

"I have lived in several states, patronized the library in each state, and have never seen the level of community building and strength the Pawling Library brings to our small town."

-Karin Zindren



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



In the Pawling Library, as with everywhere else, 2021 was an unusual time. As the Covid-19 pandemic evolved, we adjusted our practices and expectations to match the needs of the time. Certain innovations we adopted during the lockdown remained in place, like offering contactless checkout and take-home activity kits. As the public health emergency diminished, we moved cautiously back towards normal by re-introducing limited in-person events and by easing our mask and social distancing requirements.

In spite of the difficulties posed by the pandemic, 2021 was a pivotal year in the history of our library. As we reflected on the first one hundred years of our library's history, we saw an institution which grew and changed in conjunction with the community around it. In 1921, we started with a collection of 400 donated books in a single room which was available to the public one day a week. One hundred years later, we now have our own building and staff, with sizeable collections of both print and digital materials.

In May 2021, we kicked off our Centennial celebration with a jazz concert on the Village Green. The celebration has carried on with events over the course of the past year and will wrap up with a Centennial gala on May 21.

While many of our Centennial events (including the gala) have had a 1920's theme, we have spent the last year looking forward as much as we have looked backwards. We have been raising money to put a new Kid's Corner on the west side of our building, which we expect to build in 2022. Additionally, we will be adding two new ADA-compliant restrooms to the east side of the building.

The restrooms will be principally funded by a federal Community Development Block Grant administered by Dutchess County and jointly sponsored by the Town and Village of Pawling. The County also will contribute \$50,000 to the Kids Corner through a Learn, Play, Create grant. On top of that, we have received additional County grants for children's programming and a technology overhaul. We also received a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to expand our eBook collection. We have already started to buy more eBooks, but you can keep your eyes out later this year for the effects of the other grants, which will include expanded children's events, new public computers, and even enhanced library cards.

The next one hundred years of the Pawling Library starts now. We hope you will join us in planning and thinking about what the future holds. Thank you for your support and for helping us become what we are today and will be in the future.

