

# The Port Washington Public Library

A monthly guide to your community library,  
its programs and services

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## Library Foundation announces gala honorees

The Port Washington Library Foundation's Fifth Inspiration Gala will take place Saturday, October 4 at the Clubhouse at Harbor Links.

A Corporate Leadership Award will be presented to Ted Bier, of T.M. Bier Associates. Jazz legend Marian McPartland and Dr.

Glen S. Ruben will be honored with Community Leadership Awards.

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## Music Council opens season

The Music Advisory Council welcomes the Corinthian Trio in the opening concert of its 2008-09 Season. Join us for upcoming concerts on October 12 (soprano Sarah Elizabeth Wolfson), November 16 (pianist Vassilis Varvaresos) and December 7 (Jean Ritchie Folk Concert). Story inside.

## Let's Talk About It

The library proudly announces that it is again among the 34 libraries nationwide selected to receive a grant from the American Library Association and NextBook, publishers of Jewish literature, for the project initiative "Let's Talk About It." Beginning Thursday, September 18, the library will host a series of five monthly discussions led by Sally Ann Drucker, professor of English at Nassau Community College, on the theme *Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming*. All sessions begin at 11 a.m. A reading list is available at the Information Desk. For further information please contact program coordinator Jessica Ley at 883-4400, Ext. 123.

## Library schedule

The library will be closed Labor Day Weekend. Our full weekend schedule resumes after Labor Day. We will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Holiday decorations

Last year, the library adopted a policy that allows only seasonal displays in December. Members of the community asked the Board of Trustees to reconsider this decision. The Board would like to hear your point of view on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m. There will be no action taken at this meeting, but all comments are welcome. Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

## Long Term Care: The NY State Partnership Program

Rose Land, of the Long Island Family and Children's Association, offers valuable information on planning for the future. Registration begins September 9 for the program on September 23. See calendar listing for details.

## Science 101

Join Philip Sherman on September 16 at 2 p.m. for a new series that explores the mysteries of everyday life. See the calendar for details.

## Download to your iPod

In September, the library will begin to offer downloadable audio book titles that are compatible with iPods! Visit us online at [www.pwpl.org](http://www.pwpl.org) to get started.

## U.S. Merchant Marines

The Nautical Advisory Council welcomes sailors from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point on Tuesday, October 7 to share their sailing adventures from world-wide competitions.



An image from this summer's Teen Photography Workshop (more inside)

## In our collection:

### Movies from Down Under in DVD

This month we screen *Noise*, a new drama from Australia. Other films from Australia and New Zealand in our circulating DVD collection, include . . .

*Adam's Apples • The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert • Alexandria's Project • Be with Me • The Blood of Heroes • Breaker Morant • Candy • The Coca-Cola Kid • Crocodile Dundee • A Cry in the Dark • Danny Deckchair • Dead Alive • Dead Calm • The Dish*

*Flirting • Forgotten Silver • Fortress • Gallipoli • The Good Wife • He Died with a Felafel in His Hand • Heavenly Creatures • Heyy Baby • Innocence • Japanese Story • Jindabyne • Kangaroo Jack • Lantana • The Last Wave • Little Fish • Lonely Hearts • Look Both Ways • The Lord of the Rings trilogy*

*Mad Max • Mad Max: Beyond*

*Thunderdome • The Man from Snowy River • Man of Flowers • Moulin Rouge • Mr. Nice Guy • Muriel's Wedding • My Brilliant Career • The Navigator: A Medieval Odyssey • Once Were Warriors • Peter Pan • The Piano • Picnic at Hanging Rock • Pitch Black • Proof • The Price of Milk • The Proposition • The Quiet Earth • Rabbit-Proof Fence • The Rage in Placid Lake • Rain • The Road Warrior • Romper Stomper*

*Salaam Namaster • Shine • Sirens • Somersault • Starstruck • Strictly Ballroom • The Sundowners • Sweetie • Two Friends • Visitors • Walkabout • We of the Never Never • Whale Rider • Where the Green Ants Dream • Wolf Creek • The World's Fastest Indian*

You'll find additional titles in our circulating VHS collection.



