

The Port Washington Public Library

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

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Topical Tuesday with author Jeffrey Ford

Meet Jeffrey Ford, author of *The Shadow Year* (HarperCollins, 2008) on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

On Long Island, in the unpredictable 1960s, a young boy laments the approaching close of summer and the advent of sixth grade. Growing up in a household with an overworked father he rarely sees, an alcoholic mother who paints wonderful canvases that are never displayed, an older brother who serves as both tormentor and protector, and a younger sister who inhabits her own secret world, the boy takes his amusements where he can.

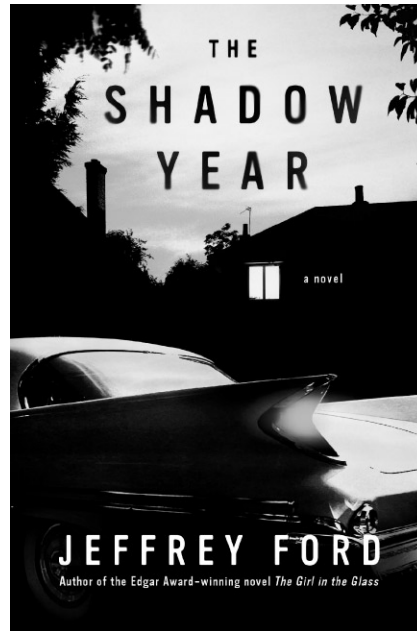
At once a hypnotically compelling mystery, a masterful re-creation of a unique time and

place, a celebration of youth, and a poignant and disquieting portrait of home and family, *The Shadow Year* is a monumental new work from one of contemporary fiction's most fearless and inventive artists.

Booklist calls it "surreal, unsettling, and more than a little weird. Ford has a rare gift for evoking mood with just a few well-chosen words and for creating living, breathing characters with only a few lines of dialogue."

Jeffrey Ford is the author of seven previous novels including, most recently, the Edgar Award-winning *The Girl in the Glass*. He is a professor of writing and early American literature.

This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



June schedule

The library will be closed Sunday, June 15 in observance of Father's Day. Sunday, June 22 is our last Sunday opening for the season.

Summer hours

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

Summer fun for kids

Registration begins Friday, June 20 for a variety of summer workshops for children from birth through sixth grade. See the Library Kids pages for details.

Summer fun for teens

See the back page for summer sign up information for grades 7 through 12. Registration begins Friday, June 13.

The Next Chapter

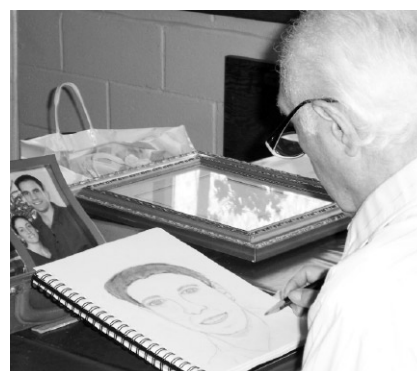
If you are a boomer, a senior or a life-long learner interested in joining a lively group of peers to discuss current events and topical issues, we've got a place for you! The group meets twice a month on Saturday mornings for coffee, cookies and conversation. Scott Zotto, an intern with the Nassau Library System and a social worker in training, facilitates the discussion. Co-sponsored by the library and the Nassau Library System/Senior Connections. Join us June 7 and 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Need homework help?

Use your Port Washington Public Library Card to connect with a live tutor! 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. You'll be connected to a live tutor who can help with those end of the school year homework questions.

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.



Seniors exhibit art work

Painters from Port Washington Senior Citizens, Inc. in Manorhaven will exhibit their art work in the library's Community Gallery throughout June. Barbara Silbert and Barbara Stein volunteer their time each week to teach and guide the class in their artistic endeavors. Exhibitors include Anne Marie Bischoff, Nick Capobianco, Joan Masi, Soccoro Roman, Carl Schneider, Mary Sibert, Llewellyn Simpkins and Terry Zukowski.

