



"The library is not a luxury. It's a communal necessity for so many reasons in so many seasons of life... Ours, its capable staff and faithful board are gems! We have the staff, the programs, the patrons and the need."

-Carol Compton-Glennon



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Libraries empower people and communities to pursue the activities of human flourishing. We are very proud of the work we do at the Pawling Library, but even more so we are proud of our community and the way its members use the resources available through the library to improve their own lives and the lives of those around them.

It is a joy to watch people enrolled in our English for Speakers of Other Languages classes grow in their confidence speaking to others in English. Likewise, it's always heartening to learn that someone who signed up for resume help through a Job Ready session went out and landed a job. We also have the privilege of seeing children who started coming to library programs in infancy blossom into self-sufficient and enthusiastic readers.

So much of the benefit of the library, though, lies hidden below the surface. We don't always hear from someone who checked out a book that changed his or her life. Plus, with downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, you can use the library without ever directly interacting with the library staff.

Just as each member of the community is growing and changing, so too is the library. We've been purchasing more documentaries, eBooks, and graphic novels, for instance, to reflect the changing interests of library users. Our physical building will be changing this summer when we add additional computers for quiet use and enclose a dedicated teen area of the library. As always, the list of programs and events we offer changes based on what people have responded to in the past and requested for the future. On page 3 of this mailing, you will learn about another change: the launch of our Growing Together campaign to improve our funding starting in 2019.

As our recent community survey revealed, Pawling has a strong appreciation of its library and a lot of great ideas for what we can do together in the future. Thank you for the support you provide that allows us to continue to grow together 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



The Great Pawling Library Book Sale 2018!

Saturday, May 12 - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 13 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 19 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 20 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Pawling Fire Station
25 South St
Pawling, NY 12564**

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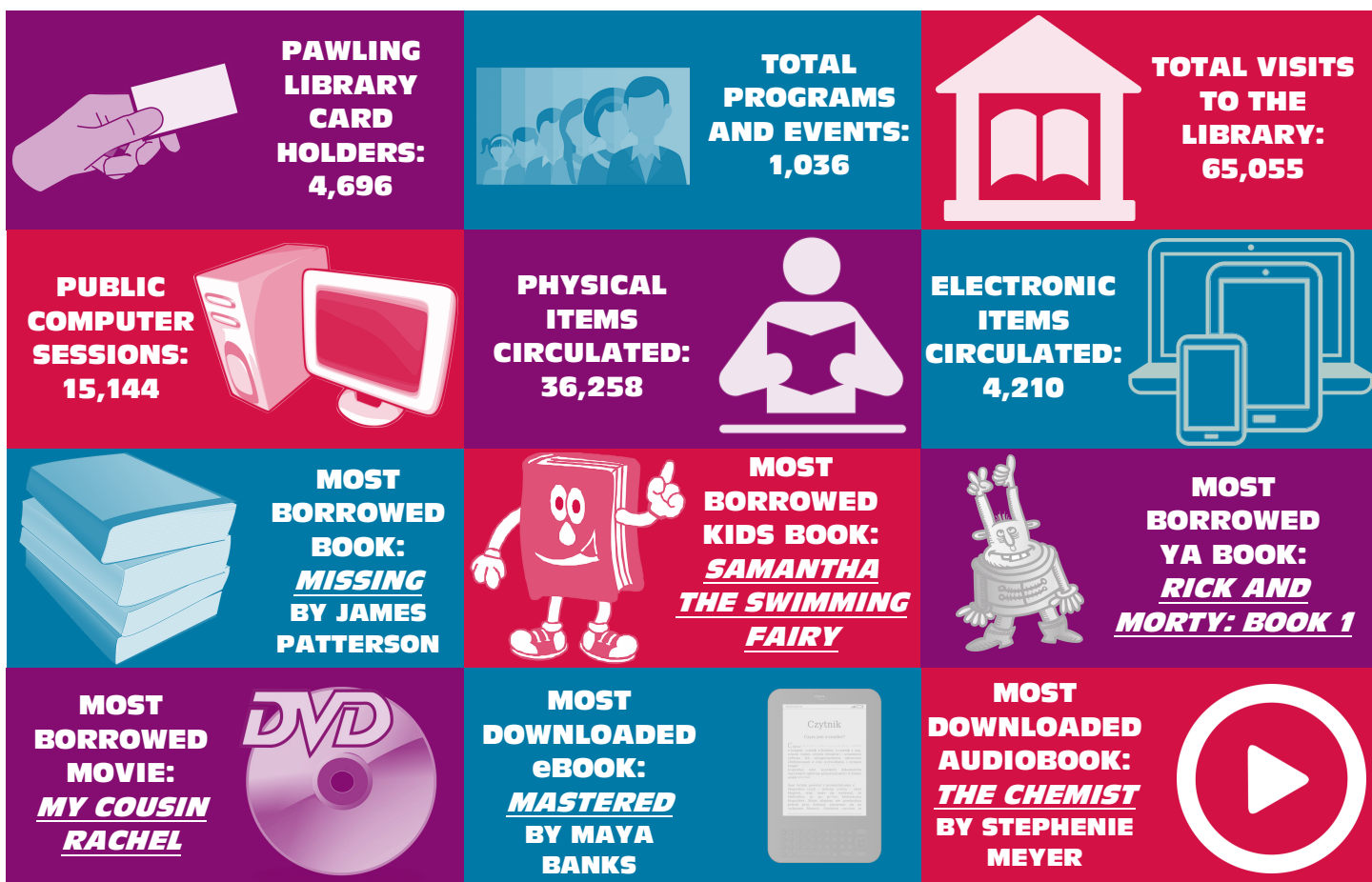
2017 was a very busy year for the Pawling Library. We had over 65,000 visits to our library and over 125,000 visits to our website. Those people weren't all just dropping by to say hello; they were using the library in both traditional and not-so-traditional ways.

