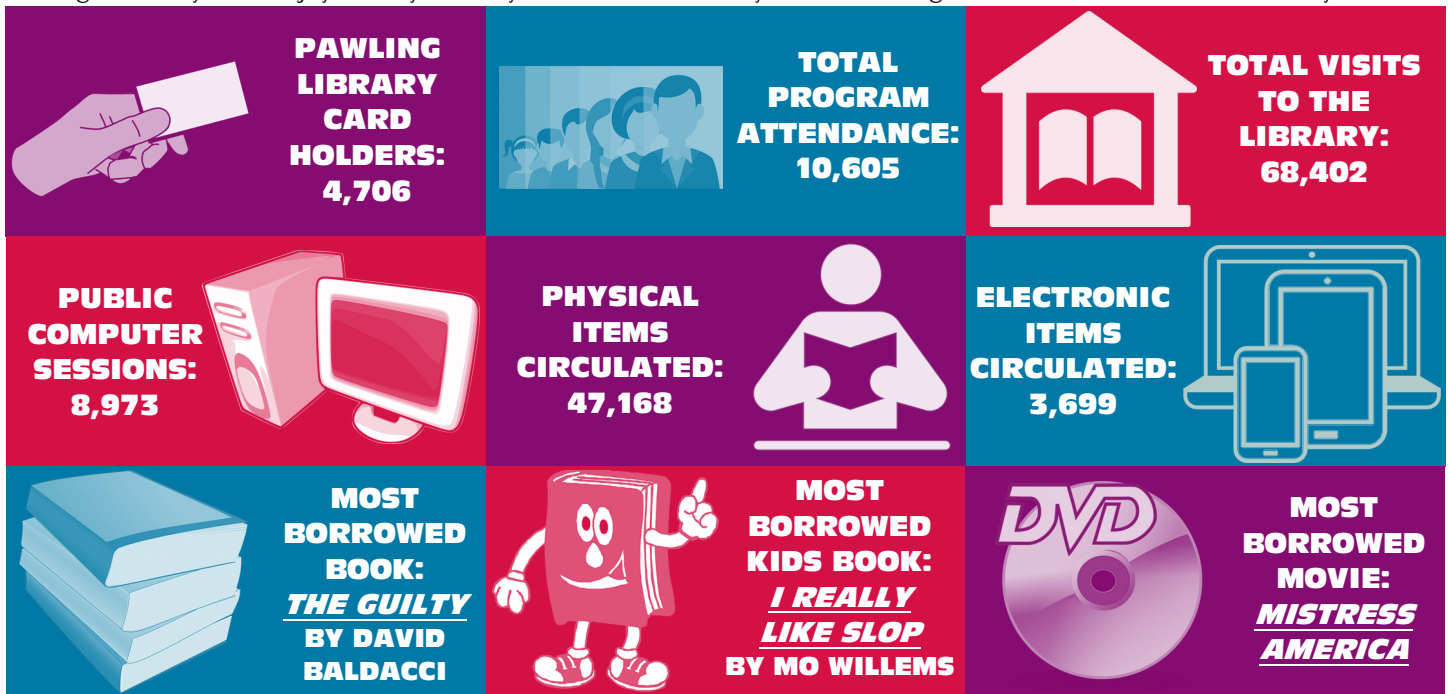
Nada was an inspiration to all who knew her, and her volunteerism within the community, and most particularly, here at the Library, was unparalleled. Always concerned with preserving Pawling history, Nada’s dearest challenge was archiving community papers and articles that would tell the Pawling story to generations. Her energy and kindness will be sorely missed.

# By the Numbers

Modern community libraries are much more than just book depositories. Of course, our library certainly has its share of materials in print (over 24,000 cataloged books) and well over 15,000 electronic materials for use by our patrons. However, the numbers that we are most proud to share are the ones that show how our library has become a center of community life. Last year we had more than 68,000 visits and almost 4,700 community members with library cards. Is it any wonder that the Pawling Library has become a place for community enrichment, learning and growth?