Sincerely,

Brian Avery, Library Director

Amy Emke, Board President



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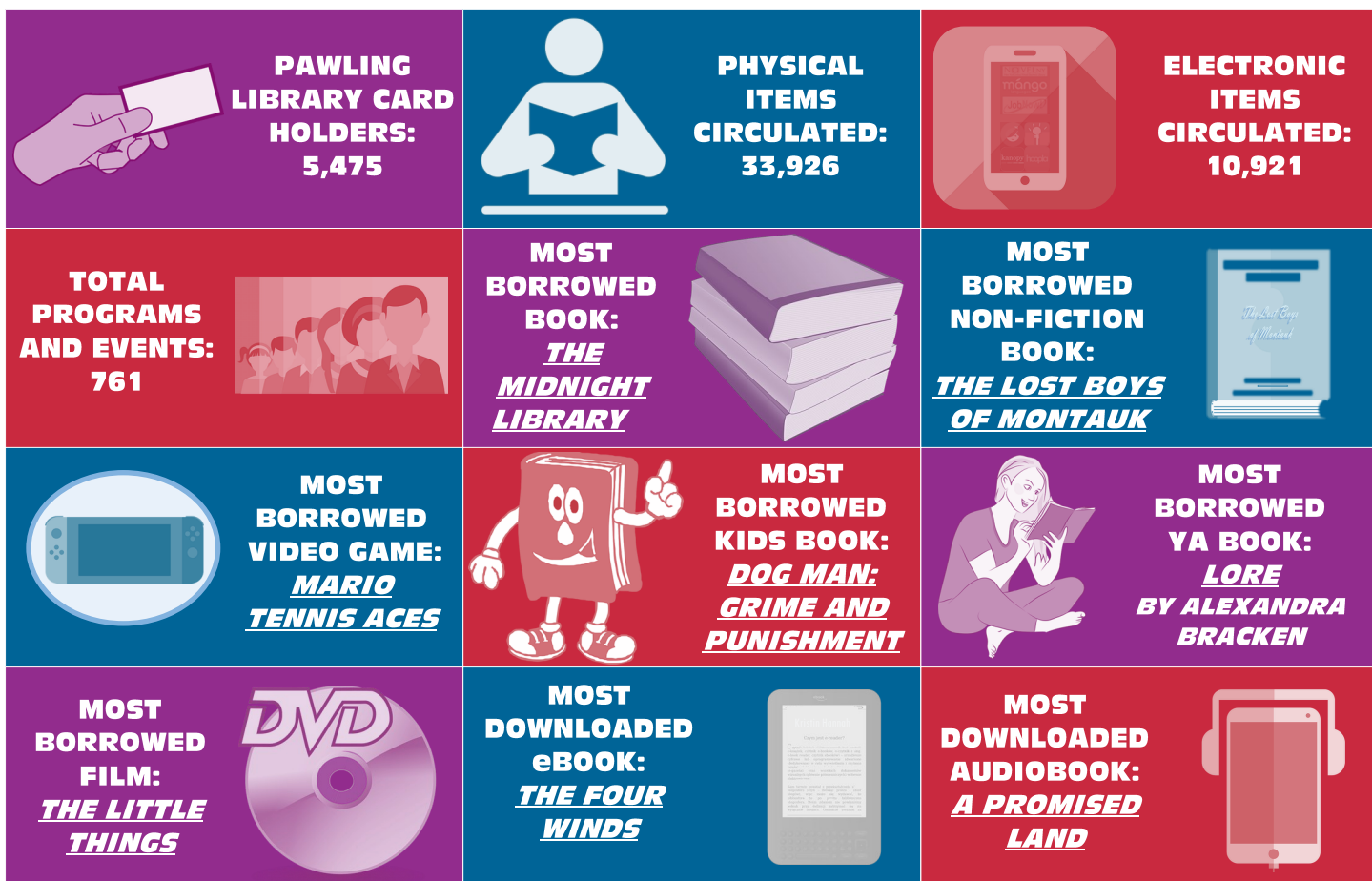
BY THE NUMBERS

As Covid-19 becomes easier to navigate, patrons have returned to the library and our in-person programming, while on-line programs continue to provide enriching and educational opportunities for those who wish to maintain a degree of caution. Almost 2,000 children and nearly 1,100 caregivers participated in early learning and literacy programs in 2021. With 262 adult program offerings, 1,965 adult patrons enjoyed programs that ran the gamut from literary lectures to cooking demonstrations. In fact, when teen and young adult programming participation gets added into the mix, more than 6,000 community members took advantage of innovative programs designed to engage, enlighten, and inspire.

With information about our many services available on the library's website, community members logged on 293,426 times last year, and our WIFI was utilized 14,841 times for internet exploration of every kind. Our electronic offerings, including eBooks, downloadable audiobooks and magazines, and streaming music and movies were accessed more than 10,000 times!

In addition to the many hours of service provided by our staff, more than 140 community members volunteered over 300 hours. They helped with everything from children's programming to re-shelving books to planning our centennial gala.

While the range of things happening at the library is impressive, so too is the number 58,310. That's the total number of physical and digital items available for circulation, including fiction and non-fiction books, DVDs, video games, and movies, that are available for the enjoyment and educational adventures of community members of every age. When you add to that all the items available from other libraries through the Mid-Hudson Library System, you can truly say that our library has something for everyone.