In our building we have approximately 24,000 books and 3,000 movies and other circulating materials. Plus, we share items with the 66 libraries of the Mid-Hudson Library System, giving us access to over 3.2 million total items.

Besides print materials, we also offer eBooks and downloadable audiobooks you can access from anywhere using your library card with Overdrive! Given that we also offer homebound delivery of printed materials, we really can say that you don't need to come in person to the library building in order to take advantage of the many resources the library has to offer.

Of course, we do get a lot of visitors to the library- and not just from people looking to check out books. Last year we offered 274 programs for young adults, 363 for adults, and 399 for children. Plus, use of our public internet computers went up by 69% in 2017 alone! From museum passes to online car repair manuals, we do our best to provide a wide range of resources which reflects the diversity of ways our community uses information.

We encourage you to reach out to us about how you would like to use your library, and we look forward to counting you among all those who enjoy the myriad ways in which our library serves Pawling's community life.

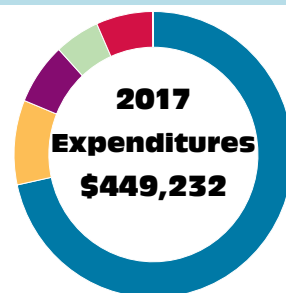


2017 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

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



Expenditures	
Human Resources	\$296,931
Collections & Programs	\$47,386
Utilities & Maintenance	\$28,900
Insurance & Professional Fees	\$21,655
Administration	\$19,497
Debt Service	\$416