Moreover, last year our library offered a record lineup of programs and events that engaged our community members with hours of compelling information and instruction. For example, did you know that the Pawling Library offered 1,066 individual program sessions last year, with 10,605 total attendees taking advantage of these learning opportunities? Or that over 6,800 of those attendees were children who were able to take part in our early literacy and math programs? Or that 1,578 teens and young adults participated in programming that was specifically designed for them? Or that 2,163 adults attended a series of courses that resonated with their interests and needs?

We could go on and on, listing all the numbers that show how much the Pawling community loves its library, but it may be easier if you just check out the graphics below...and if you haven't already taken advantage of all that the Pawling Library has to offer, we hope you will consider joining your friends and neighbors by coming in to talk with our friendly staff. You can borrow a book, sign up for e-reader services, or participate in our very special programming. We look forward to counting you among the many who enjoy the myriad ways in which our library serves Pawling's community life.



## Pawling Library Usage Statistics for 2016

### What's Your Library Worth?

Calculate for yourself at [www.pawlingfreelibrary.org/value](http://www.pawlingfreelibrary.org/value)



# It Takes a Village to Operate a Library



What makes the Pawling Library such a special place? It's not just the books, or even the people who work there! What makes the library special is the way the whole community engages with one another through the library in order to provide access to information to everyone. Obviously, this wouldn't be possible without the public computers, the dedicated staff, and of course all those books. Still, what really keeps the library operating is the relationship the library has with the Pawling community.

The library's children's department has made early literacy its highest priority. This has involved visiting the preschools at Christ Church, Sunshine School and Astor Family Services in order to have regular story times. This has also involved making sure there are programs held at the library that promote literacy skills to

kids who do not attend a preschool. Whether it is at our facilities or off-site, we want to provide every opportunity we can to ensure that every child and parent in Pawling has the skills and the practice necessary to prepare for reading.

Project Do Something is a popular program organized by two of the library's teenaged patrons, Angela Hill and Ryan Walsh. Teens meet at the library to complete a small project that benefits the community each week. A few examples of projects completed in 2016 are making toys for animals in shelters with the Dutchess County SPCA, making birthday cards for residents of the children's shelter with Hudson River Housing, and making inspirational cards for residents at the Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing. The teens receive community service hours for their participation, and Angela even won a college scholarship in recognition of her service to the community.



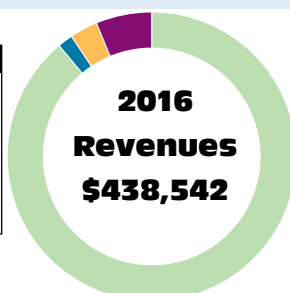
Our adult programs include ongoing series like Monday Matinees and our afternoon and evening hatha yoga workshops, led by Maria Polhemus. These represent two of our long running most popular programs. Additionally, the library staff pays regular visits to the Pawling Senior Friendship Center and the Grand Rehabilitation Center, in order to make sure we are forging connections with individuals who may not be able to make regular visits to the library building.

We've also had the pleasure of having presentations from numerous gifted people, many of whom live in Pawling and or have businesses in our community. Composer, writer, singer and actress Marian Grudko has performed for us at our annex, and at library programs presented at the John Kane House and Front Street Gallery in Patterson. Also at our annex, artist Jeanette Rodriguez has taught her beautiful jewelry making classes and Jackie Muller of Dynamic Intervention Wellness Solutions has assisted people through her healing workshops. Dr. Chad Seewagen, professional wildlife biologist and the executive director of the Great Hollow Nature Preserve & Ecological Research Center in New Fairfield, CT was our guest for a special presentation on bird migration. All of these presenters, just to name a few, have provided outstanding programming and aided, inspired and entertained.

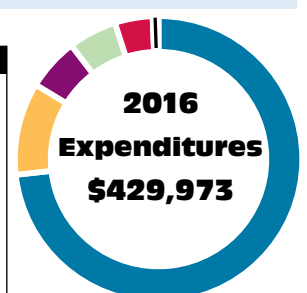


## 2016 Revenue and Expenditures

Revenues	
● Tax Appropriations	\$390,000
● Grants & Other Aid	\$7,454
● Library Charges/Other	\$13,674
● Donations & Fundraising Net	\$27,414



Expenditures	
● Human Resources	\$314,938
● Collections & Programs	\$44,979
● Utilities & Maintenance	\$25,446
● Insurance & Professional Fees	\$23,515
● Administration	\$18,253
● Debt Service	\$2,842



## PAWLING READING RALLY VS. *The Summer Slide* 2ND ANNUAL

This summer the Pawling Library will be working hard to keep children reading. Why? Because research shows that students who do not read over the summer demonstrate significant academic loss in the fall. It's called the "summer slide." Even more distressing is the fact that summer reading loss is cumulative. By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, children who do not read over the summer are up to two years behind other children. So now that you know these important facts, what can parents do?

