

## An evening with Colm Tóibín

On Thursday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m., the Friends of the Library welcomes one of contemporary literature's most critically acclaimed and beloved authors. Colm Tóibín will sit for an exclusive, wide-ranging interview and will discuss his latest novel, *Nora Webster*.

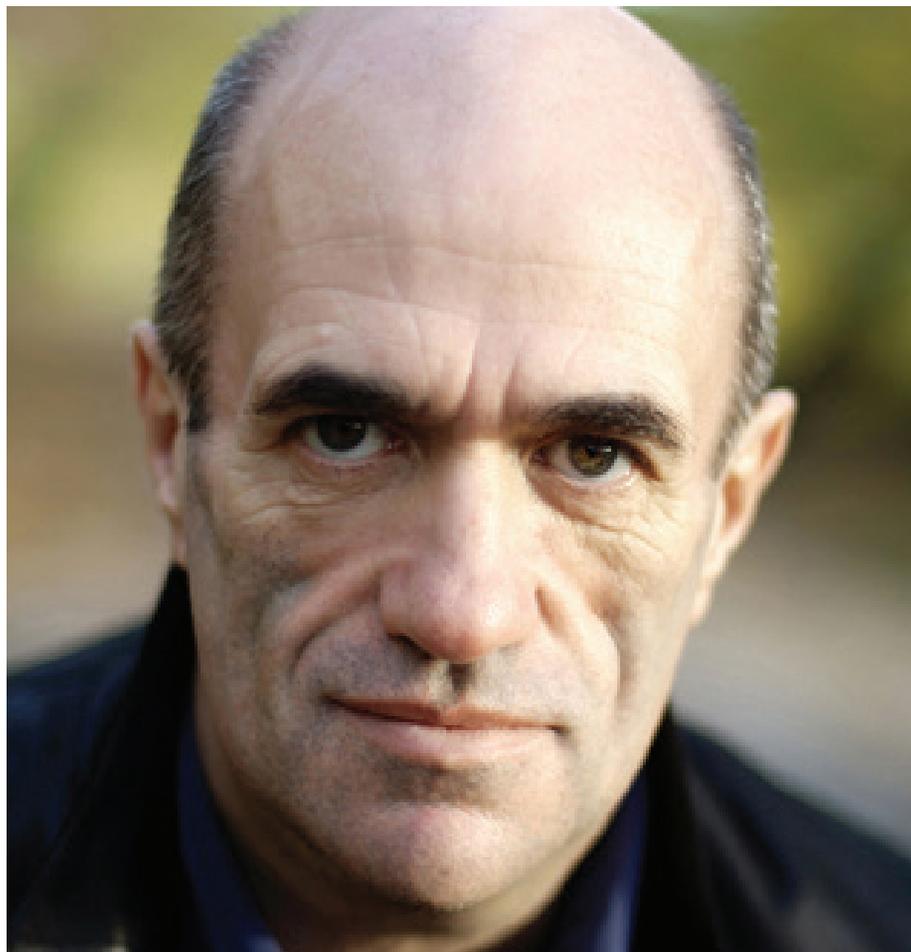
*Nora Webster* is a magnificent, instant *New York Times* bestseller set in Ireland, about a fiercely compelling young widow and mother of four, navigating grief and fear, struggling for hope.

"A high-wire act of an eighth novel... Tóibín's radical restraint elevates what might have been a familiar tale of grief and survival into a realm of heightened inquiry. The result is a luminous, elliptical novel in which everyday life manages, in moments, to approach the mystical..."

-- Jennifer Egan, *The New York Times Book Review*

"Miraculous... a strikingly restrained novel about a woman awakening from grief and discovering her own space, her own will... extraordinary... [Tóibín] portrays Nora with tremendous sympathy and understanding." -- Ron Charles, *The Washington Post*

Colm Tóibín is the author of eight novels, including *The Blackwater Lightship*, *The Master*, *Brooklyn* and *The Testament of Mary*, as well as two short story collections and works of non-fiction and literary criticism. He has won the Los Angeles Times Book



Prize and the Costa Book Award, and has twice been shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. Born in Enniscorthy, County Wexford, Ireland, Tóibín currently resides in Dublin and New York.