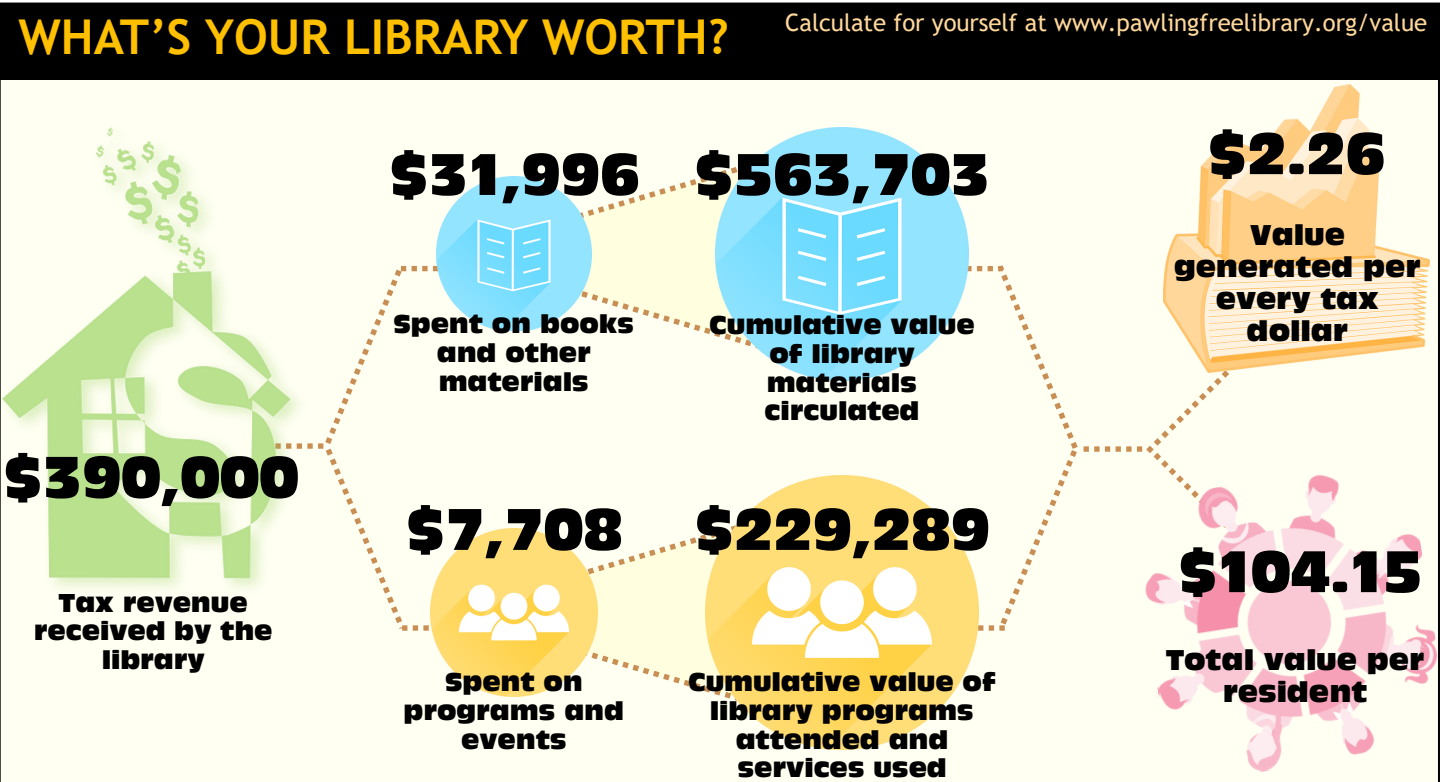
GROWING TOGETHER

Nine years ago, the Pawling Library adopted the slogan “Come Grow With Us”. Over the years, we have been growing in tandem with the community in an effort to better reflect the needs and interests of Pawling residents. This November, the library will be asking the citizens of Pawling for something that hasn't been asked for in nearly a decade. The library is in need of additional dollars to offset our gradual rise in operating expenses and we are hoping that voters will approve a small increase to the municipal budget appropriation under Chapter 414 of New York State education law. The proposed increase of 15% is in line with cumulative inflation rates since 2009. What this means for each household is an additional \$11.44 for each \$100,000 of assessed home valuation. What this means for the library is an ability to meet ever increasing community expectations by providing both physical and digital materials, programs and events, physical space, and computers that reflect Pawling’s current and future needs. The funds will also help us keep pace with the inflationary costs of salaries and healthcare premiums.