**Make reading a priority in your home this summer.** Here at the Pawling Library, we're trying to build excitement about summer reading in the whole community. Summer after summer our children have logged thousands of books. So we're challenging the adults and teens in our community to "get with the program." **Starting June 26<sup>th</sup> at noon...**the race is on! In the **Pawling Reading Rally**, the **Red Hot Kid Readers** bet we can out-read the **Teen Green Dragons** and the **"Title" Wave Adult Readers** this summer, and we're going to prove it. So kids, read like never before and we'll not only maintain our Summer Reading Champion Status, but we'll beat the summer slide AND earn make-your-own ice cream sundaes on **Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm.**

So parents, here's what you CAN do:



- Get out a book and read!
- Create some no TV or electronic game times each day.
- Visit the library regularly this summer for new books.
- Talk about the books you are reading.
- Model reading...send the message to your child that reading is important.
- Join the Pawling Reading Rally...you can even log your books at home for a mini-competition!
- Keep track of the weekly Reading Rally tally and cheer your readers on!



Last year the **Red Hot Kid Readers** won a decisive victory by logging the most reading hours. Can they repeat their success this year? Will the **Teen Green Dragons** or the **"Title" Wave Adult Readers** step up their game?

### Children's Program Registration

Our lottery registration for all children's summer programs will be open

**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am through Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**

So pick up a lottery registration form at our circulation desk or print one out at home. Don't miss this opportunity to keep your child reading this summer and loving every minute of it. All free and waiting for you at the Pawling Library!



### Summer Reading Logs For Students 3 Years to Entering Grade 5

#### **Red Hot Readers Rock!**

Our summer reading log will excite your readers to become all-star readers this summer! Just like in past summers, they'll be reading to earn Red Hot Reader Points to spend in our September Store, but they'll also be earning game credits to grow their athletes into super champions! There are challenges to help your child explore new ways to practice reading, too. Find out more about this engaging summer reading program at [www.pawlinglibrary.org/readingrally](http://www.pawlinglibrary.org/readingrally).



# Children's Summer Programming



This summer the children of Pawling are going to reach for the stars. We have a full slate of exciting programs to help children and their families practice their literacy skills, learn about science, and have fun building a better world.

Join us on **Sunday, August 20** for our End of Summer Carnival! Our teen volunteers have worked hard to prepare games test your skills, challenge your brain, and most of all have fun. Don't miss out on this afternoon of fun for everyone!

The next day will be a solar eclipse! Come back on Monday for our solar eclipse picnic and viewing party.

## Early Literacy Programs For Children Birth to 30 Months & Caregiver

**Baby Builders:** Early literacy for ages birth-18 months and a caregiver. *Tuesdays, 10:00-10:40am*

**Toddlers in Training:** Early literacy for ages 18-30 months and a caregiver. *Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45am*

**Mini Masons:** Early literacy for toddlers, ages 2.5 to 3.5 and a caregiver  
*Session I: Fridays, 10:00-10:45am*  
*Session II: Mondays, 1:15-2pm*

**Rookie Readers (Preschool):** Build early literacy and school readiness skills in this engaged reading program. *Tuesdays*  
*Session I: 5:00-5:30pm*  
*Session II: 5:30-6:00pm*



## School Age Workshops For Students Entering Grades K - 5

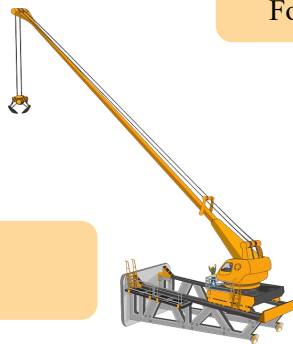
**Community Art Construction:** Fun, creative sessions focusing on different weekly projects.  
Grades K-2: *Thursdays, 7/7, 7/20, 8/3, 5:00-6:00pm*  
Grades 3-5: *Thursdays, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10 5:00-6:00pm*

