

The Port Washington Public Library

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

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WAY OFF BROADWAY: You don't have to visit the Caribbean islands to experience the ska sound and some righteous reggae, with homages to jazz greats and The Beatles thrown in. Join us on Friday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. when the Scofflaws take the stage.

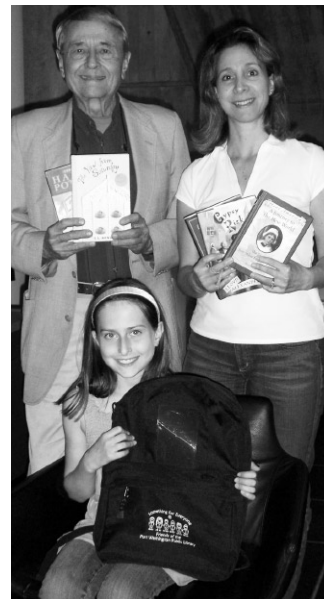
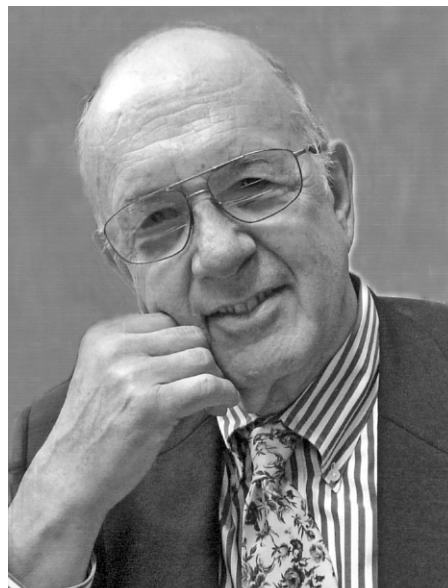
In the Photography Gallery

Ray Saperstein: Portraits

When he was 13, Ray Saperstein entered a photograph in a contest at the Masonic Temple near his home in Floral Park, and won first prize. During his 40-year career as a radiologist with the Nassau Radiologic Group, Dr. Saperstein continued to make analyzing images an important part of his life. "I am very image oriented. I focus very intently on what I see when making a non-emotional radiological decision, and I look carefully to uncover or discover human emotion in what I see outside the office." Saperstein's work will hang in the Photography Gallery July 5 through August 29.

What continues to excite this Roslyn Harbor resident as a photographer is the exploration of humanness. "I am most intensely affected by that special moment that reveals an individual's feeling." Saperstein now uses a Canon digital camera with a zoom lens. "It doesn't feel like a mechanical intrusion,

rather it has become an extension of me. I like using it because what I want to photograph is fleeting; it is a very instantaneous thing." He prints all his images using PhotoShop software and an Epson printer. Meet the artist at a reception on Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m.



Ariel Waldman (shown here with Friends of the Library Board members Bob Drew and Pam O'Connell) was the winner of a library backpack full of children's books courtesy of a free raffle by the Friends at Harborfest. The FOL also gave away a tote bag of adult books to Ginny D'Alonzo. In addition to the raffle, the Friends distributed library fliers and brochures, library card applications and other library-related goodies. For information on Friends of the Library activities, visit www.pwpl.org/fol.

Summer hours

The library will be closed Sundays during July and August. Beginning July 5, the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Our full weekend schedule resumes after Labor Day.

Summer fun for kids

Registration is in progress for a variety of summer workshops for children from birth through sixth grade. Limited spaces available. See the Library Kids page for details.

Summer fun for teens

See the back page for summer sign up information for grades 7 through 12. Registration is in progress.

Need computer help?

The library is pleased to offer "One on One Computer Instruction." This new service is available by appointment in the Computer Center — call 883-4400, Ext. 171 for further information or to reserve a 1-hour time slot.

Need homework help?

Use your library card to connect with a live tutor this summer! If you're a student in grades 4 to 12, log on to the library's website between 3 and 9 p.m. daily and click on the homework help section. Sponsored by the FOL.

Borrow a bag of books

Stop by or call the Information Desk (Ext. 136), answer a few questions, and we'll put together some summer reading sure to entertain you.

Coming in August . . .