Did you know . . .

that you can review your account, check due dates, reserve and renew your library materials online anytime?



The Great Wall

Qiufen Wei exhibits oil paintings

Qiufen Wei came to the United States in 1993 from Beijing, China, where she attended the Art and Science School-Branch Campus of Beijing University. She was a book and magazine editor before coming to the U.S. She studied at Queens College, and has painted in oil for the past seven years. Ms. Wei has exhibited at libraries across Nassau County. Ms. Wei's paintings will be on display throughout the month.

D-Day and beyond on DVD

This month we commemorate D-Day (June 6, 1944) with a screening of *The Longest Day*. Our circulating DVD collection includes over 200 World War II movies, ranging from battle pictures to spy flicks, from POW thrillers to home front stories, from dramas to comedies, and from American and British productions to foreign films. They include . . .

Above Us the Waves • Another Time, Another Place • Anzio • Atonement • Attack • Back Door to Hell • Bataan • Battleground • Battle Cry • Battle of Blood Island • Battle of the River Plate • Battleground • Beach Red • Between Heaven and Hell • The Big Red One • Black Book • Blood Alley • The Bridge on the River Kwai • British Intelligence • The Burmese Harp • Candlelight in Algiers • Captain Corelli's Mandolin • Captains of the Clouds • Carve Her Name with Pride • Catch-22 • Caught in the Draft • Charlotte Gray • Charlie Chan in the Secret Service • China Doll • Cloak and Dagger • The Cockleshell Heroes • Command Decision • Crash Dive • The Cruel Sea • Dark Blue World • Das Boot • Decision Before Dawn • The Desert Fox • Destination Gobi • Destination Tokyo • The Devil's Brigade • The Dirty Dozen • Downfall • Dragon Seed • Dunkirk

The Eagle Has Landed • El Alamein • The Enemy Below • Enemy of Women • Europa, Europa • Eye of the Needle • Farewell to the King • Father Goose • The Fighting Rats of Tobruk • The Fighting Seabees • The Final Countdown • Fires on the Plain • 5 Fingers • Five Graves to Cairo • Flags of Our Fathers • Flat Top • Flying Leathernecks • Forbidden Games • Force 10 from Navarone • 49th Par-

allel • The Frogmen • From Here to Eternity • The Gang's All Here • The Great Dictator • The Great Escape • Guadalcanal Diary • Gung Ho! • The Guns of Navarone • Halls of Montezuma • Hart's War • The Hasty Heart • Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison • Hell in the Pacific • Hell to Eternity • The Hill • Hong Kong 1941 • Hope and Glory • How I Won the War • I Was Monty's Double • Ice Cold in Alex • Ill Met by Moonlight • Immortal Sergeant • In Harm's Way • Ivan's Childhood • Kanal • Lady from Chungking • Letters from Iwo Jima • Lifeboat • Life Is Beautiful • Light Up the Sky! • The Long Voyage Home

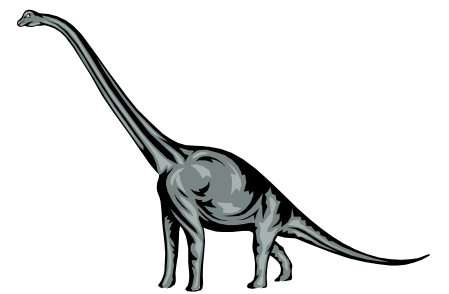
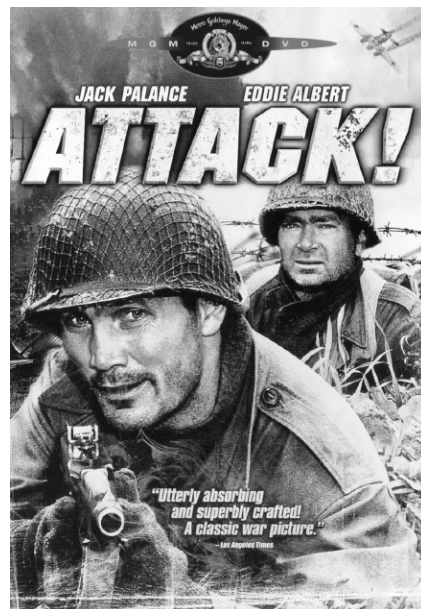
The Magnificent Warriors • Man in the Middle • The Man Who Never Was • A Matter of Life and Death • Mister Roberts • Monarch of the Moon • Morituri • Mother of Mine • Mrs. Miniver • Never So Few • No Man Is an Island • Objective, Burma! • Operation Pacific • Paradise Road • Paris Underground • Passage to Marseille • Patton • Pearl Harbor • The Pianist • Private Buckaroo • The Purple Plain • Raid on Rommel • Red Angel • Reunion in France • Rosenstrasse • Run Silent, Run Deep