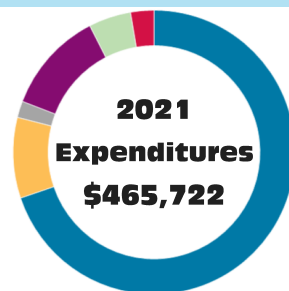


2021 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues	
● Tax Appropriations	\$450,000
● Grants & Other Aid	\$67,349
● Library Charges/Other	\$5,117
● Donations & Fundraising Net	\$30,687



Expenditures	
● Human Resources	\$324,948
● Collections	\$42,784
● Programs	\$8,740
● Utilities & Maintenance	\$54,218
● Insurance & Professional Fees	\$22,581
● Administration	\$12,451



Note: Revenues and expenditures for capital projects are not included in these figures

BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

The Library building is about to look a little different, as two major building projects are in the pipeline.

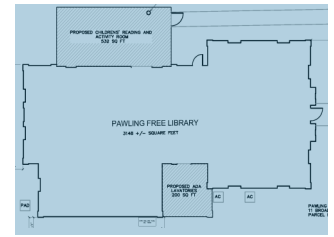
On the East side of the building, we will be adding two new restrooms to replace our existing one. The new restrooms will be larger and ADA-compliant. This will not only accommodate patrons who require wheelchair accessibility, but will also make things easier for families using strollers or seeking changing tables.

Another big benefit of these new restrooms is that there will be an entry area between the library's current space and the doors to the individual restrooms. This will not only provide a much-needed increase in privacy, but it will even give us space to add a water fountain.

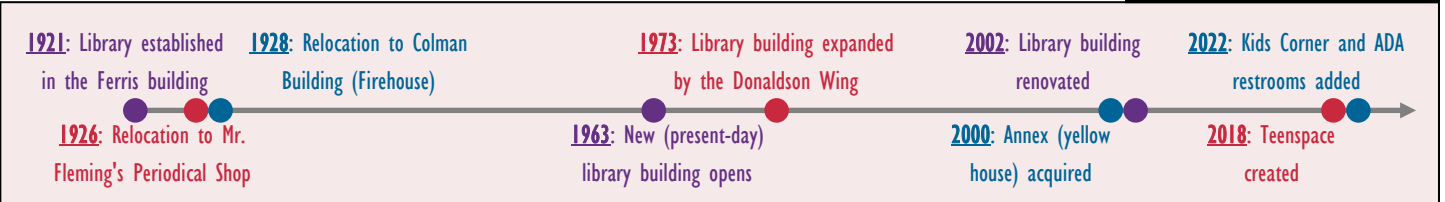
On the West side of the building, we will be building our new Kid's Corner. This will be a new, larger space designed specifically with our youngest patrons in mind. The walls will be lined with our picture book collection, with lots of face-out shelving so that children can select books more easily. In the middle will be space used both for unstructured play and for our existing children's programs. The new space will even introduce some long overdue storage options, so that we can have toys and supplies readily accessible when needed for events.

Reflecting the distinctive features of our community, the Kid's Corner will pick up design elements from the Appalachian Trail. Local artist Ned Reade will add his artistic talents to this space by creating a mural of the Dover Oak. Everything from the lighting to the carpeting has been chosen to create an inviting space for children to play, learn, and grow.

Final architectural drawings are now being prepared and we are aiming to break ground later this year. Once all construction is complete, we will have added more than 700 square feet of much needed space to our building! When all is said and done, we would love to have you come make yourselves at home here, just like Lola the Library Owl is planning to do.