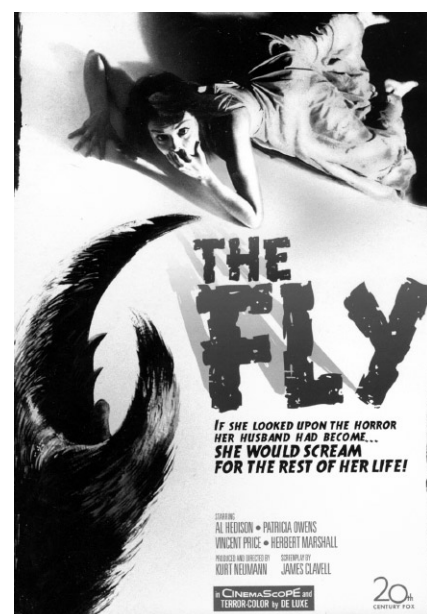
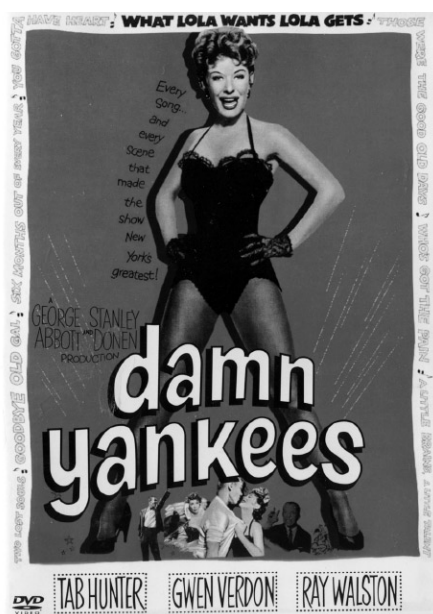
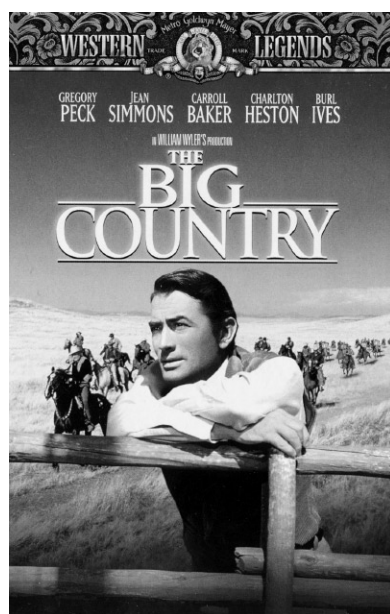
Check your mailbox in late July for your August issue of the library newsletter. Look for author visits by Vincent Carella (*The Serpent Box*) on August 8, Philip Carlo (*Gasp! Confessions of a Mafia Boss*) on August 14 and Cynthia Baxter (Long Island-based mystery series) on August 15. On August 12, we welcome filmmaker Ron Rudaitis with his documentary *Bridge Between Sound & Silence*. Our 1958 Film Festival continues as well.

Coming this fall . . .

. . . a focus group designed to help the library create or improve services for people with disabilities. The group will use information taken from the library's recent survey. If you'd like to participate, please contact Lee Fertitta, Director of Adult Services, 883-4400, Ext. 135.

Library teams up with Sousa

Longtime Port Washington residents shared their stories about Port Washington with fifth graders from Sousa Elementary School at the library on May 21. Clipboards, pencils, cameras and questions in hand, the students listened as the interviewees traveled down memory lane. Library program coordinator Jessica Ley, Sousa School and Friends of the Arts collaborated on *Sharing Our Stories*, a pilot project designed by Friends of the Arts, a not-for-profit arts organization in Locust Valley.



1958 Film & Television Festival

This summer we travel back in time to bring you a dozen films from 50 years ago. Our festival begins July 14 as TV producer Bob Waldman presents a selection of comedy programs from the Golden Age of television, featuring pioneers Milton Berle, Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca. In the fall of '58, Uncle Miltie returned to NBC

as the host of *The Kraft Music Hall*. In this episode, complete with those legendary Kraft commercials, Mr. Television plays host to Mahalia Jackson and Harpo Marx.

Earlier that year, Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca reunited on ABC for *Sid Caesar Invites You*, their first series together since the classic *Your Show of Shows*. Although

the series was short-lived, it did produce one classic Caesar-Coca sketch, "The Last Angry Bull."