Sailor to the King • Sands of Iwo Jima • Saving Private Ryan • The Scarlet and the Black • The Sea Chase • The Sea Wife • Seven Beauties • Since You Went Away • Sink the Bismarck! • 633 Squadron • Slaughterhouse-Five • The Small Back Room • Son of Lassie • So Proudly We Hail • South Sea Woman • Stage Door Canteen • Stalag 17 • The Story of G.I. Joe • Story of a Prostitute • Strayed • Sundown

They Got Me Covered • They Were Expendable • 13 Rue Madeleine • Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo • Thun-

der Birds • To Be or Not to Be • To Have and Have Not • To Hell and Back • Tonight We Raid Calais • Tora! Tora! Tora! • The Train • Twelve O'Clock High • Twin Sisters • Two Women • U-571 • Underground • Under the Flag of the Rising Sun • Unpublished Story • Up Periscope • Von Ryan's Express • Wake Island • A Walk in the Sun • The Way Ahead • Where Eagles Dare • Windtalkers • Wing and a Prayer • The Wings of Eagles • The Wooden Horse • A Yank in the R.A.F. • The Young Lions • You're in the Navy Now • Zelary

You'll find even more WWII features in VHS format, not to mention dozens of war documentaries in both DVD and VHS.



Museum Pass Program

Our Museum Pass Program is growing, and we'll keep you informed as we add destinations to our roster.

American Museum of Natural History

Brooklyn Children's Museum

Clark Botanic Garden

Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum

Long Island Children's Museum

Metropolitan Museum of Art

The Morgan Library & Museum

Museum of Modern Art

New York Historical Society

Old Westbury Gardens

Passes are for use by Port Washington card holders, and are available for borrowing at the Circulation Desk in the lobby. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

I ♥ the F-Word

Schreiber High School's newly formed 3rd Wave Feminist Club welcomes you to its production of an entirely student-written play, "I ♥ the F-Word," on Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m. The piece, directed by Floryn Glass, Schreiber '98, under the supervision of Schreiber English teacher Dr. Helen Sachs, explores being a high school girl