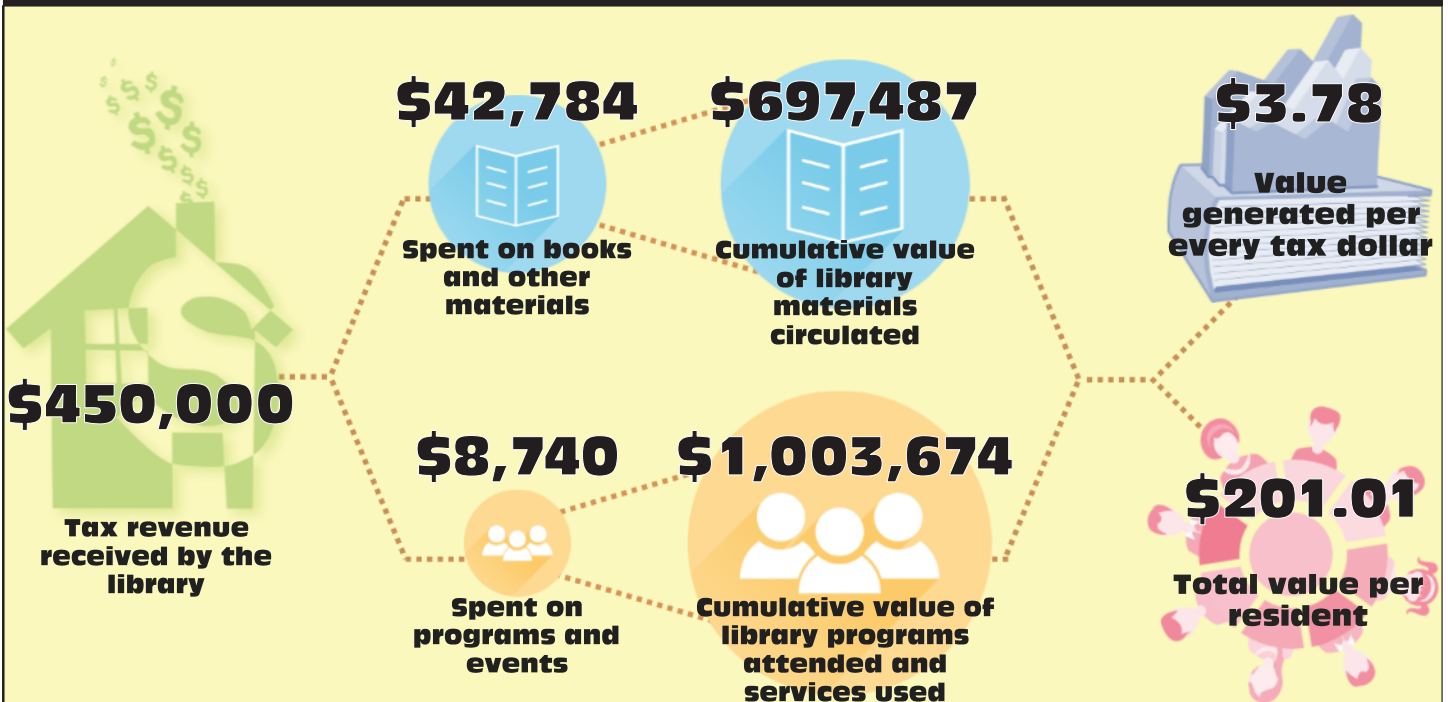


BUILDING HISTORY



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SUMMER READING



There's an ocean of possibilities in the library this summer. Will you join in the fun, spending time logging your reading to help your team achieve victory and earn our community summer reading prize?

The Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Challenge will launch June 20th. You can join us and log your family's reading time on our website or stop by the library for a paper tracking form starting 6/20.



Battle for the crown: It's the kids vs. the teens vs. the grown-ups in a battle for the ocean crown. Will the kids be crowned reading rulers of the library yet again? Or will the grown-ups finally win a Summer Reading Challenge? Readers can show off their hard work, as time spent reading earns rare brag badges, free books, and other prizes.



Reading as service: Use your summer break to help our library grow! If together, we achieve our community goal of 20,000 minutes read, we'll earn our community prizes. This year, we'll receive a Nintendo Switch to use at library programs and an Ice Cream Celebration party!



Participating in the summer reading challenge helps students of all ages fend off the summer slide, the academic backtracking kids often experience due to summer vacation.



LITERACY HEROES

We're partnering with Dutchess County, Pawling Recreation, and others to bring a special series of events to town this summer and fall. Our Literacy Heroes series invites characters and performers that kids love to join us in celebrating reading and learning. Each visiting "hero" will help bring awareness to Every Child Ready to Read's five simple practices for growing strong readers: reading, writing, playing, talking, and singing. Designed for the whole family, these free events are on holidays and weekends and open to anyone in the community. We encourage you to drop in and join the fun! Partially funded by Dutchess County."