Bob Waldman, who most recently appeared at the library with an evening of his father Myron's cartoons, will introduce the selections on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. See the Calendar of Events for a complete listing.



All 15 families in the library's Parent-Child Home Program received refurbished computers thanks to the generosity of Port resident Jon Zimmerman (center), founder of the non-profit Comp4Kids. As Zimmerman says, "Every child deserves a working computer and access to the internet." Visit comp4kids.org to donate your used PC — help a family in your community and keep a computer out of the landfill. The Parent-Child Home Program is funded by the Port Washington Library Foundation.

Are you on our e-mail list?

Sign up for e-mail alerts by logging on to the library's website at www.pwpl.org. Click on "receive e-mail alerts" and follow the prompts.



Save the Date

Port Washington
Library Foundation Gala

Saturday, October 4

FOL notecards for sale

The Friends of the Library has proudly introduced a new project: note cards featuring striking images of "Old Port Washington." Four different views are represented: Lower Main Street, Mill Pond, Railroad Station and Port Washington Harbor, all circa early 1900s. The photos were selected from the library's extensive Local History Collection.

Boxes containing 20 cards and envelopes with the four images, are available for \$15 at the circulation desk in the lobby.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the FOL, which supports the library through volunteerism, programming, fundraising, outreach and advocacy. Visit the FOL at www.pwpl.org/fol.

Banned Books

Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us. — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

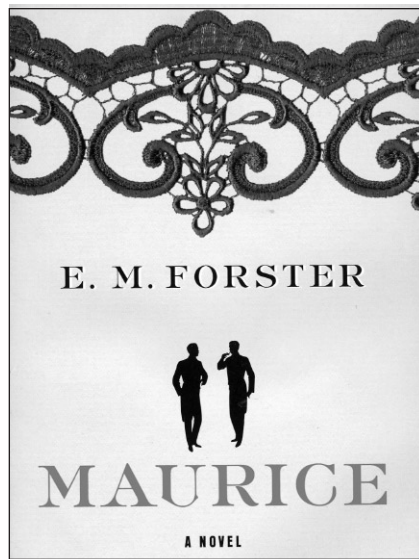
Books are usually challenged to protect others, frequently children, from difficult ideas and information. Censorship can be subtle, almost imperceptible, as well as blatant and overt, but harmful nonetheless. Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose, or the freedom to express one's opinion, even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular, and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. After all, intellectual freedom can exist only where these two essential conditions are met. This annual American Library Association sponsored event reminds Americans not to take their precious democratic freedom to read for granted. This year marks the 27th anniversary of Banned Books Week, September 21 through the 27.

We invite our community to participate in a reading/discussion of banned books. Stop by the Information Desk beginning July 15 to borrow a copy of one of 33 books which have been banned, censored or challenged over the past 75 years. Selection will be by random drawing. Though the title you draw may not be the kind of book you would normally choose, this is an excellent opportunity to sample other genres. Our selec-

tions include classic and contemporary literature, non-fiction, young adult and children's titles.

You'll have the option to share your thoughts — registration for *Read and Report* begins Tuesday, August 5. Finally, on Wednesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. we welcome those registered to our *Read and Report* forum.

The event is open to all, but due to time constraints only 33 participants will be able to "Read and Report." Share your feelings about the book you've read in a brief synopsis along with your critique, which might address theme, setting, characters and style. Some questions you may consider: why do you think it was banned; what relevance does it have today; why did you like or dislike it; what affected you most? Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



Thanks, Girl Scouts

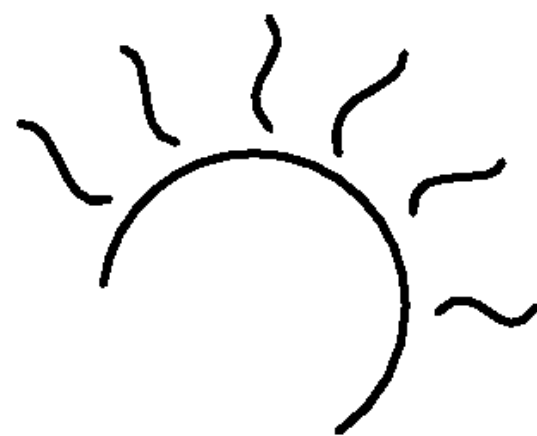
As a community service, Port Washington Girl Scout troops planted flowers in front of the Library. Brownie Troop 417 and Junior Troops 422 and 490 volunteered their services and troop funds to beautify the new library planters.