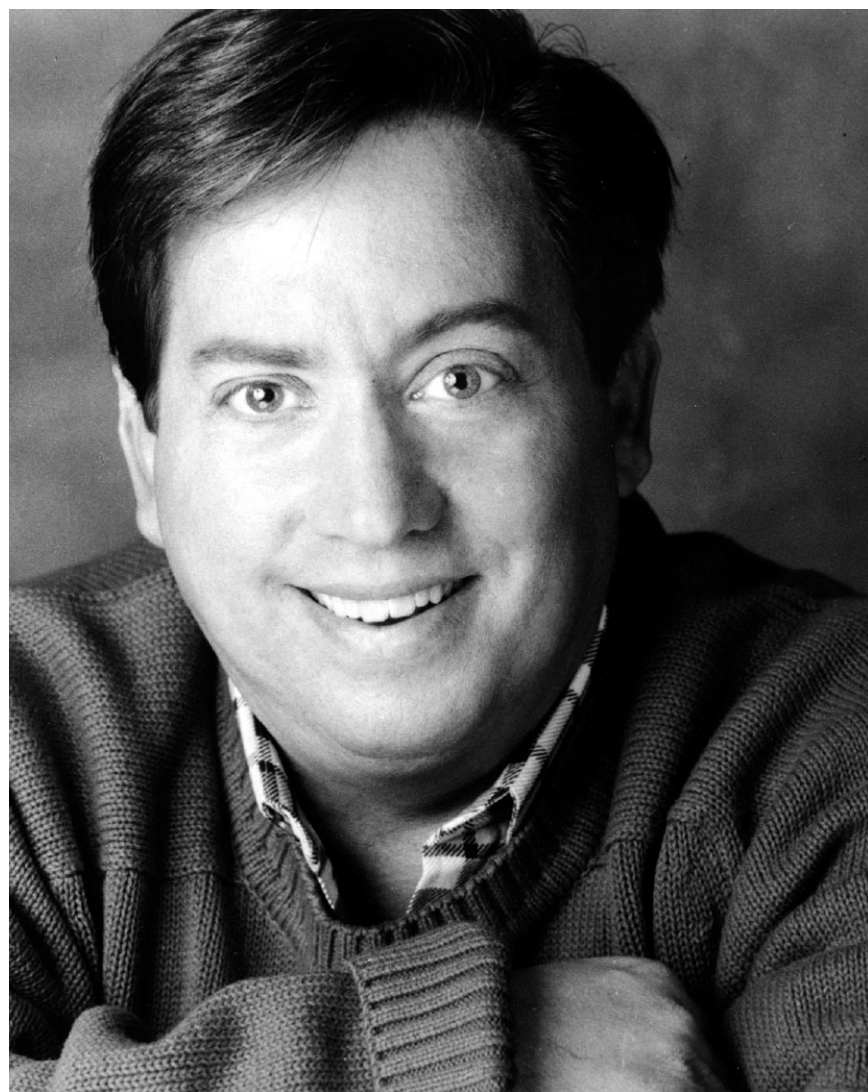
and learning about what it means to be a feminist. The production examines this through a series of acted scenes, songs and dances that come together to tell the story of one girl's — and every girl's — transition through high school.

The show contains mature adult content; viewer discretion is advised.



Is it trash or is it treasure?

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 at 12:10 P.M. / SANDWICHED IN: To a municipality, garbage is a constant headache. To a city or town's residents, it is a disagreeable nuisance. To the urban archaeologist, it is a treasure trove of information. An urban archaeological site — the 175 Water Street block in lower Manhattan — is a good place to examine the question, "Is it trash or is it treasure?" Literally created from 18th-century detritus, and then the repository of 18th and 19th century trash, the block's debris included a sunken ship that structured the garbage-laden landfill. The derelict hulk was the site's most extraordinary example of urban trash as well as its most spectacular artifact. This, and the more than a million less sensational artifacts recovered from the site and the information they provided, as well as the research prompted by the finds, raise the question: is garbage trash or is it treasure? You be the judge. Joan H. Geismar, Ph.D., an archaeological consultant, has been a practicing urban archaeologist in the New York-metropolitan area since 1981. Dr. Geismar, who received her doctorate in Anthropology from Columbia University, has extensive experience in documenting the history of sites in the New York metropolitan area, assessing their archaeological potential, and implementing and carrying out fieldwork.



Warren Schein's 7th Annual Concert Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Spend some time with Mr. Saturday Night. Join us for an extravaganza of music and comedy.

6 tips for better job interviews

1. KNOW YOUR STRENGTHS

Identify your three strongest skills and talk about them. Be prepared to show how you have used them in your career, especially recently.

2. GIVE EXAMPLES OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Be able to speak about how you have used those three skills in achieving accomplishments in your career. How have you added value? Have you made money for your organization? Saved time? Improved morale?

3. BE PREPARED FOR "BEHAVIORAL INTERVIEW" QUESTIONS

These invite you to tell a story. For example: "Describe your most frustrating work experience and how you handled it?"

4. BE ON THE ALERT FOR "RELATIONSHIP QUESTIONS"

These ask how others at work would describe you, or how you got along with your manager/colleagues.