Oceans of Possibility with Magic Jim: Learning based magic show for incoming kindergarteners - 8th grade and families. *Mon 6/20 3:30 - 4:15 PM*



Meet Mo Willems' Piggie and Gerald: All ages and a caregiver. *Sat 6/11 10:30 - 11:30 AM* (as part of Pawling Community Weekend)



Meet a Mermaid Storytime: All ages and a caregiver invited to meet and play with our mermaid friends. *Sat 7/16 1:30 - 2:30 PM*



More to Come: The literacy heroes series will continue with additional programs this fall, which we hope to announce by August 2022.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

pawlinglibrary.org/children/programs

Registration for all children's summer programs opens on 6/20 at our Oceans of Possibility Magic Show with Magic Jim! Registration is required for most programming. Programs and events will take place 7/11 - 8/20, followed by an ice cream social end of summer party.

The children's department offers programs for children from birth through age 11. Sending kids to camp and looking for things to do at home? Not yet ready to return to in-person events? Check out our activity kits, designed to bring the learning and fun home to you, with easy-to-use instructions. This schedule is subject to change, should COVID-19 infection rates or building construction require shifts in programming format, location, or time. With questions, contact our Children's Program Coordinator, Neena McBaer, at children@pawlinglibrary.org

In Person Programs

Ages Five and Under

Baby Bounce and Groove: Early literacy for ages birth-18 months and a caregiver. *Tue 9:00-9:30 AM*

Toddlers in Training: Early literacy for ages 18-30 months and a caregiver. *Tue 10:00-10:30 AM*

Twoodalos Twos: Early literacy for toddlers ages 2.5 to 3.5 and a caregiver. *Fri 10:00-11:00 AM*

Slow E-Motions: Music and Movement Storytimes with Two Right Feet: for ages 1-6 years and a caregiver. *Thu 10:30 - 11:15 AM* (Funded in part by Dutchess County and OCFS)

Read and Play: Kindergarten readiness for ages 3-5. *Tue 3:00-4:00 PM*

Tinker Thinker Night: Engineering for ages 2-6 years and a caregiver. *Fri 8/12 5:30 - 6:30 PM*



School Age

Kid's Gaming Club: A relaxed, social place to game together. Grades 2-5. *Alternating Wed (7/20, 8/3, & 8/17) 2:00 - 3:00 PM*

Robotics Lab: With Sphero's indi robots, for incoming kindergarteners - 2nd graders. *Alternating Wed (7/13, 7/27, & 8/10) 2:00 - 3:00 PM*

Dog Tales: Developing, independent readers can practice reading with Harper the lab, our reading dog! *Wed, by 15 minute appointment 4:30 - 5:30 PM*

Make Me an Author!: For incoming kindergarteners - 5th grade. Write, illustrate, and publish your own book with the help of our staff and teen volunteers. *Thu 2:00 - 3:00 PM* (Funded in part by Dutchess County and OCFS)

Library's Got Talent!: Region-wide showcase of youth talent, All ages welcome to attend, performers in grades K+ invited to perform. Held at Patterson Library, *Wed 6/29 6:00 - 8:00 PM*

Escape Room: The Ocean Escape for Grades 1-5. *Fri 7/22 5:30 - 6:30 PM*

Mystery Night: Who Kidnapped Pluto? for Grades 3-5. *Fri 8/5 5:30 - 6:30 PM*



Kit Programs

Ages Five and Under

Ocean Sensory Kit: For ages 2-5 years and a caregiver. *Available for pickup the week of 7/15*

Let's Play Pretend Series: 4 kit series for ages 2 to 5 and a caregiver focused on exploring town with pretend play. *Available for pickup during July and August.*



School Age

All school age kits are designed for youth entering grades K - 5 unless otherwise noted. Developing readers may require assistance from an adult.