### Teen photo workshop a success

This summer's teen photography workshop drew 16 budding Ansel Adams' and Annie Leibovitz'. Participants worked with Polaroid and disposable cameras,

and learned basic concepts about lighting and grouping. Those who submitted photographs had their handiwork exhibited in TeenSpace throughout August.

## Library Foundation Gala October 4

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The Honorable Leonard Wurzel, mayor of Sands Point, is honorary chair.

Theodore M. Bier of Sands Point, is the owner and president of T. M. Bier & Associates, Inc., a company involved in the design and construction of mechanical systems emphasizing energy conservation.

Mr. Bier began his career as a Reserve Officer in the United States Army Ordinance Corps, responsible for maintaining computer and electronic systems supporting air defense and anti-missile defense in Alaska. His contributions earned him the highest non-combat award issued by the U.S. Army.

Ted started one of the early ventures in commercial/industrial energy cost control in 1977. Since then, projects have been designed and/or installed throughout the Northeast and Puerto Rico (including the Port Washington and Manhasset Public Libraries).

Raised in Queens, Ted attended Cornell and received a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He holds a master's degree in Management Engineering from the University of Alaska and an M.B.A. in Finance/Management from Long Island University.

Ted and his family have long supported the library and are frequent borrowers. He and his wife Paula are determined to read their way through "1,000 Books You Must Read Before You Die."

When considering the long and storied career of Marian Mc-

Partland, it soon becomes apparent that the remarkable breadth and manner of her accomplishments are, in all likelihood, unmatched in the history of jazz.

A pianist and composer gifted with a vast, encyclopedic memory and an intuitive sense of harmony, McPartland has been performing professionally for over 65-years, delighting audiences with her engaging artistry in clubs and concert halls around the globe and on scores of recordings.

To millions of radio listeners, she is also the lively host of "Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz," the popular Peabody Award-winning National Public Radio program. She has mentored countless musicians, spearheaded efforts in jazz education and served as one of the best ambassadors of jazz the world has known.

2004 was a banner year for Ms. McPartland. She was awarded her first Grammy, a Trustees Lifetime Achievement Award celebrating her work as an educator, writer and radio host. She celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Piano Jazz with a live taping at Kennedy Center, Washington D.C., and was a headliner at the 50th Anniversary of the Newport Jazz Festival. She was honored by the nation's premiere jazz radio station, Newark's WBGO, at its 25th Anniversary Gala, alongside long-time friends and fellow pianists Dave Brubeck and Dr. Billy Taylor.

Dr. Glen Ruben established his dental practice in Port Wash-

ington in 1989, and has become a nationally-recognized clinician in the area of smile design and reconstruction. In 1999, he expanded the practice to include an innovative facility for pediatric dentistry, called Little Smiles. The office has been featured in numerous publications for its unique movie theatre theme.

Dr. Ruben has been in the forefront of the revitalization of the lower Main Street area. As a local civic leader, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Port Washington Business Improvement District for the past six years, as well as the Board of Directors of Building Bridges of Long Island since its inception. Building Bridges was established by Chabad of Port Washington to benefit youth from all segments of the community, through sports activities and anti-violence and anti-gun instruction.

Along with his wife Tami, Dr. Ruben is active in Connections on Long Island, a community service and outreach initiative of UJA. The Rubens are also affiliated with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Rubens have lived in Port Washington for 15 years. They have two daughters, both avid readers who have spent lots of time enjoying all the library has to offer.

*Complete biographies are available at [www.pwpl.org](http://www.pwpl.org)*



### What do we want the next president to be?

Leadership expectations for the American president have expanded greatly in the past few years. How do we define presidential leadership today, and do we have realistic expectations for executive governance? Join Dr. Meena Bose on Monday, September 15 at 12 p.m. for an in-depth exploration of this relevant topic.