A public library improves the value of community life and enhances property values. Libraries provide everyone the opportunity for life-long learning. They support literacy, help people improve job skills, preserve a community's history and provide a wealth of resources and information. The Pawling Library is the very heart of our community, where members of all ages and all backgrounds have come more than 65,000 times this year to learn, share and grow.

Without your approval, the library will be required to adjust services, including reducing the range of programs and events it offers and limiting purchasing of new materials and equipment. This November, we hope that the Pawling community will join the other sixteen of the nineteen towns in Dutchess County that support their libraries through Proposition 414, and approve the funding that will preserve the many services on which we have all come to depend and enjoy.

If you have any questions about the library’s funding or the ballot initiative, check out our frequently asked questions page at <https://www.pawlingfreelibrary.org/growingtogether/ballotcampaign/>



READING ROCKS SUMMER CHALLENGE

When summer arrives, so does the looming threat of decreases in academic achievement. Research shows that students who do not read over the summer demonstrate significant academic loss in the fall. It's called the "summer slide." And contrary to popular belief, the summer slide does not just affect reading ability. The same, if not larger losses are also likely in math and science as well. Even more distressing is the fact that these losses are cumulative. By the end of 6th grade, children who have never read over the summer are up to two years behind other children.

Together, we can prevent the summer slide. Families one and all are welcome to pick up a booklet and join the **Reading Rocks Summer Challenge**. From June 23 through August 17, families are invited to join a new kind of summer reading. Pick up a summer reading booklet and earn weekly prizes designed to fend off the summer slide, including at-home science kits, literacy games, library fine forgiveness certificates, forever books, and more.



Here are some other great ways to beat the summer slide:

- Model reading! Show your child that you enjoy and value reading, so they should too.
- Do Mad-Libs together
- Create some no TV or electronic game times each day.
- Visit the library regularly this summer for new books.
- Talk about what you read with your child(ren)
- Read on the go –ask your child to read your shopping list or look for letters on signs in the car to keep their brains churning at all times.

Children's Program Registration

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

Tuesday, June 26th through Monday, July 2nd

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!



Reader Zone

On the go this summer? Track your time spent reading using the free Reader Zone app for your Android, Apple, or Kindle device.

Reading Practice

For Young Students of All Abilities

Book Buddies: One-on-one reading practice for new, reluctant & struggling readers entering grades 1-3.

Tuesdays

Session I: 4:00-4:30 pm

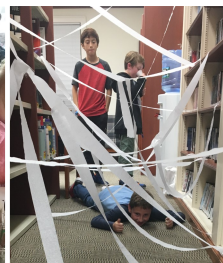
Session II: 4:45-5:15 pm

Rookie Readers: Build early literacy and school readiness skills in this engaged reading program for preschool-age children.

Tuesdays

Session I: 2:00-2:30 pm

Session II: 2:45-3:15 pm



CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMMING

This summer at the library is going to rock! We have a full slate of exciting programs to help children and their families practice their literacy skills, learn about science, sing songs, and have fun.

Join us on **Saturday, August 25th** for our **Summer's End Rockstar Bash!** Celebrate the end of our summer reading program and summer programming session with an event thrown by our teen volunteers! Activities will include rockstar hair chalking, temporary tattoos, prize raffle, and plenty of games! (Kids of all ages and an adult) *Sat 8/25, 1:00-3:00 pm*

Early Literacy Programs

Bounce, count, and discover with our early literacy programs. The first steps to reading are taken here.