Steve Spangler Science Club: Series of 6 kits available for weekly pick up. *7/15 - 8/19*

Make Me an Author (at Home) Kits: Kids can pick up, complete, and return our publication kits to have a book they've written themselves published!

Mason Jar Aquariums Kits: *Available week of 7/15*

A-maze-ing Mazes Kit: Create your own marble maze. *Available week of 7/22*

Puzzle Packs: *Available week of 7/29*

Waxy Tissue Art: *Available week of 8/5*

DIY Puppet theater: Grades K-2. *Available week of 8/12*

Ocean Origami: Grades 3-5. *Available week of 8/12*

Ocean Slime: *Available week of 8/19*



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMMING

pawlinglibrary.org/teenprograms

The library is dedicated to providing our teen patrons with fun, engaging, and educational programming throughout the summer months. In-person programming has returned and registration for weekly and special events will open on 6/20. To register, please visit our online calendar at www.pawlingfreelibrary.org. Community service opportunities are important for this age group and we will offer a few volunteer programs for different interests.

For more information and assistance with registration, please contact Young Adult Program Coordinator Maureen Meltzer-McGrath at teen@pawlinglibrary.org

Weekly Programs

Monday Meet-ups: Start the weeks with a drop-in meet-up to share ideas, write, draw, and just imagine. *Mon 7/11-8/15 11:00 am-12:00 PM*

Gaming Unplugged: Drop in to play a variety board games like Catan, Splendor, Five-Minute Dungeon and more. *Mon 7/11-8/15 3:00-5:00 PM*

Tech Tuesdays: Join us each week to explore a different “tech” experience. Activities will include building an A.I. Vision Kit, Learning 3-D printing, Coding projects and more. Details for each week will be announced. Sign up for all weeks or pick and choose. *Tue 7/12-8/16 3:00-4:30 PM*

Crafternoon Wednesdays: For those who love to craft, do art, and make things. We'll explore a variety of mediums and themes during this weekly program. Details for each week will be announced. Sign up for all weeks or pick and choose. *Wed 7/13-8/17 4:00-5:30*

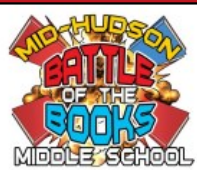
Freestyle Fridays

This is our anything-can-happen day for tweens & teens. We may have special guests or play a game like a live Choose Your Own Adventure or a Trivia Night, learn a new talent such as cartooning, or rediscover an old favorite activity like Legos. *Dates and times will be posted to our calendar.*

Paint & Ice Cream Social: Tracey Falcone of Hudson Valley Creamery will lead this paint and ice cream workshop for tweens & teens entering grades 5 & up. She will show you step-by-step how to paint a design and you'll enjoy an ice cream treat as well. Registration required. *Fri 7/15 4:00-5:00 PM*

Mad Science Presents Black & Blue Oceans: Students devise and test techniques to handle the aftermath of an oil spill and discuss how to clean up and prevent the pollution that plagues our oceans. To be held in the Library Annex. For grades 5 & up. Registration required. *Fri 8/19 4:00-5:00 PM*

Battle of the Books



The Pawling Library has a team for middle school students as part of this Mid-Hudson Library System program. Team members are reading six books and will be meeting weekly and participating in practice battles with other library teams throughout the summer, leading up to the semi-finals

in September. This program provides participants the experience of being on a team and friendly competition. For more information or to join the team, contact Maureen Meltzer-McGrath at teen@pawlinglibrary.org

More info at pawlinglibrary.org/battle

Summer Reading

For teens and tweens entering 5th grade and up: Use the reading program site to track the time you spend reading to help us reach our community goal and a chance to earn a Nintendo Switch for the Library with an Ice Cream Party to celebrate. When you register, you will receive a lanyard to hold reward badges and a free book. You can earn extra points by attending programs, writing book reviews, or playing mini games on the online program.

