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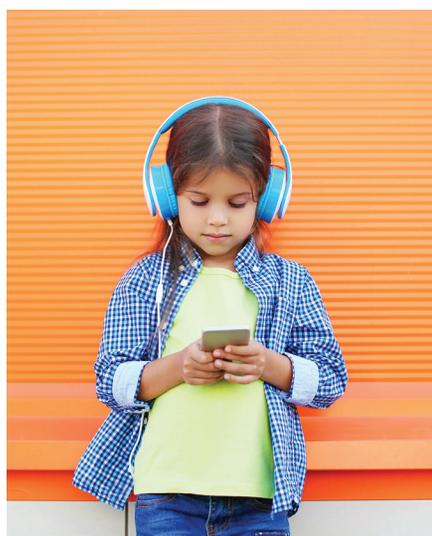
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a new leaf



Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates

On Tuesday, March 28, the final public budget hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., the candidates for the Library Board of Trustees will speak and answer questions.

Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election

The budget vote and Trustee election will take place on Tuesday, April 4 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please review the proposed budget on page two of this issue. You must be a registered voter to vote in this election.

Overdue fine amnesty

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A call to action

The Books for Dessert Advisory Board is seeking new committee members who have an interest in literacy for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Experience is appreciated but not required. For more information please contact Keith Klang at 516-883-4400, ext. 135. Learn about Books for Dessert at pwpl.org/books/books-for-dessert.

Homebound service

We make housecalls! If you or a loved one is unable to visit the Library, let us know and we will arrange for free delivery of books and other materials. For more information contact Keith Klang at 516-883-4400, ext. 135 or kklang@pwpl.org.

Friday, May 12 at 11 a.m. at the North Hills Country Club—Reserve now!

FOL's 48th Annual Book & Author Luncheon

FOL welcomes novelist Anita Shreve, who will speak about her highly anticipated new book *The Stars Are Fire*, and food historian and Yale University professor Paul Freedman, who will discuss his acclaimed *Ten Restaurants That Changed America*. Port's own best-

selling novelist Susan Isaacs returns as program moderator.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Reservation brochures will be available April 1 in the Library and downloadable online at www.pwpl.org/fol.

For more information, please email fol@pwpl.org.





A message from the President of the Library Board of Trustees

In Port Washington, we embrace change. We are excited when new shops and restaurants open. We are filling our schools with the latest technology. We are building new parks and revitalizing our waterfront. We welcome new arrivals and make them our own.

At the same time, residents of Port Washington respect tradition. We shop on a Main Street lined with American flags. We patronize businesses that have served the town for generations. We fight to save important landmarks. We honor our police, firefighters and teachers.

Nowhere is this inclusive community spirit better reflected than at the Port Washington Public Library. For 125 years, we have served as an anchor in a growing and changing town. A community gathering place, a repository of knowledge and history, and a place of stability.

At the same time, we have reflected, anticipated, and adapted to change. In 2017, a Library patron is just as likely to be 3D printing, taking a citizenship class, streaming a movie, receiving career counseling, or doing Tai Chi as they are to be borrowing a copy of *The Great Gatsby*. But you can still easily find *The Great Gatsby* here—we have sixteen copies (seven of them are e-books). We adopt the new, but the familiar remains respected. That's how we do things in Port Washington.

The Jackie and Harold Spielman Children's Library will be a spectacular expression of these community values. Currently under construction, the new room will be a welcoming space where Port's kids will be at home with the familiar and challenged by the new. Books and technology will live side-by-side. Storytimes will be joined by STEAM instruction. Literacy will coexist with "making." Programming will include favorite activities and new educational initiatives. The constant will be the Children's Services staff, here for your kids from birth through age twelve, helping them to discover and grow.

When the Children's Library opens this year, we will be proud to say that we accomplished this major renovation without asking Port residents for an additional tax levy. The project is being funded through the generosity of the community—private donations large and small, as well as grants secured by our local legislators. As always, we take our fiscal responsibilities seriously and we make sure every dollar counts. Even in a year filled with activity and construction, the proposed budget for 2017-18 contains only a minor increase, staying well within the tax cap.

Please review the proposed budget, included here, and come out to vote on Tuesday, April 4. We appreciate your support and hope that the Library continues to enrich the lives of you and your family. Whether you're here for Computer Aided Design or just a comfy armchair, you're always welcome.

Many thanks,

Robert Lee Aitken

Register to vote at the Library

The Library is providing an easy way to register prior to our budget vote and trustee election on Tuesday, April 4. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in this election. On Tuesday, March 28, visit the Library between the hours of 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. to register. If you are a registered voter, it is not necessary to register again for our election.