Baby Bounce and Groove: Early literacy for ages birth-18 months and a caregiver. *Tue, 10:00-10:45 am*

Weekend Baby Bounce and Groove: Early literacy for ages birth-30 months and a caregiver. *Sat 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 10:00-10:45 am*

Toddlers in Training: Early literacy for ages 18-30 months and a caregiver. *Fri, 10:00-10:45 am*

Twoodalo Twos: Early literacy for toddlers, ages 2.5 to 3.5 and a caregiver *Fri, 11:00-11:45 am*

Weekend Twoodalo Twos: Early literacy for toddlers, ages 2.5 to 3.5 and a caregiver *Sat 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 11:00-11:45 am*

Rookie Readers: Build early literacy and school readiness skills in this engaged reading program. (Preschool)

Tuesdays

Session I: 2:00-2:30pm

Session II: 2:45-3:15pm



Core Literacy Programs

Our Core Literacy Programs are designed to promote reading and a love for learning. Each week, students will have the chance to take part in stories, games, and art projects based on our summer theme "Libraries Rock!" Each session includes time for a quick snack break, so families should send a small snack each week.

Rockstar Readers: Core literacy program for 3-5 year olds. *Mon, 10:00-11:30 am*

Superstar Readers: Core Literacy program for students entering grades K-2. *Thu, 10:00 am-12:00 pm*

Celebrity Readers: Core Literacy program for students entering grades 3-5. *Wed, 10:00 am -12:00 pm*

Book Buddies: One-on-one reading practice for new, reluctant & struggling readers entering grades 1-3.

Tuesdays

Session I: 4:00-4:30pm

Session II: 4:45-5:15pm



Family Fun

Lydia Adams Davis featuring Pawling's Children, A Live Literacy Concert: A live summer concert with puppets, guitars, and catchy kids' tunes. Lydia will be joined by children from her songwriting workshop. (Kids of all ages and an adult): *Wed 7/25, 6:00-7:15 pm*

Peppa Pig Party: During this special story hour, we'll read a story, sing themed songs, play games and do a craft—all inspired by Peppa and family. (Kids 3-6 years and an adult): *Sat 8/18, 5:30-6:40 pm*

Family Movie Night: Come on down to the Family Picture Show! Have a fun filled evening as we watch a flick and eat some popcorn.

LEGO Ninjago *Fri 7/13, 6:30-8:30 pm*

Coco *Fri 7/27, 6:30-8:30 pm*

STEAM Workshops

Duct Tape Makerspace: Duct tape fixes everything, and it can make anything, too! Come and learn to make dazzling duct tape creations

Grades K-1: *Thu 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 2:00-3:00 pm*

Grades 2-4: *Thu 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 2:00-3:00 pm*

Summer STEAM Challenge Club: Come get messy and make mistakes (and fix them!), as we explore the world of STEAM. We'll build, create, and problem solve in this interactive club.

Grades K-1: *Wed 7/18, 8/1, 8/15, 1:30-2:30 pm*

Grades 2-4: *Wed 7/11 7/25, 8/8, 1:30-2:30 pm*

We Like to Move It: In this silly, fun program, children will read a story and play literacy or story inspired games outside in our courtyard. (Ages 4-6): *Thu, 2:00-3:00 pm*

Escape the Room: Oh no! A mad researcher has locked us in the library! Put on your detective hat and work with friends to find clues and "escape" the library. (Grades 2-4): *Fri 7/20, 6:00-7:00 pm*

Gemstone Slime: Make and Take: Our "rocking" summer wouldn't be complete without actual rocks! We'll make slime filled to the brim with gems, and see how many we can identify. (Ages 4-8): *Sat 8/4, 2:00-3:00pm*

Songwriting Workshop with singer Lydia Adams Davis: Local artist Lydia Adams Davis will be teaching songwriting to children (Grades K-4): *Wed 7/25, 3:30-4:40 pm*
Live performance with children and Davis to follow shortly: *Wed 7/25, 6:00-7:15 pm*

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMMING

pawlinglibrary.org/teenprograms



Last summer Pawling's teens logged more hours reading than the kids or the adults. Since there is no one else who can compete with you, this summer you'll just have to break your own personal records. You can sign up in advance for the summer challenge at the library to start logging your reading hours. The challenge will run from June 23rd through August 17th.