Writing class to regroup this fall

The library's ethical dilemmas writing group, led by Ted Goldsmith, wrapped up its spring

session recently. See our September issue for fall registration information.



Summer Readers' Advisory Service

Stop by or call the Information Desk (Ext. 136), answer a few questions, and we'll put together some summer reading sure to entertain you.

July 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.*

Summer 2008 Workshops

Registration began June 20 — for availability call 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Babies and Toddlers

Book Babies: Session I: Wednesdays, July 9, 16 and 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Session II: Wednesdays, July 30 and August 6, 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For ages birth to 17 months with an adult.

Play Pals: Session I: Tuesdays, July 8, 15 and 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session II: Tuesdays, July 29 and August 5, 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Play together and meet new people. For ages 18 to 29 months with an adult. *Children must be 18 months old by July 1.*

Musical Moppets for Babies: Thursday, July 24 at 10 or 10:45 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays for ages birth to 29 months with an adult.

Musical Moppets for Babies: Thursday, August 7 at 10 or 10:45 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays for ages birth to 29 months with an adult.

Preschoolers

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Thursday workshops for ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. *Children must be 30 months old by July 1.*

Bug Music with Dara Linthwaite: July 10 at 10 or 11 a.m.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar: July 17 at 10 or 11 a.m. Crafts with Jeanne Hall.

Musical Moppets: July 24 at 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Stories, songs & movement.

Summer Songs with Dara Linthwaite: July 31 at 10 or 11 a.m.

Musical Moppets: August 7 at 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Stories, songs and movement.

A Surprise in the Garden: August 14 at 10 or 11 a.m. Crafts with Jeanne Hall.

School Age Kids

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Saturday workshops for children entering grades K to 6.

Grades K to 3

Decorated Birdhouse: July 12 at 10 a.m. Crafts with Shirley Ruby. *Fee: \$3.*

Insects and Spiders: July 19 at 10 a.m. See a collection of live bugs and learn about their differences with the Science Museum of LI.

Bug Bites: July 26 at 10 a.m. Learn about insect anatomy and habits while creating an imaginary bug with the LI Children's Museum.

Bugs!: August 2 at 10 a.m. Explore the characteristics of insects with Mad Science of LI.

Buggy Hat: August 9 at 10 a.m. Crafts with Shirley Ruby. *Fee: \$3.*

Grades 4 to 6

Hand Painted Mirror Paddle: July 12 at 11:30 a.m. Crafts with Shirley Ruby. *Fee: \$3.*

Insect Ethology: July 19 at 11:30 a.m. Learn about millipedes, mealworms and cockroaches with the Science Museum of LI.

Bug Bites: July 26 at 11:15 a.m. Learn about insect anatomy and habits while creating an imaginary bug with the LI Children's Museum.

Bugs!: August 2 at 11:15 a.m. Explore the characteristics of insects with Mad Science of LI.

Buggy Notebook: August 9 at 11:30 a.m. Crafts with Shirley Ruby. *Fee: \$3.*



Summer Reading Programs

July 7 through August 15. Pre-registration not required.

Catch the Reading Bug!

Readers entering first through sixth grade are invited to join. Participants visit the Children's Room during regular library hours to record the books they have read at home and receive weekly prizes. At the end of the six week program, members who have read at least 6 books will receive a certificate and gift.

Smart Start for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers

Learning begins at birth, so it is important to focus on early literacy skills even for the youngest children. To this end, we are offering a reading program for children ages birth to 5 years old with age appropriate activities, gifts and programs. Participation is simple – just read, sing or do fingerplays with your child at home. Record the activities you have shared and we'll have gifts for your child and an invitation to a special program at the end of the summer.

Feature Film: Antz

Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

Kick off the summer reading program "Catch the Reading Bug" with this 1998 animated film by DreamWorks Pictures and directed by Eric Darnell and Tim Johnson. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and we'll supply the popcorn. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. *No tickets required.* Running time: 83 minutes.

Story Times

for Newborns to Age 5

No registration required.