Meena Bose is Peter S. Kalikow Chair in Presidential Studies at Hofstra University and Director of Hofstra's Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency. She is the author of *Shaping and Signaling Presidential Policy: The National Security Decision Making of Eisenhower and Kennedy* (1998), and co-editor on a number of other titles. She also is a contributor to the tenth edition (2008) of the *American Government: Institutions and Policies* textbook by James Q. Wilson and John J. Dilulio, Jr.

Her current research focuses on the changing role of the United Nations in American foreign policy. Dr. Bose teaches courses on the American Presidency, American Foreign Policy, and American Politics. She taught for six years at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where she also served as Director of American Politics in 2006. From 1996-2000, Dr. Bose taught at Hofstra University. She earned her undergraduate degree in international politics from Penn State University (1990), and she received her master's (1992) and doctoral (1996) degrees in politics from Princeton University.

## Did you know?

. . . the library offers free notary service weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but call ahead to confirm availability.

Ask a Librarian, Live Homework Help

## Upgrades to serve you better

Beginning September 1, Ask a Librarian will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and Live Homework Help will begin to provide tutors for Spanish-speaking patrons.

Ask a Librarian offers Nassau County residents real-time communication with a reference librarian who can assist with your Internet search or answer questions about our electronic resources. Live Homework Help is available daily between 3 and 9 p.m. Tutors will now offer assistance to students in grades K through 12, college preparatory and adult learners.

Logon to our website with your PWPL card to make use of either of these online resources. These services are made possible by the Friends of the Library.



## The Business of Being a Jew

Meet author Gunther Lawrence on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. His book *The Business of Being a Jew* goes behind the scenes at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II, and explores Catholic/Jewish Relations and other issues including Intermarriage, Women Rabbis, Religion and the Media and the Future of the Jewish Community. Port Washington resident Gunther Lawrence has worked for many Jewish organizations, including the institutions of Reform and Conservative Judaism, Israel Bonds and others. These groups have enlisted Mr. Lawrence to handle major Jewish umbrella events, such as the First Conference on Soviet Jews, First Conference on Civil Rights, meetings with the Pope and other national and international meetings. Refreshments will be served. This program is sponsored by Sands-Port Haddasah and Friends of the Library.



## Play Attention!

New York artist Barbara Lubliner exhibits "Play Attention," toy-like sculptures and works on paper, September 4 through 30. The Art Advisory Council hosts a reception on Sunday, September 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Barbara Lubliner moves fluidly from performance art to works on paper to sculpture both large and small. She has organized and moderated panels, curated shows, and started a feminist newspaper.

Lubliner was born in Mineola in 1950 and grew up in Port Washington. Her first toys were the treasured paper samples brought home by her paper salesman father. As a youngster she spent hours with them: cutting, pasting, drawing, and painting. Her mother's great sense of style gave Lubliner an appreciation of the visual world. Lubliner's artistic eye was further tutored by studies with Port Washington artist Aida Whedon.

In the late 1980s, Lubliner

started her ongoing series of work called, "Aspects of the Female Experience," examples of which can be seen in the Brooklyn Museum's online feminist art base.

In 2000, Lubliner took up welding and began creating toy-like sculptures with found metal, and in 2006 she began to create performance pieces. File Cycle, Lubliner's sculpture in Stamford, Connecticut's 2007 art in public places exhibit, was featured in a *New York Times* article.

She has had numerous solo and group exhibitions in the tri-state area. Recent performance venues include the Brooklyn Museum and Le Petite Versailles garden in New York City.