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, please contact Ms. Kate at teen@pawlinglibrary.org.**

Community Service Programs

Project Do Something: *Mon 6:30-8:30 pm*

Project Do Something is a community service organization that meets on Monday nights during the summer to work on small but impact-full projects to better our community.

Teen Party Planning Committee: *Fri 3:00-4:00 pm*

Meet weekly to help plan the end of summer party by creating your own activity or carnival game for the children who attend. Members should be able to come to the carnival to run their activity.

Library Legions

Library Legions is a community service program in which teens ages 12 and up make their own hours (up to two hours per week) and work independently. Legions help library staff with a variety of tasks around the library, including finding books, shelving books, organizing sections of the library, and assisting in various projects.

Weekly Programs

Minecraft Monday: *Mon 4:30-5:30 pm*

Play competitive games in either creative or survival mode. See who can build the coolest structure, compete to gather the most resources, fight monsters, and more!

Gardening Club: *Tue 4:00-5:00 pm*

The Pawling Library is starting a vegetable and herb garden! Gardening Club will meet once a week to plant and tend the garden and learn about gardening and the environment.

Minecraft Code Connection: *Tue 5:30-6:30 pm*

Learn to code in Minecraft! Minecraft Code Connection works with Scratch to allow students to code in a fun and familiar environment.

Paper Art: *Wed 3:30-4:30 pm*

Come and make an art project each week where the main ingredient is paper. Upcycled book pages, construction paper, origami paper... It's all fair game!

Knitting and More: *Fri 1:00-2:00 pm*

Knit, crochet, embroider, or make friendship bracelets. This is a club where you work on your independent project, share ideas, and enjoy good conversation. Bring your own supplies like knitting/crocheting needles and embroidery hoops and fabric.

One-Time Programs

Cupcake Decorating: *Fri 7/13, 5:00-6:00 pm*

Come use different candies and colored frosting to make wacky cupcake creations.

Babysitting Class: *Sat 7/21, 10:00 am-2:00 pm*

In this Introduction to Babysitting Course, participants will learn interviewing tips, communication skills, ages and stages of young babies and toddlers, safety and first aid tips, and feeding and caring for children, including diaper changing.

Escape the Library: *Fri 7/27, 6:30-8:00 pm*

You have been locked in the library! Follow a series of clues to find the code and unlock the door.

Washi Tape Crafts: *Fri 8/3, 5:00-6:00 pm*

Washi tape is the new trend in DIY. It is made of natural fibers and available in a wide variety of colors and patterns, and has many decorative uses.

Table Top Game Night: *Fri 8/10, 5:00-7:00 pm*

Come play card and board games in the library. The library will provide a selection of games, but you are also encouraged to bring any games you might want to play.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Mid-Hudson Battle of the Books encourages a community of engaged middle-school-aged readers in our five-county region by introducing them to great books, authors, and their fellow readers in an atmosphere of friendly competition and good sportsmanship.

Read eight books and answer questions about them in trivia battle against other teams. The summer program culminates with a regional battle on September 8. Our team will meet every Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm for practice.

More info at pawlinglibrary.org/battle

Presentations find their way to us in a variety of ways. Last autumn, a kind gentleman by the name of Ron Steinman, donated many books to our library from his personal collection and during our meeting a conversation ensued. Ron Steinman's career began with NBC News. He'll be with us in June to talk about some of the highlights at NBC which span nearly four decades. He is the author of *The Soldiers' Story* and *A Saigon Journal: Inside Television's First War*.