Park Story Time

Six Mondays beginning July 7 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Meets at *The Blumenfeld Family Park* (adjacent to the Landmark) weather permitting.

Beach Story Time

Six Fridays beginning July 11 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Meets at *Manorhaven Beach* weather permitting.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesdays, July 15 and August 12 from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Book Discussion Groups

Registration began June 20 — limited space — for availability call 883-4400, Ext.150.

Third Grade Thinkers

Mondays, July 7, 21 and August 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. For children going into third grade.

Chat & Snack

Monday, July 14, 28 and August 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. For children going into fourth grade.

Summer Page Turners

Tuesdays, July 8, 22 and August 5 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. For children going into fifth and sixth grade.

More 1958 Movies on DVD and VHS

This summer we screen a dozen classic movies from the year 1958. We offer numerous other comedies, dramas, westerns, war stories, fright flicks, sci-fi pix and foreign films from that year in our circulating DVD and VHS collections. These include:

Adalat • Another Time, Another Place • The Astounding She-Monster • Attack of the 50 Foot Woman • Attack of the Puppet People • Auntie Mame • The Badlanders • The Beast with a Million Eyes • Bell, Book and Candle • The Big Blockade • Black Orpheus • The Blob • Blood of the Vampire • Blue Murder at St. Trinian's • The Brain from Planet Arous • The Bravados • The Bride and the Beast • Cat on a Hot Tin Roof • Chase a Crooked Shadow • China Doll • The Colossus of New York • Cowboy • The Crawling Eye • The Cry Baby Killer • Cry Terror • Curse of the Demon • Curse of the Faceless Man • Deep Six • Devil's Partner • Dunkirk • Earth vs. the Spider • Enjo • Equinox Flower

First Man into Space • Frankenstein 1970 • Frankenstein's Daughter • God's Little Acre • Gunman's Walk • The Hidden Fortress • High School Big Shot • High School Confidential • High School Hellcats • The Horse's Mouth • House on Haunted Hill • Houseboat • How to Make a Monster • The Hunters • I Married a Monster from Outer Space • I, Mobster • I Only Arsked • Ice Cold in Alex • The Indian Tomb • Indiscreet • The Inn of the Sixth Happiness • The Invisible Avenger

• It! The Terror from Beyond Space • Jalsaghar • Jazz on a Summer's Day • The Last Hurrah • Le Beau Serge • The Left Handed Gun • Les Miserables

The Living Coffin • Lonelyhearts • The Long, Hot Summer • Lost, Lonely and Vicious • The Lovers • Machine-Gun Kelly • The Man and the Monster • Man of the West • The Matchmaker • A Matter of Dignity • Mon Oncle • Monster from Green Hell • The Monster of Piedras Blancas • The Naked Truth • Narayama Bushiko • Nazarin • Night of the Blood Beast • Night of the Ghouls

A Night to Remember • The Old Man and the Sea • Party Girl • Pirate of the Black Hawk • The Proud Rebel • Queen of Outer Space • The Reluctant Debutante • The Return of Dracula • The Revenge of Frankenstein • Room at the Top • Run Silent, Run Deep • The Scavengers • The Screaming Skull • The Sea and Sand • South Pacific • A Tale of Two Cities • Tarzan and the Trappers • Teacher's Pet • Teenage Cave Man

Ten North Frederick • Terror in a Haunted House • Terror in a Texas Town • Terror in the Midnight Sun • These Thousand Hills • Thunder Road • The Tiger of Eschnapur • Tread Softly Stranger • Underworld Beauty • The Vampire's Coffin • Varan the Unbelievable • The Vikings • War of the Colossal Beast • Wet Asphalt • Where the Hot Wind Blows! • The Wild Women of Wongo • The Young Lions



Check out career coaching online

Career Coach Diane Reynolds offers free career counseling by appointment. Visit us online at www.pwpl.org and check out our Career Coaching page or call the Reference Room at 883-4400, Ext. 111 for an appointment.

Popular Ride and Read Service resumes

Library at the LIRR

The library's service to Long Island Railroad commuters resumes July 2. The Port Washington Public Library will be on-site at the Port Washington station Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) from 7 to 9 a.m. through September 3. A collection of popular paperbacks will be available for you to borrow.