## Censorship on exhibit

Censorship in Schools and Libraries, in the Community Gallery September 4-23, is an illustrated journal display that documents the challenges to freedom of expression in the United States during the past 100 years. Thirty two cases are presented, including *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *In the Night Kitchen*, *The Catcher in the Rye*,

the novels of Judy Blume and the popular *Harry Potter* series. U.S. Supreme Court and lower Court decisions regarding censorship are an integral part of the exhibit.

The exhibit is an educational project of the Nassau Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union in cooperation with the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship.

## Museum Pass Program We've made some improvements!

Beginning in September you will be able to reserve a pass for a date that is convenient for you. Our new system will allow you to place a reserve online and receive an e-mail reminder when the date you have reserved is approaching.

Passes will circulate for 2 days – which means, for example, if you reserve for Thursday, the pass will be due back on Saturday

Late fines will remain at \$2 per day

Passes may be reserved at the Information Desk during library hours, or from any Internet computer at your convenience

*This system will help us provide better service to our library users. Although we have given it much thought, like any new system it may have to be tweaked. We welcome comments and suggestions on how it is working for you.*

Passes are for use by Port Washington card holders only, and are available for pick up at the Circulation Desk in the lobby.

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# September Library Kids

Welcome to the page for Children's Services. Be sure to look here for upcoming exhibits, programs and articles relating to Children's Services and the Parenting Information Center. *Parents: Please comply with the age guidelines for these programs and be prepared to show proof of local residency.*

## Story Times

Registration for the following story times begins on Monday, September 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext.150. Registrants may sign up for only one session – all story times have limited enrollment.

**Mother Goose Rhyme Time:** For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult – siblings welcome. Three Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: Session I – October 16, 23 and 30; Session II – November 6, 13 and 20; Session III – December 4, 11 and 18.

**Toddler Story Time:** For children ages 2½ to 3½ with an adult. Five Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 pm. Session I begins September 23 and ends October 28. Session II begins November 18 and ends December 16.

**Preschool Story Time:** For children ages 3½ to 5 without an adult. Two groups: Fridays at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Begins October 3 and ends December 12.

Special After School Story Time

### Local Politicians Read to Port Kids

**After School Story Time:** Local politicians have been invited to serve as guest readers for the first few sessions of our After School Story Time for children in kindergarten through second grade without an adult. The group meets on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. from September 17 through December 10. State Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel visits on September 17, County Legislator Wayne Wink on September 24 and Town Councilman Fred Pollack on October 22. The representatives will greet parents following storytime.

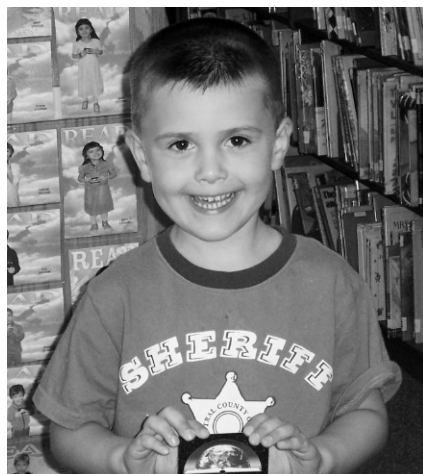
## New Parents Group

The Port Washington Public Library offers a wonderful program called the New Parents Group. Our objective is to provide a place for new parents to be able to talk with other new parents, share parenting concerns and gain support in your most important role. Three groups will be offered and will meet on Wednesdays, beginning September 17 and ending May 27. Meeting times are 1, 2:30 or 4 p.m. Approximately once a month each group will meet with a resource professional. Each parent can participate in the group for 2 years or until their child is 2½ years old, whichever comes first. *Limited registration begins Thursday, September 4 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

## Library Card Drive

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. If your child has never had a Port Washington library card, please apply anytime during the month

When the card arrives in the mail, bring it to the Children's Room, and we'll present your child with a small welcome gift.