A patron introduced us to writer Colin Dickey, who'll be telling us ghost stories, documented cases, from his non-fiction book *Ghostland: An American History in Haunted Places*. The audience will have the opportunity to share their own ghost experiences, too. The New York Times Book Review wrote of Colin's book: "A lively assemblage and smart analysis of dozens of haunting stories... absorbing... [and] intellectually intriguing."

We are pleased that these two very talented people from our community are making this contribution to our library. Both presentations will be as interesting as they are entertaining. We look forward to seeing you, our patrons, for these and our many other programs.

Special Workshops and Events

Ghostland: An American History in Haunted Places
Tue 5/15, 7:00-8:00 pm

Lucinda Snowdrop: a musical tale by Marian Grudko
This presentation will take place at Front Street Gallery.
Sat 5/26, 1:30-2:30 pm

Refreshing Summer Recipes
Tue 6/5, 7:00-8:30 pm (Material fee: \$10.00)

A Conversation with Ron Steinman: 35 Years with NBC News
Tue 6/19, 7:00-8:00 pm

Chair Moves: Exercises for all Abilities
Learn and execute chair exercises
Tue 6/26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Matters of the Heart
Discover natural treatments that can reverse the risks of heart disease, including diet and lifestyle choices.
Wed 7/11, 7:00-8:00 pm

Intro to Calligraphy
Tue 7/17, 6:30-8:30 pm

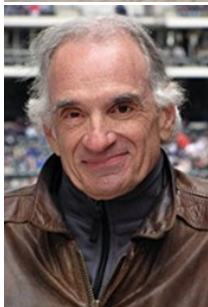
Two Lives in Art
Actor/director Roger Hendricks Simon will discuss Sarah Levine Simon's recent novel *WINGED VICTORY* and their theatre and film work in NYC, L.A., London and internationally.
Tue 7/24, 7:00-8:00 pm

Stress Reduction Seminar with Dr. James Sideris
Tue 7/31, 7:00-8:00 pm

Woodland Sprites: A Sculpting Workshop
Age: 6 & up (Material Fee: \$5.00)
Session I: Sculpting & Friday Fri 8/10, 6:30-8:30 pm
Session II: Painting Fri 8/17, 6:30-8:30 pm

Stop the Bleed
Learn how to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.
Tue 8/14, 7:00-9:00 pm

Update on tick-borne illness
Presented by Dr. Kenneth B. Liegner.
Wed 8/22, 7:00-8:00 pm



Weekly Programs

Monday Matinee An afternoon movie for an adult audience, popcorn provided. Please observe the film's rating. Mon 2:00 pm

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

Evening Hatha Yoga Thu 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. Wed: 6/6 & 8/1, Tue 7/3, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club Share your thoughts about your favorite novels with friends. Tue 5/22, 6/26, 7/24 & 8/28, 4:00-5:00 pm.

Job Ready Sessions, with Ashley Wright of Dutchess One Stop. This free workshop will help you in your job search from writing a resume to improving interviewing skills. Wed 5/9, 6/13, 7/11 & 8/8, 2:00-4:30 pm.

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

Yin Yoga & Meditation A relaxing session of Yin Yoga followed by Meditation. Wed 5/16, 6/20, 7/18 & 8/15, 7:00-8:00 pm. (Program fee: \$4.00)

To register or for more info on any adult programs, contact Donald, our Adult Programming Coordinator, at adult@pawlinglibrary.org or call 845-855-3444



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The Pawling Free Library seeks to serve the greater Pawling community. The library provides high quality materials free of charge, for the purpose of personal enjoyment, self-improvement or academic inquiry. By meeting the community member's personal needs, we encourage enthusiastic readers of all ages. The Pawling Library is a community center, dedicated to enrichment, learning and growth.



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Through the library, you can reserve passes for free admission to the American Museum of Natural History, FDR Library and Museum, Danbury Railway Museum or the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum.



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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 or email her at circ@pawlinglibrary.org.



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