When coming to register, please bring one of the following: a valid photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or some other govern-

ment document that shows your name or address. The voter registration books will be available on weekdays as of March 21 for anyone who wishes to confirm that they are a registered voter.

Residents of the Port Washington school district can also register at the school administration building on Campus Drive on any day the school is open, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. To vote you must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the Port Washington Union Free School District for at least 30 days.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	2017 BUDGET	2016 BUDGET
REVENUES			
Real Property Taxes	7,172,264	7,104,023	7,006,316
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	120,000	95,700	95,700
Interest	10,500	10,000	10,000
Other Local Revenue	77,500	77,500	77,500
State Sources	6,500	6,500	6,500
Total Revenues	7,386,764	7,293,723	7,196,016
Appropriated: Designated for ERS	85,000	-	-
Appropriated: Fund Balance	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Revenues & App Fund Bal	7,521,764	7,343,723	7,246,016
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES, TERMINAL LEAVE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
Salaries	3,689,418	3,508,877	3,450,944
Terminal Leave	85,000	134,000	134,000
Employee Benefits - Retirement	540,063	517,640	583,792
Employee Benefits - Other	1,077,161	1,014,186	937,244
MTA Tax	12,543	11,929	11,732
Subtotal - Salaries, Terminal Leave Accruals & Employee Benefits	5,404,185	5,186,632	5,117,712
LIBRARY MATERIALS			
Books - Fiction	41,000	51,000	51,000
Books - Non-fiction	50,000	60,000	60,000
Books - Reference	35,000	43,000	43,000
Books - Children's	23,500	25,500	25,500
Books - Audio & Electronic	75,000	45,000	45,000
Books - Young Adult	20,000	20,000	20,000
Software & Online Databases	78,000	78,000	78,000
Periodicals	39,500	39,500	39,500
Media - DVD/CD	68,000	68,000	68,000
Subtotal - Library Materials	430,000	430,000	430,000
LIBRARY OPERATIONS			
Office & Library Supplies	65,700	65,700	65,700
Telephone	31,000	31,000	31,000
Postage & Freight	25,000	25,000	25,000
Printing	40,500	40,500	40,500
Staff Conference & Training	20,000	20,000	20,000
ALIS/NLS	89,718	99,718	99,718
Program Services	69,500	69,500	69,500
Memberships	7,000	7,000	7,000
Maint. Office Equip.	32,000	32,000	32,000
Accounting/Legal	112,720	111,663	111,664
Security Service	43,811	46,000	30,292
Computer Service	60,040	60,040	60,040
General	26,200	25,000	25,000
Subtotal - Library Operations	623,189	633,121	617,414
BUILDING OPERATIONS			
Fuel & Utilities	181,012	181,012	181,012
Custodial	133,640	135,700	115,700
Insurance	69,703	74,203	74,203
Subtotal - Building Operations	384,355	390,915	370,915
Subtotal Expenditures	6,841,729	6,640,668	6,536,041
EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS & TRANSFERS			
Equipment	56,350	41,850	41,850
Repairs & Alterations	100,000	75,000	75,000
Transfers to Capital		70,000	70,000
Subtotal - Equipment, Repairs, and Transfers	156,350	186,850	186,850
DEBT SERVICE			
Bonds - Principal & Interest	523,685	516,205	523,125
Principal & Interest	523,685	516,205	523,125
Total Expenditures	7,521,764	7,343,723	7,246,016
Tax Levy Increase	0.96%	1.39%	1.00%
Budget Increase	2.42%	1.35%	0.97%

The final Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates Night are on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Budget vote and Trustee election are on Tuesday, April 4 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Absentee ballot applications are available at www.pwpl.org or in the Library's administration office.

Saturday, April 22 from 12 to 4 p.m.

Take action for Earth Day!



On Saturday, April 22, the Library is turning Earth Day into Earth Action Day! Join us for a full day of activities for all ages and find out how you and your family can get involved, take action, and have fun doing it! There will be games, live animals, interactive activities, volunteer opportunities and much more, plus giveaways and a free raffle. PWPL has invited a wide variety of community groups and environmental organizations who are eager to educate people about our local environment, and to help everyone take an active role in making our world a greener and more sustainable place.