## Preschool Workshops

### A Time for Kids

**Monday, September 8 at 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.**

Enjoy an interactive hour with presenter Donna Green. Educational activities combine preschool concepts and fun. Storytelling, dancing, a take home craft and much more. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Registration begins Tuesday, September 2 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

### Musical Moppets

**Monday, September 22**

A music and movement program filled with nursery rhymes, stories, songs and fingerplays. *Musical Moppets for Babies* for children ages birth to 29 months with an adult at 12:15 or 1 p.m. *Musical Moppets* for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult at 1:45 p.m. *Registration begins Monday, September 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext.150.*

### Hands-on-Music

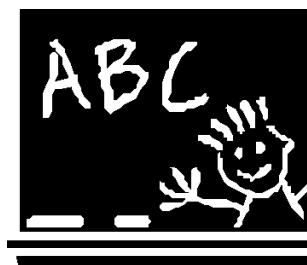
**Monday, October 6 at 12 noon or 1 p.m.**

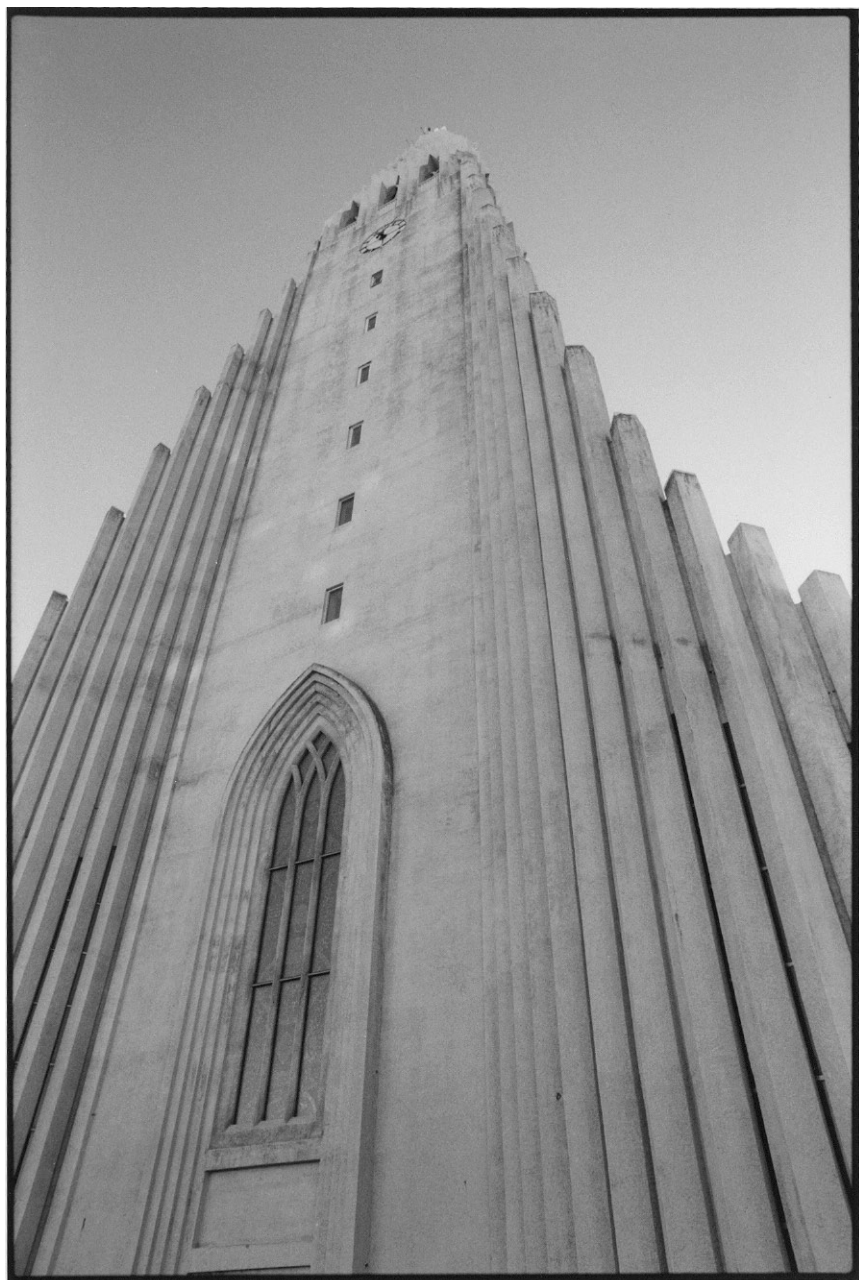
Enjoy the beginning of the fall season and share stories, songs and fingerplays with musician Dara Linthwaite. For children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. *Registration begins Monday, September 22 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext.150.*