5. TAKE NOTES AFTERWARD

Make sure you write down the questions you've been asked as soon as you exit the interview. You'll be better prepared for the next one!

6. PRACTICE WITH OUR CAREER COACH

Make an appointment to see the library's **Career Coach Diane Reynolds**. Call 883-4400, Ext. 111. She will lead you in a mock interview. After all, interviews are hard to get; why not do everything you can to succeed?



June 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.*

June Programs

Musical Moppets — Monday, June 9

A music and movement program. Musical Moppets for Babies for ages birth to 29 months with an adult from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. or 1 to 1:30 p.m. Musical Moppets for ages 2½ to 5 with an adult from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Registration began Tuesday, May 27 — for availability call Children's Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Tummy Time — Thursdays, June 12, 19 & 26 from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Babies are spending more time on their backs than ever before due to the recommendations set by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Babies need lots of "Tummy Time" to develop their muscle strength and coordination. You and your child will be led in song, rhymes and simple stories. There will be time for playing with rattles, soft blocks and other developmentally appropriate toys. This new program is for parents/caregivers with babies between the ages of 3 months to pre-crawlers. In-person registration begins Monday, June 2 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room.

Children's Garden — Saturday, June 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children in grades K to 6 with an adult are invited to help plant flowers and vegetables in the Gordon Helman Garden (weather permitting). No registration required. Co-sponsored by the friends and family of Caroline Mary Smith.

Pajama Story Time — Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

Tweens' Night Out — Friday, June 20 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Students in fifth and sixth grades are invited for an evening get-together at the library. Help decorate the Children's Room in preparation for the "Catch the Reading Bug!" Summer Reading Program. Registration is limited and begins Monday, June 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Light refreshments will be served.

Page Turners — Tuesday, June 24 at 7:15 p.m.

Fifth and sixth grade members in this monthly book group will meet from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. For availability call 883-4400, Ext. 150.



Winners announced

Great Library Card Adventure update

A record 969 Port Washington children participated in this fun annual event. Third grade is this year's winning grade! Congratulations to our winners and to all the children who participated in the 2008 Great Library Card adventure.



In-person registration begins Friday, June 20 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room. Registration by phone begins Monday, June 23 at 9:15 a.m. Call 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Summer Fun for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

In-person registration for the following activities begins on Friday, June 20 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room. Registration by phone begins Monday, June 23 at 9:15 a.m. by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Babies & 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. Stories, songs, music, fingerplays and more. For ages birth to 17 months with an adult.

Play Pals: Session I: Tuesdays, July 8, 15 & 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session II: Tuesdays, July 29 & 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

Thursday morning workshops for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. Children must be 30 months old by July 1. Limit 3 workshops per child. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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

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

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

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

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. Arts and crafts with Jeanne Hall.



Summer Fun for School-Age Kids

In-person registration for the following activities begins on Friday, June 20 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room. Registration by phone begins Monday, June 23 at 9:15 a.m. by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Saturday morning workshops for children entering grades K to 6. Limit 3 workshops per child. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Grades K to 3

Decorated Birdhouse – July 12 at 10 a.m.

Arts and crafts with Shirley Ruby. Workshop fee: \$3

Insects and Spiders – July 19 at 10 a.m.

See a collection of live bugs and learn about their differences.

Bug Bites – July 26 at 10 a.m.

Learn about insects and create your own imaginary bug.

Bugs! – August 2 at 10 a.m.

Explore the characteristics of insects and bring home your own bug box.

Buggy Hat – August 9 at 10 a.m.

Arts and crafts with Shirley Ruby. Workshop fee: \$3

Grades 4 to 6

Hand Painted Mirror Paddle — July 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Arts and crafts with Shirley Ruby. Workshop fee: \$3.

Insect Ethology — July 19 at 11:30 a.m.

Learn about millipedes, mealworms & cockroaches and make a terrarium.

Bug Bites — July 26 at 11:15 a.m.

Learn about insect anatomy & habits and create your own imaginary bug.

Bugs! — August 2 at 11:15 a.m.