**Kids' Movie Nights:** Join in on our featured flick.  
*Fridays, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11 from 6:00-8:00pm*

**Body "Building" Fun Fitness:** Because libraries promote healthy minds *and* bodies. Open to students entering grades 2-5. *Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm*

**Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse!:** The Great American Eclipse is happening at the end of August. Join in on learning more about this rare phenomenon and other fantastic space objects and events. Grades K-5.

*Session I: Thursdays, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 1:30-2:30pm*  
*Session II: Thursdays, 7/20, 8/3, 8/10, 1:30-2:30pm*



## Core Literacy Programs For Children 3 Years to Entering Grade 5

**Foundation Builders:** Core literacy for 3-5 year olds. *Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30*

**Head Contractors:** Core Literacy for students entering grades K-2. *Thursdays, 10:00-12:00*

**Skyscraper Superstars:** Core Literacy for students entering grades 3-5. *Mondays, 10:00-12:00*

## Family Workshops For Families with Children Ages 4 - 8 years

**Family Fun Team:** Join in and help us prepare for the children and families' contribution to our annual summer carnival! *Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30*

**Eclipse Picnic Viewing:** Join us for our Solar Eclipse picnic, family fun and observation of the Solar Eclipse. *Monday, 8/21, 1-4pm*

## Reading Practice For Students of All Abilities

**Book Buddies:** One on one reading practice for new, reluctant, or struggling readers. Grades 1-3. *Wednesdays*

*Session I: 4:30-5:15pm*  
*Session II: 5:15-6:00pm*

**Rookie Readers (Grades 3-5):** Read-aloud practice for proficient readers, paired with preschool listeners. *Tuesdays*

*Session I: 5:00-5:30pm*  
*Session II: 5:30-6:00pm*



**BUILD A  
BETTER WORLD™**



Join the Teen Green Dragons team and scorch the competition! Team up to read more than the adult and children's teams in this year's summer reading challenge! Get signed up and start logging your reading hours beginning on June 26th.

There are plenty of fun activities, clubs, and classes available to teens at the library this summer! Stop in or call the library to sign up. **For more info, contact Ms. Kate at [teen@pawlinglibrary.org](mailto:teen@pawlinglibrary.org).**

## Community Service and Volunteering

**Project Do Something:** Complete a small but impactful community service project each week while hanging out with your friends. Have fun, gain two hours of community service, and benefit the community! *Mondays, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/14, 6:30-8:30*

**Library Legions:** Gain up to two hours of community service each week by volunteering in the library. Help with circulation tasks like shelving books, finding books, organizing sections of the library, and keeping the library looking its best!

**Teen Carnival Planning Committee:** Help plan our end of summer carnival by designing and building games and activities! *Thursdays, 7/6, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/17, 3:30-4:30*

## Summer Fun

**Minecraft Creative Club:** Meet every other week to build a world using your creative Minecraft skills. *Tuesdays, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 5:30-6:30*

**Minecraft Survival Club:** Meet every other week to build, survive, and fight off danger in Minecraft Survival Mode. *Tuesdays, 7/18, 8/1, 8/15, 5:30-6:30*

**Summer Club:** Play games, make a healthy lunch, then do a fun and educational activity each week. *Wednesdays, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 12:00-2:00*

**Teen Outdoor Takeover:** Get together with friends to do a different activity each week. Play outdoor games in the courtyard, or play board games in the annex if it is raining. *Fridays, 7/7, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/18, 5:00-7:00*

## Classes

**Youth Yoga and Mindfulness with Denise Noble:** Learn a wide variety of yoga poses and activities in a non-competitive and nurturing environment. Thematic ideas such as peace, respect, and acceptance will be introduced. Wear Comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. *Tuesdays, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 4:30-5:15*