Special Events

Oceans of Possibilities with Magic Jim: Kick off the summer as Magician Jim Vagias wows families with his tricks, humor, and puppeteering. This interactive program is paid for in part by Dutchess County as part of our Literacy Heroes program series and in partnership with Pawling Recreation. To be held at Lakeside Auditorium @ Lakeside Park. For K thru 8th grade. Registration required. *Mon 6/20 3:30 PM*

The Library's Got Talent: Open Mic Night: The libraries of Dutchess and Putnam counties are joining together for an open mic talent night for tweens & teens. To be held at the Patterson Library, outdoors, weather-permitting. All talents are welcome: sing, dance, play music, gymnastics, magic, etc. Details will be announced. *Wed 6/29 6:00-8:00 PM*

Adulting 101: This series is for high school students to help them ready themselves for the “real world”. Topics include: Financial Know-How, Cars 101, and Applying for Jobs. *Dates and times will be posted to our calendar.*

Volunteering

Program Partners: Our programmers rely on teens and tweens to help with Children's Programs during the summer months. Responsibilities include helping to prep for programs, assisting the littles with games and other activities, cleaning toys and program areas after the activity is finished. Please visit our website to register.

Garden Club: The teen garden has a new location in our courtyard and needs volunteers to help maintain it. We grow herbs and vegetables that our volunteers will need to water and take care of throughout the summer months. When the vegetables are ready to be harvested, volunteers can bring them home. Please visit our website to register. This is a self-scheduled project.

Help Young Writers: This opportunity is to help younger children to write, make, and publish their own books. This program is funded in part through Dutchess County and OCFS. Please visit our website to register.



ADULT & FAMILY PROGRAMMING

pawlinglibrary.org/adultprograms

The Pawling Library is participating in The Great Give Back, a program that offers patrons a meaningful opportunity to help others. Marie Stewart, of Pawling's Yarn & Craft Box, is partnering with us to help those in need. Our library will be collecting handmade knitted & crocheted hats, scarves, mittens, blankets & more, for the Yarn & Craft Box, from Saturday, October 1 through Friday, October 14. Your thoughtful donations will be presented to the Pawling Resource Center and other organizations. It takes some time to create these items so we are asking in advance and thank you for your kindness, your talent and your generosity.

After a year of celebrating our library's Centennial, one of our final special anniversary events is a floral arranging workshop using flowers popular in the roaring twenties. Full details about this program and other programs & events can be found on our library's online calendar. Thank you for being with us over the years. You, our patrons, are the most important part of our past, and our future.

Special Online Events

Gardening in Small Spaces [Online]: With Master Gardener Chris Ferrero. *Tue: 5/17 7:00-8:00 PM*

Poetry Reading with Linda McCauley Freeman [Online]: Linda McCauley Freeman, author of *The Family Plot*, will be sharing with us a selection of her poems. *Wed: 5/25 7:00-8:00 PM*

All About Veganism: The Author of Vegan Love Answers Your Questions [Online]: With Maya Gottfried. *Thu: 5/26 7:00-8:00 PM*

The Changing Sound of Broadway [Online]: Actor/director Stephen Nachamie will explore how Broadway has changed in the last century, from Oklahoma to Moulin Rouge. *Thu: 6/16 7:00-8:00 PM*

12 Easy Herbs for your Patio and Gardens [Online]: With Master Gardener Lorraine Seach. *Wed: 6/22 7:00-8:00 PM*

Natural Healing [Online]: With Julie Johns. Discover the health benefits of Chinese medicine. *Wed: 6/29 7:00-8:00 PM*

Infamy to Victory: FDR as Commander in Chief in World War II [Online]: With Education Specialist Jeffrey Urbin. *Tue: 7/19 6:30-7:30 PM*

Emily Dickinson: The Flowers In Her Poetry [Online]: With author, composer and storyteller Marian Grudko. *Wed: 7/27 7:00-8:00 PM*