**On Exhibit:**

## Back-to-School

Visit the Children's Room throughout the month to view a fun display of school-related paraphernalia.





Hallgrimur Church, Reykjavik, Iceland, August 2002

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### Photography by Paul Hunter

September 4 - October 31

Slide talk with Paul Hunter:  
Monday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Reception: Saturday, September 20 at 3 p.m.

## Shetland Tea with Ann Cleeves

Meet and greet the renowned British mystery writer on September 26 at 4 p.m. Ms. Cleeves will discuss the influence of place on her books, show a DVD of Shetland Island and share some local recipes. *White Nights* (St. Martin's Press, September 2008) is the electrifying follow up to her award-winning *Raven Black*, recipient of British crime fiction's highest monetary honor, the Duncan Lawrie Dagger Award. Here's what the critics have said about her thrillers, which take

place on Shetland Island. "Chilling . . . enough to freeze the blood." — Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review*. "Taut, atmospheric . . . will keep readers guessing until the last page." — *Publishers Weekly* (starred review). Books will be available for purchase and signing. Following her talk, tea will be served in true Shetland style courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Participation is limited. Registration begins September 16.

## Forum on holiday decorations

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## Textbook left in your locker?

Did you know that Teen-Space has a collection of Weber Middle School and Schreiber High School textbooks for teens to use during library hours? Our collection includes books for core classes

including math, science, social studies and foreign language. So if you've left your textbook in your locker or on the bus or wherever . . . don't panic . . . we're here to help.

## Music Council welcomes The Corinthian Trio

The Corinthian Trio, which will grace our stage Sunday, September 21 at 3 p.m., comprises three of the most individual and successful performers of their generation. As top prize-winners of some of the most prestigious international competitions for their instruments, pianist Adam Neiman, violinist Stefan Milenkovich and cellist Ani Aznavoorian join together as the Corinthian Trio, unifying their individual strengths to create an extraordinary and rare ensemble.

Neiman, Milenkovich and Aznavoorian have individually performed recitals in over 30 countries throughout the world. They have played at a multitude of premiere venues, including engagements with the symphony orchestras of Chicago, San Francisco, Saint Louis, Dallas, Houston, Cincinnati, Minnesota, Indianapolis, the Boston Pops, as well as the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington D.C., Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Moscow State Symphony, Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra, Tokyo Philharmonic, Berlin Symphony and the Helsinki Philharmonic.

A collaboration born in 1998 while students at the Juilliard School, the Corinthian Trio gave their professional debut at Miami's Lincoln Theater. Extensive touring followed, both within the United States as well as abroad, highlighted by debuts at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall in New York, Chicago's Music in the Loft, the BEMUS Festival in Belgrade, Serbia, and the Ohrid Festival in Macedonia. Under the auspices of Young Concert Artists, the trio made rounds of the university circuit, performing at the University

of Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, the Rising Stars Series at UCLA, and the University of Washington in Pullman. Other notable venues include Merkin Hall in New York, the Jupiter Chamber Players, the Rachmaninoff Society Festival in Westchester County, Cosmos Club in Washington D.C., and the Civic Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Last season's highlights included a tour of Italy, Croatia and Greece, as well as performances of the Beethoven Triple Concerto with the Belgrade Philharmonic and the Las Vegas Philharmonic.