Explore the characteristics of insects and bring home your own bug box.

Buggy Notebook — August 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Arts and crafts with Shirley Ruby. Workshop fee: \$3.

Book Discussion Groups

Third Grade Thinkers: Mondays, July 7, 21 & August 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. For children going into third grade. Book titles include *Rattlesnake Dance: True Tales, Mysteries and Rattlesnake Ceremonies* by Jennifer Owings, *Dewey, Some Frog!* by Eve Bunting and *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest* by Lynne Cherry.

Chat & Snack: Monday, July 14, 28 and August 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. For children going into fourth grade. Book titles include *Bug Boy* by Carol Sonenklar, *The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail* by Avi and *Walter: The Story of a Rat* by Barbara Wersba.

Summer Page Turners: Wednesday, July 9 and 23 & Tuesday, August 5 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. For children going into fifth and sixth grade. Book titles to be announced.

Junior Aide Program

Children entering fifth and sixth grade are invited to volunteer a few hours each week from July 7 through August 15 to assist with reading clubs and other activities. Limited registration begins Monday, June 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Let's Talk About It

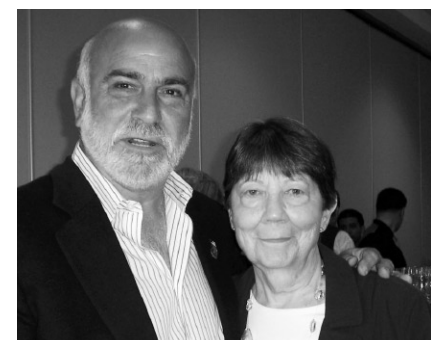
The library proudly announces that it is again among the 34 libraries nationwide selected to receive a grant from the American Library Association and NextBook, publishers of Jewish literature, for the project initiative "Let's Talk About It." Beginning Monday, September 18, the library will host a series 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.

PCLI on exhibit

For over a quarter of a century, Photography Club of Long Island members have exhibited their landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, still lifes, portraits, travel pictures and abstractions.

This year's exhibit will hang in the Photography Gallery through June 30. Photo at right by Ed Lewit.



This year's luncheon, at a new location — The Clubhouse at Harbor Links — featured Brian Hall, author of *Fall of Frost: A Novel*, and Barry Day, editor of *The Letters of Noel Coward*. Joining Mr. Day were Simon Jones, Geoffrey Johnson and Polly Lee, who dramatized the letters. From top left: Brian Hall and Barry Day; Library Trustee Patricia Bridges, FOL President Amy Bass and Brian Hall; luncheon guest Ed Slade with FOL Vice President Nancy Wright; FOL Director Pam O'Connell with husband and Library Trustee John O'Connell, FOL Vice President Ellen Zimmerman, the actors. Photos by Will Wright & Jackie Kelly.

FOL Luncheon re-cap

The Friends of the Library Book & Author Luncheon is a wonderful group effort — and we have a wonderful group of Friends — Amy Bass, President; Nancy Wright and Ellen Zimmerman, Vice Presidents; Eleanor Rybecky, Secretary; Tinu Thakore, Treasurer, and directors Robert Drew, Beverly Halm, Carol Hiller, Sylvia Kamisher, Pamela O'Connell, Edward Sands, Selma Willner. Thank you all for another success and for all you do on behalf of the library all year long.

What's new in TeenSpace?

"I ♥ THE F-WORD." Join Schreiber High School's newly formed 3rd Wave Feminist Club for a presentation of an entirely student-written play. Story inside. Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m.

THANKS! to the teens who showed their creative side during Young People's Poetry Week in April. Here's one of the many poems that was created and displayed on our windows: *Soft rose is like our dream void from bitter need.*

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 beginning, June 13. Come in to pick up reading club materials, including a sign-up prize, (while supplies last). Call 883-4400, Ext. 148 for information.

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 WORKSHOPS: In-person registration in TeenSpace, unless otherwise noted, beginning June 13. 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

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.

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. 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.



An example of manga



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