Body System Disorders: The Digestive System [Online]: With Ayurvedic and Naturopathic Physician Dr. Somesh N. Kaushik. *Tue: 8/9 7:00-8:00 PM*

New Nature Preserve Deer Pond Farm [Online]: Learn about the CT Audubon Society's beautiful new nature preserve. *Tue: 8/16 7:00-8:00 PM*

Drawing the Asanas [Online]: With visual artist Courtney Puckett. *Wed: 8/24 7:00-8:00 PM*

The Great Swamp [Online]: With Dr. James Utter. *Thu: 8/25 7:00-8:00 PM*

Ongoing In-Person Programs

Monday Matinee at Pawling Recreation: Watch and enjoy on a wide screen a newly released film on DVD. *Mon: 2:00 PM*

Coloring Group: Adult Art Workshop at Pawling Recreation: Color mandala designs while enjoying a good round of conversation. *Wed: 1:00 PM*



Ongoing Online Programs

Come Together Pawling [Online]: Each month we'll explore a new topic with an open discussion led by a different community leader. *Mon: 6/6, 7/11, 8/1 7:00-8:00 PM*

From Memory to Family Memoir [Online]: Learn to write your family and personal history. *Wed: 6/1, 7/6, 8/3 6:30-8:00 PM*

Afternoon Hatha Yoga [Online]: Improve your flexibility and strength while relieving stress. *Thu: 1:00 PM*

The Diabetes Prevention Support Group [Online]: Members encourage one another to maintain a nutritious, balanced diet, and exercise. *Thu: 6/2, 7/7, 8/4 6:30-7:30 PM*

The Evening Book Conversations [Online]: Share your passion for reading, & discuss your favorite books. *Wed 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 6:30-7:30 PM*

Inspiring Works by Women Writers (Book Club) [Online]: Join us for a fun opportunity to indulge and discuss some great works by women writers. *Wed: 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17 6:30-7:30 PM*

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club [Online]: Share your thoughts about your favorite novels with friends. *Tue: 5/24, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23, 4:00-5:00 PM*

Special In-Person Programs

Art Deco Floral Centerpiece Workshop at Pawling Recreation: *Thu: 5/19 6:30-8:00 PM*

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease: With Joan Carl of the Alzheimer's Association. *Tue: 6/21 6:30-7:30 PM*

The Faces of Trees: Family Sculpting Workshop: Sculpting- *Fri: 6/17*, Painting- *Fri: 6/24, 6:30-8:30 PM*

Line Dancing at Pawling Recreation: Spend an hour of fun dancing to a variety of tunes. *Wed: 6/8, 7/13, 8/10 2:00-3:00 PM*

Bog Turtles: Family Sculpting Workshop: Sculpting- *Fri: 7/22*, Painting- *Fri: 7/29 6:30-8:30 PM*

Sound Experience with Sound Practitioner Cristina Reyes-Schleifer: Immerse yourself in the soothing waves of sound that helps to reduce muscle tension and stress. *Wed: 8/31 7:00-8:00 PM*



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BOOK SALE

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Sunday, May 8 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 14 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 15 (bag day) – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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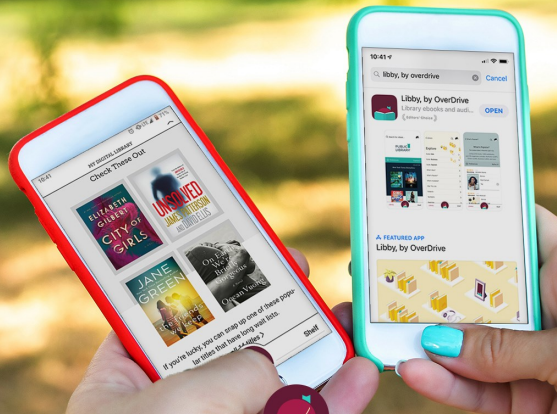
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