The organizations participating are: American Museum of Natural History, Baxter Pond Foundation, Citizens Climate Lobby, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Councilwoman Dina De Giorgio, Frogs, Bugs and Animals Show, Girls Scout Troop 459, Grassroots Environmental Education, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee, Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, Metropolitan Monarch Alliance, Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District, North

Shore Audubon Society, Plant A Row, Power Up Communities, PW Green, Port Washington Water District, Port Washington Water Pollution Control District, Sands Point Preserve Conservancy, Save the Sound, Science Museum of Long Island, and the Town of North Hempstead.

Earth Action Day will be preceded by two more eco-themed events: on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m., we will screen the documentary film *Before the Flood*. On Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Kevin Reed, an Assistant Professor in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at Stony Brook University, will discuss the latest on climate change and its potential impacts.

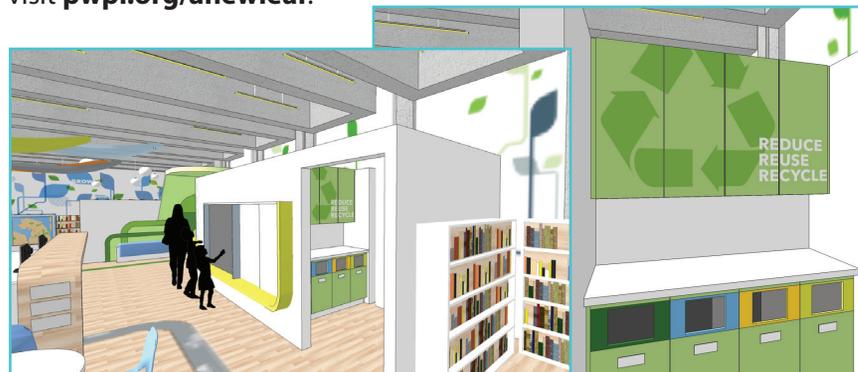
Throughout April, the Karen and Ed Adler Art Gallery will display the environmentally-themed paintings of Janet Culbertson. Culbertson's work explores not only the beauty of the natural world, but also consequences of the exploitation of nature.

Earth Day programming is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

A look at the new Children's Library

Our Children's librarians are, in their own words, "nuts about recycling." They do it all—glass, cans, plastic, paper, even sneakers—and teach kids the importance of doing it too. That's why, when we designed the new Children's Library, they made sure that a special area dedicated to recycling would be included. We're looking forward to debuting this space, where education for kids turns into action by kids!

To learn more about the Jackie and Harold Spielman Children's Library, visit pwpl.org/aneleaf.



In the Karen and Ed Adler Gallery

Janet Culbertson's environmental art

The work of New York artist Janet Culbertson will be exhibited in the Adler Gallery from April 1 through 30, with an artist's reception on Saturday, April 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Culbertson paints and draws diverse landscapes, depicting both the love and exploitation of nature. Trips to the Galapagos Islands, Africa, the Grand Canyon and other travels have inspired her, and a serious car accident imbued her work with a sense of the fragility of life. Her series *Industrial Park* deals with pollution, the extinction of plants and animals, and global disasters. These works use oil paint with iridescent pigments to simulate the look of broken glass, mine tailings and rainbow-like oil spills.

Culbertson holds a Master's Degree from NYU and teaches art at Pace University and Pratt Art School. Her work is in the perma-

nent collections of such museums as the National Academy of Sciences in Washington D.C., the Telfair, the Guild Hall, the Fogg Art Museum, the Hunterdon, the Islip Museum, the Long Island Museum and the Heckscher Museum.

Made possible by the PWPL Art Advisory Council.



Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m.

Oboist Olivier Stankiewicz and pianist Alvis Sinivia

French oboist Olivier Stankiewicz has been praised by ResMusica for his "astounding technique, rich sound, and mature artistry." This season, he makes his New York and Washington debuts in the Alexander Kasza-Kasser Concert of the Young Concert Artists Series.

Stankiewicz holds the position of Principal Oboe with the London Symphony Orchestra and is Professor of Oboe at the Royal College of Music in London.

Pianist Alvis Sinivia performs chamber music with such notable

artists as Alexandre Tharaud, Carmen Lefrançois and Sebastien Van Kuijk.

He has performed at the Rouen Opera, the Sala Verdi in Milan, the Festival Suona Venezia in Venice and at Toppan Hall in Tokyo.

On Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m., join Stankiewicz and Sinivia for an intimate performance featuring selections from Janacek, Schumann and others.