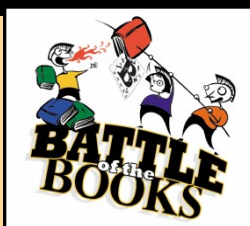
**Community Building Circle with the Mediation Center of Dutchess County:** Learn communication tools, build relationships, and cultivate understanding with your peers at the library. The Community Building Circle provides a space to share, listen and be heard. This program is strongly recommended for all teens who attend library programs. *Friday, 7/21, 5:00-7:00*

**Zine Publishing:** Learn about the history of zines and self-publishing and work together to create a zine with original art and creative writing. By the end of the summer you will have a finished product to bring home and to distribute to the community. This program is supported by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. *Wednesdays, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 3:30-5:30*

**Write your own Choose Your Own Adventure novel:** Learn about Choose Your Own Adventure novels and write your own using WordPress. Use hyperlinked text to direct readers to different sections of the story. Workshop each other's stories to help each other improve. *Thursdays, 7/6, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/17, 5:00-6:00*

**DIY Class:** Each week we will complete a different creative Do It Yourself project. Sign up for every class or choose which projects you want to sign up for. *Fridays, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/11, 8/18, 3:30-4:30*

## Battle of the Books



### Middle School Battle of the Books:

Teens entering grades 6 thru 9 are eligible to join the Middle School team. Team members read a selection of eight books and compete in an epic bracketed trivia battle against teams from other libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. During team meetings we will discuss the books, practice battle, and do fun activities to prepare for the competition.

During the summer we will meet on Mondays from 4:30-5:30. The final battle is on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Dutchess County Community College.

### High School Battle of the Books:

Teens entering grades 9 thru their freshman year of college are eligible to join the High School team. Team members read a selection of five books and compete in a round robin style trivia battle with teams from other Mid-Hudson Libraries.

The Final Battle is August 19<sup>th</sup> at Poughkeepsie Day School.

**More info at [pawlinglibrary.org/battle](http://pawlinglibrary.org/battle)**

After a showing of a film at our Monday Matinee, the audience, comprised mostly of seniors, walked out elated. “That was a good one!” they said, with smiles. A few days later a patron shared with us: “My friends come to the movies,” she said. “They really enjoy themselves. It’s important to them to have a place to go.”

That is our library; a place to go and for much more than just books. The library brings people together; contributing to the community, it engages as well as entertains. This summer we have, in addition to our regular programming, some special presentations.

One in particular comes to us from a talented artist named Chris Siemasko, whose many credits in the motion picture industry include the films *Rio*, *Epic* and *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs*. For his program we’ll be watching a selection of short-run cartoon movies. Each film is a treasure and unique for specific reasons that Chris will explain. Cartoon Block: Animated shorts for the whole family, takes place on *Saturday, August 12th, from 2:00-4:00 pm*. At the Pawling Library there is something for everyone. Please join us.

## Special Workshops and Events

**Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters.** This program provides information about memory loss versus normal aging. *Monday, 6/5, 2:00-3:00pm*

**An Olive Oil and Vinegar Tasting Seminar.** *The Blue Olive* of Pawling will offer a tasting seminar to introduce you to the ease and benefits of working with olive oil to enhance your cooking. *Tuesday, 6/13, 7:00-8:00 pm* (Material fee: \$10.00)

**The Teahouse of an August Moon.** An introduction to Japanese Culture. *Tuesday, 6/20, 7:00-8:00 pm*

**Yin Yoga & Meditation.** A relaxing session of Yin Yoga followed by Meditation. *Wednesday, 6/21 & 8/23, 7:00-8:00 pm* (Program fee: \$4.00)

**Boosting the Immune System.** This program addresses the role of the skin, tongue & gastrointestinal system in protecting us. Presented by Dr. Nancy Iankowitz. *Wednesday, 7/12, 7:00-8:00pm*

**Zentangle.** An easy to learn, fun and relaxing way of creating beautiful images. Material Fee: \$8.00. *Wednesday, 7/19, 7:00-8:00pm*

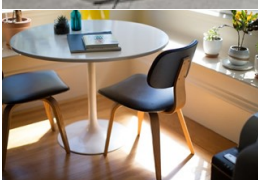
**Color your World.** Learn how color brings our world alive in terms of our health, food, safety, decorating and so much more. *Tuesday, 7/25, 7:00-8:00pm*

**Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research.** Learn how to improve or maintain our overall health. *Wednesday, 7/26, 7:00-8:00pm*

**Successful Aging.** Find out how to live the most rewarding and fulfilling life possible. *Monday, 8/7, 2:00-3:00pm*

**Cartoon Block: Animated shorts for the whole family.** An afternoon of animated entertainment presented by cartoonist Chris Siemasko. *Saturday, 8/12, 2:00-4:00pm*

**Let’s Get Organized.** Helpful tips on managing your clutter and time. *Tuesday, 8/22, 7:00-8:00pm*



## Weekly Programs

**Monday Matinee.** An afternoon movie for an adult audience, popcorn provided. Please observe the film’s rating. *Mondays at 2:00 pm*

**Adult English Class for Beginners.** *Tuesdays: 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Fridays: 11:00 am-2:00 pm*, \$25.00 for 15 weeks of English. Classes run from May – August. Instructor: Danielle Rudi.

**You can Learn ENGLISH! Intermediate Adult English Class.** *Tuesdays: 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Fridays: 11:00 am-2:00 pm*, \$25.00 for 15 weeks of English. Classes run from May – August. Instructor: Karina Cerna.

**Afternoon Hatha Yoga.** *Tuesdays: 1:00-2:00 pm*. (Program fee: \$4.00)

**Evening Hatha Yoga.** *Thursdays: 6:30-7:30 pm*. (Program fee: \$4.00)

## Monthly Programs

**From Memory to Family Memoir,** presented by Robin Lester. Learn to write your family and personal history. *Wednesday, 6/7, 7/5, & 8/2, 6:30-8:00 pm*.

**Tuesday Afternoon Book Club.** Share your thoughts about your favorite novels with friends. *Tuesday, 6/27, 7/25, & 8/22, 4:00-5:00 pm*.

**Job Ready Sessions,** with Rick McKinney of Dutchess OneStop. This free workshop will help you in your job search from writing a resume to improving interviewing skills. *Wednesday, 6/14, 7/12, & 8/9, 2:00-4:30 pm*.

**The Evening Book Club.** Share your passion for reading, & discuss your favorite books. *Wednesday, 6/14, 7/12, & 8/9, 6:30-7:30 pm*.

*To register or for more info on any adult programs, contact Donald, our Adult Programming Coordinator, at [adult@pawlinglibrary.org](mailto:adult@pawlinglibrary.org)*



Come GROW With Us

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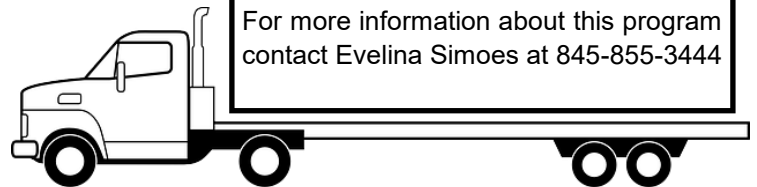


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Sign up for our Monthly eNewsletter!  
[pawlinglibrary.org/newsletter-sign-up](http://pawlinglibrary.org/newsletter-sign-up)

### Homebound Delivery Services

The Pawling Library now offers free delivery of materials to patrons who are physically unable to visit the library, including the elderly, the disabled, and those who are temporarily incapacitated by illness or accident.

For more information about this program contact Evelina Simoes at 845-855-3444



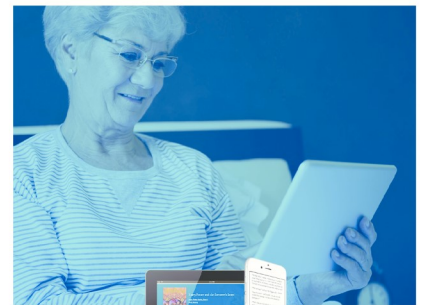
Through the library, you can reserve passes for free admission to the American Museum of Natural History, the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum, or the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum.



### Interested in Volunteering?

The library is always looking for volunteers to help us in our mission of serving the community's needs. If you have ideas of how to help us out or are interested in volunteering on site, please fill out an application at our circulation desk or contact our volunteer coordinator, Evelina Simoes.

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