You don't need your library card. When you're finished, simply return the books to the library table at the station on Wednesday mornings or to the library. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

For further information, contact Jean Bennett at (516) 883-4400, Ext. 119.



FOL shines at Harborfest

Kaia DeBruin and Mariel O'Connell volunteered with Friends of the Library Board members Pam O'Connell, Eleanor Rybecky, Bob Drew and Amy Bass to make the Friends booth at Harborfest a success. Thanks, Friends, for serving as our ambassadors to the community.

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 Monday, 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 will be available at the Information Desk. For further information please contact program coordinator Jessica Ley at 883-4400, Ext. 123.

What's new in TeenSpace?

TEEN SUMMER JOBS: Starting July 1, we'll host the Port Washington Youth Council's Teen Employment Bulletin Board of summer job listings for teens. Employers looking for student help should contact Marianne Hart at 944-7625.

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB: Students entering grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate. Read books, write mini-reviews, win prizes! Register in TeenSpace or online at www.pwpl.org/teenspace. Come in to pick up reading club materials, including a sign-up prize, (while supplies last). Call 883-4400, Ext. 148 for information. FREE

TEEN WORKSHOPS: You must register in person in TeenSpace, unless otherwise noted. Registration in progress. Workshops are open to teens entering grades 7 through 12. See our display case in the lobby to view craft samples. All teen summer programs are co-sponsored by the FOL

What YA Reading? Teen Books

on the Terrace: Summer Discussion Series: Mondays (grades 7 & 8), July 7 & 28, August 18, at 7 p.m. Wednesdays (grades 9-12), July 9 & 30, August 20 at 7 p.m. The group will meet on the terrace (weather permitting). The first book will be available at time of registration. Refreshments will be served. Free registration in-person or by calling TeenSpace at 883-4400, Ext. 148. FREE

Shutterbug Photography Workshop. Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m. Receive a disposable camera to shoot your own photos. Selected photographs from each participant will be displayed in TeenSpace during August. All disposable cameras must be returned by 9 p.m. on July 22. Workshop fee: \$5.

Sushi Made Simple: A Vegetarian Workshop. Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m. Make exotic vegetarian sushi. Workshop fee: \$5.

Italic Calligraphy Workshop. Tuesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. Create invitations, cards, envelopes, scrapbooks and poetry. Workshop fee: \$5.

It's All in the Code: A Genetics Workshop. Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. All living beings have a genetic code. Collect data, make comparisons and discover how we are similar yet different. Workshop fee: \$5.

Create Your Own Zen Garden Workshop. Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: \$5.

That's a Wrap! A Snacking Workshop. Thursday, July 24 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: \$5.

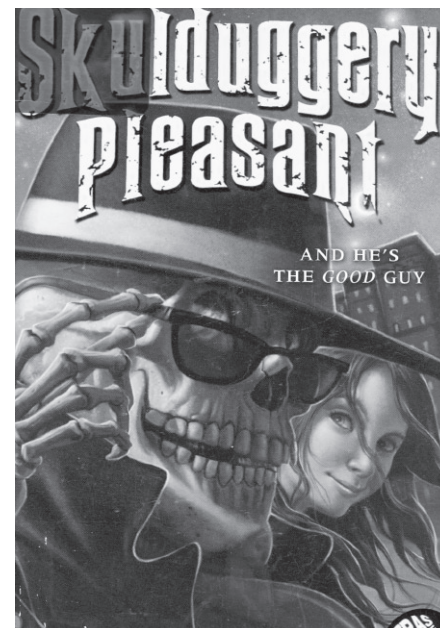
Manga Madness: A Drawing Workshop. Learn the fine art of drawing Japanese-style comics. Tuesday, July 29 at 7:15 p.m. Workshop fee: \$5.

Write On! A Journaling Workshop. Start tracking your life on paper. Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m. Workshop fee: \$5.

So You Think You Can Dance Workshop. Tuesday, August 5 at 7 p.m. No previous dance experience necessary. Workshop fee: \$5.

Knot Knitting Workshop. Thursday, August 7 at 7 p.m. Learn how to create a unique scarf that doesn't require knitting needles. Workshop fee: \$5.

Altered Book Art Workshop. Tuesday, August 12 at 7 p.m. Turn that old book into art. Recycled books provided. Workshop fee: \$5.



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