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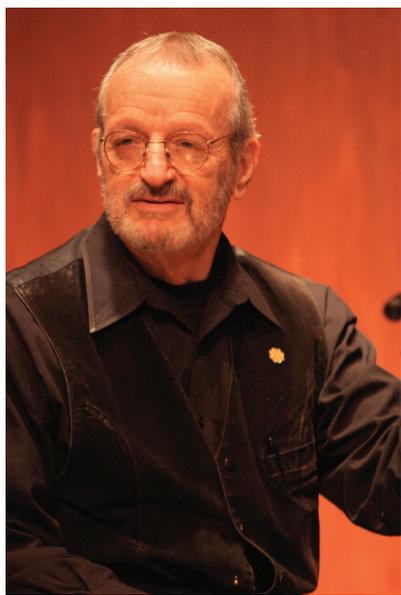
Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

David Bennett Cohen returns to SoundSwap

On Friday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m., pianist and songwriter David Bennett Cohen returns to the PWPL stage. Cohen will perform songs from his upcoming solo album, along with material from his first three solo releases and his years with Country Joe and the Fish.

David Bennett Cohen has been delighting audiences at the Library since he first appeared here in 2009. He has found his performances for the SoundSwap series to be "...the most enjoyable gigs any musician can hope to have. I love the space, the crew, the piano, and especially the people who come to hear me play. I feed off of the energy that I get from the folks who come to see me, and it brings out my best performances."

Cohen's upcoming album will join his previous solo releases, *At the Piano* (1984), *In the Pocket* (2004) and *Cookin' with Cohen* (2007). His career in blues, folk and boogie-woogie began fifty years ago as a member of Country Joe and the Fish. He was also a member of



The Blues Project, and has played with artists such as Jimi Hendrix, Mick Taylor, Richard Thompson, Jerry Garcia and Huey Lewis. Cohen has also released a number of instructional videos for piano and guitar.

SoundSwap is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Monday, April 24 at 7:15 p.m.

Streaming video for the perplexed

Hulu, Vudu, Netflix, Amazon Prime, Roku, Kindle Fire, AppleTV, Sling TV... the list goes on. Consumers now face a dizzying array of options for watching movies and TV shows online. It can be confusing and overwhelming, but also exciting! If you'd like to get started, or already have but want to get caught up on the latest choices, join us for an intro to streaming video services and devices.

In this evening repeat of last month's session, four PWPL staff experts will discuss commercially available services and their benefits, pricing, and limitations, as well as free streaming services now available to PWPL cardholders. Start streaming with confidence!



National Library Week: April 9 through 15

DON'T FEAR YOUR FINES



Had trouble finishing *Alexander Hamilton* in 28 days? Needed an extra weekend with those *Game of Thrones* DVDs? Don't fear your fines!

Stop by the Library anytime during National Library Week, April 9 through 15, to return your overdue items. As long as each returned item is in acceptable condition, all fines for that item will be waived—no questions asked!

Tax help, courtesy of AARP

Registration is ongoing for AARP tax help sessions. Appointments are available every Tuesday through April 11, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Register at the Research Desk or call 516-883-4400, ext. 111.

These sessions are offered courtesy of AARP. There are no age or membership requirements.

Planning on filing yourself? We've got you covered with helpful links and resources. Visit www.pwpl.org/research/tax or click on the 'Tax Links and Resources' link on our homepage.



REGISTRATION POLICY

Due to high demand, we ask that you arrive at least 5 minutes before the event for which you are registered to claim your spot. If you have not arrived 5 minutes before the event, we may transfer your spot to someone on the waiting list. See event listings for registration requirements. Priority for all events is given to Port Washington residents.

Early Childhood

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom/early-childhood-programs

A Time For Kids: Quack, Quack Duck

Monday, April 3 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration began March 27.*

Sing and Swing Story Time

Fridays, April 7, 21, 28 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Interactive stories, rhymes and songs emphasize early literacy skills and help instill a lifelong love of learning. For children ages 18 to 36 months with an adult. *Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 50 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.*

Preschool Story Time: Session II

Tuesdays, April 18, 25 and May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

You and your child will enjoy great stories, songs, and fingerplays, while your child develops essential early literacy skills. For children 2 1/2 to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration begins April 11.*

Baby Rhyme Time: Session II

Thursdays, April 20, 27 and May 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

A lullaby program filled with songs, music and bouncing rhymes that emphasizes early literacy skills and introduces babies to the magic of books. It's a great way to meet other new parents! For children ages birth to 17 months with an adult. *Online registration begins April 13.*

Ready Set Story Time

Monday, April 24 at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Susie introduces early literacy practices through stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. For children of all ages with an adult. *Admittance is on a first come first served basis for 50 participants for each time slot. Numbered tickets will be available ½ hour before each start time.*

A Time For Kids: 1, 2, 3, Blast Off!