Of the columns in ancient Greek architecture, the Corinthian column was the most stylistically faceted, yet simultaneously retained the integrity of classical structure and elegance. It is with this in mind that the Corinthian Trio was named.



What's new in TeenSpace?

## Teen Read Week is Coming!

The Port Washington Public Library, in conjunction with the American Library Association, invites you to celebrate Teen Read Week, October 12 through 18. "Books with Bite!" is the theme of this year's national initiative to encourage teens to read for the fun of it. Complete information will be listed in the October calendar. See description below for details on how to get involved with our Teen Read Photo Board!

September 20 – October 8  
**Teen Read Photo Board**

If you're a teen in grades 7 through 12 and you have a favorite book, let the world know! Star in your own READ mini-poster. Pick your favorite book, and, in 25 words or less, write why you think it's the best. Bring in your book between September 20 and October 8. We'll take your picture and include it on our photo board during Teen Read Week. All teens that enter will receive a prize, and qualify for a bigger prize drawing to be held during Teen Read Week. *Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

**Looking for something good to read?** Pick up one of our new titles:

*Peeled* by Joan Bauer. In upstate New York, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted. (YA FIC Bauer)

*Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow. After being interrogated for days in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, 17-year-old Marcus decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right. (YA FIC Doctorow)

*The Diamond of Drury Lane* by Julia Golding. Orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal, living at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, becomes embroiled in the worlds of street gangs and nobility. (YA FIC Golding)

*Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix. When 13-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, they realize that they've uncovered a time-travel mystery. (YA FIC Haddix)

*Snakehead* by Ann Halam. Perseus sets out to bring the head of the monstrous Medusa to the Aegean island of Serifos. (YA FIC Halam)

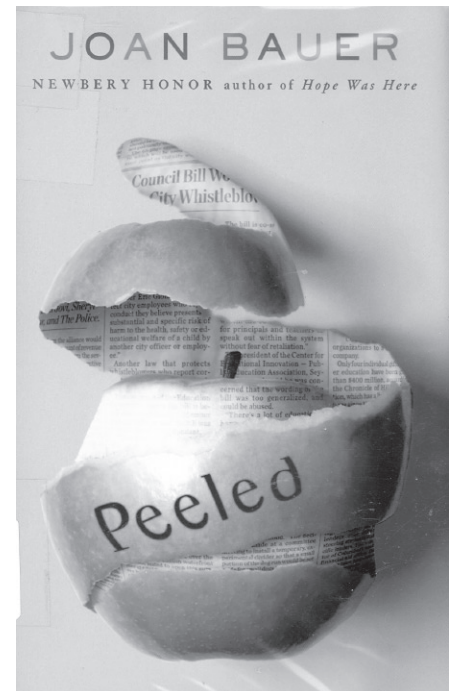
*Fold* by An Na. Korean American Joyce Kim feels like a nonentity compared to her beautiful sister. When her aunt offers to pay for plastic surgery, she jumps at the chance. (YA FIC Na)

*The RedHeaded Princess* by Ann Rinaldi. In 1542, Lady Elizabeth lives on an estate near London, striving to get back into the good graces of her father, King Henry VIII. (YA FIC Rinaldi)

*Mystery of the Third Lucretia* by Susan Runholt. While traveling abroad, 14-year-old best friends Kari and Lucas solve an international art forgery case. (YA FIC Runholt)

*Hurricane Song: a Novel of New Orleans* by Paul Volponi. Miles Shaw goes to live with his musician father in New Orleans, and together they survive the horrors of Hurricane Katrina. (YA FIC Volponi)

*Jack: Secret Histories* by F. Paul Wilson. Teenaged Jack begins to uncover some unsuspected talents in himself after he and his friends discover a corpse. (YA FIC Wilson)



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