Monday, May 1 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen presents educational activities, movement, music and a craft. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Online registration begins April 24.*

April 1 through 30

THE NEW GREAT LIBRARY CARD ADVENTURE!

In collaboration with Port's elementary schools, we are proud to present the fifteenth annual Great Library Card Adventure. This year we introduce an exciting new learning adventure on Main Street! From April 1 through 30, kids in grades K through 5 are invited to play our new game and help win books for their school libraries.

To get started, visit the temporary Children's Room during library hours (kids, bring a grownup!). Bring a smartphone with any QR code app already downloaded (test it out with the code below). Show your library card (or library card application) and get instructions, then take a walk on Main St. Use your smartphone to search for QR codes that reveal fun facts and video clues about Port landmarks. For kids without access to a smartphone, an alternate tool will be provided.

The adventure will take about one hour and ends at the library, where each child will receive a gift (while supplies last). The grade that has the most participants will be the winner!

GLCA is made possible by the Friends of the Library.



School-Age Kids

Register online at pwpl.org/childrensroom/school-age-programs

Third and Fourth Grade Book Discussion

Thursday, April 20 at 4 p.m.

Online registration—check for availability.

Book Discussion and Author Visit with Beth Ain

Tuesday, April 25 at 7:15 p.m.

Kids in grades 4 through 6 are invited to celebrate National Poetry Month with Port resident Beth Ain, author of several books for children, including the *Starring Jules* series. Participants will discuss Beth's newest book *Izzy Kline Has Butterflies*, a heartwarming novel told in verse. Participants will receive a new copy of *Izzy Kline Has Butterflies*, which the author will sign during her visit. *Online registration is limited and begins April 11—registrants are asked to visit the Children's Room and pick up a reserved copy of the novel to read before the book discussion.*



Vacation Week

Tickets are required for the following events and will be available in the Children's Room beginning April 1, on a first-come, first-served basis. Made possible by the Children's Advisory Council.

The Jester Jim Show

Wednesday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m.

With nothing more than a trunk full of props and his fast wit, Jester Jim's show is packed with fun and excitement. Juggling, balancing and beatboxing (vocal percussion) make this a performance you'll never forget! For kids in grades K through 6 with an adult.



Nature Nick's Animal Adventures

Thursday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

A fun and original show with exotic animals from around the world! Professional animal trainer and wildlife rehabilitator Nature Nick presents birds of prey, kangaroos, lemurs, kookaburras, snakes and much more. For kids in grades 1 through 6 with an adult.



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PIIPL for grades seven through twelve

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Math Tutoring

Mondays, April 3 and 24 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Teens who need assistance in math (sorry, no calculus!), including SAT/ACT prep, are invited to work with Steven and Leona Handelman. No registration needed, but bring your own textbooks and materials.

The Outsiders Turns 50

Saturday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m.

A special screening of *The Outsiders*, based on the classic teen novel by S.E. Hinton, which turns fifty this year. The rivalry between two gangs, the poor Greasers and the rich Socs, heats up when one gang members kills another. Rated PG-13.



Haiku Instagram Challenge

A haiku is a Japanese poem of seventeen syllables. The first and last lines have 5 syllables and the middle has 7 syllables. In honor of National Poetry Month, share your original haiku with us on Instagram.

Spring sprung in TeenSpace
Come celebrate poetry
Share on Instagram
#teenspacewplhaiku

NEW VERSE NOVELS

Stone Mirrors: The Sculpture and Silence of Edmonia Lewis by Jeannine Atkins

A biographical novel about a half-Native-American, half-African-American female sculptor working in the years right after the Civil War.

Up From the Sea by Leza Lowitz

A verse novel about the 2011 tsunami that sent Japan into chaos, told from the point of view of a biracial teen boy.

Girls Like Me by Lola StVil

Shay is trying to cope with being overweight and getting bullied in school. When she falls in love with Blake, Shay needs her best friends' help.



Booked by Kwame Alexander

Soccer lover Nick discovers the power of words while wrestling with problems at home and trying to impress the girl of his dreams.

The You I've Never Known by Ellen Hopkins

With both joy and fear, Ariel begins to explore her sexuality, while dealing with an abusive father and the knowledge that her mother abandoned her.

Every Last Word by Tamara Ireland Stone

Consumed by dark thoughts and worries, a girl coping with OCD learns to accept herself and take control through her experiences in a poetry club.

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