The interview will be conducted

by Randy Cohen for a future episode of his podcast *Person Place Thing*.

Copies of *Nora Webster* will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.

See page 3 in this issue for an annotated guide to Mr. Tóibín's work.

### Summer Sundays

Beginning on Sunday, June 28, we will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Sunday hours will resume after Labor Day.

### New Catalog

Our online catalog, shared with most Nassau public libraries, has a new look and new search functions. We've also added a search bar to our website homepage ([www.pwpl.org](http://www.pwpl.org)) to make it easier to access. If you need assistance with the new catalog, stop in and speak to a librarian, or call us at 516-883-4400, ext. 136.

### Model Boat Regatta

This year's Harborfest, on June 7, will again feature the Model Boat Regatta, which allows Port's third graders to race their model boats at Baxter Pond. This exciting event is made possible through the support of the Marvin and Elise Tepper Intergenerational Fund of the Port Washington Library Foundation as well as the Library's Nautical Advisory Council.

### PWEF Support Center

The Port Washington Education Foundation Support Center, in partnership with PWPL, is celebrating its tenth year of providing after-school academic support, homework assistance and arts enrichment to Port's third graders. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for helping to support this essential service through its annual grant for children's programs.

## Welcome Summer with artist Joanne Von Zwehl



The Art Advisory Council welcomes summer with *Summer*, an exhibition of bold, colorful oil paintings by Port native Joanne Von Zwehl.

"Having been raised in Port Washington, enjoying the summers and being near the water were such a part of growing up," says Von Zwehl.

"As an adult and artist, I strive to capture the feeling of summer from many different points of view. Even though my work is representational, it has always been important for me to show a different reality than one might expect.

"In this body of work, *Summer*, I was interested in portraying people who are comfortable in their own

skin and their environment, as well as additional perspectives on beauty.

"We are being let into the world of these subjects and I am excited to share their 'summer.'"

The exhibit runs from June 1 through 30 in the Library's Main Gallery. Join the artist for a reception on Thursday, June 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



### Adult Summer Reading Club

Coming in July, summer reading won't just be for kids anymore. We'll have a sign-up for an Adult Summer Reading Club. There will be author visits, book giveaways and a chance to win an e-reader.

### PWPL at the LIRR

Next month our summer service at the train station returns, starting July 9 and running through September 9. We'll be there Wednesday mornings from 7 to 9 a.m. Borrow popular paperbacks; no library card required. See you at the station!

# Calling All

# Mets Fans!

**Take your grandkids on a bus trip to the game—for free!**

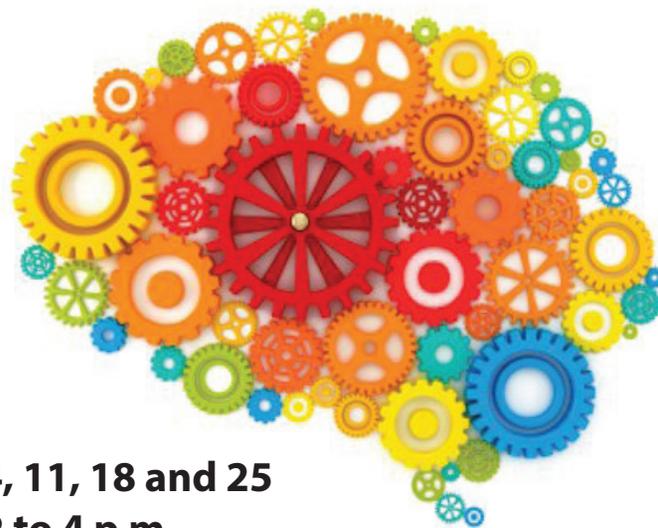
On **Sunday, July 12**, grandparents with grandchildren ages 10 and up are invited to enjoy a 1:10 p.m. game between the Mets and the Arizona Diamondbacks at Citi Field. Lunch will be provided and snacks will be available throughout the afternoon—all at no charge. The bus will leave the Library promptly at 11 a.m. and arrive back in Port at approximately 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Tepper Intergenerational Fund of the Port Washington Library Foundation and the Mets Baseball Organization.

**In-person registration begins on Tuesday, June 16 at 9 a.m.**



## “STAYING SHARP”

Maintain cognition and memory through brain fitness

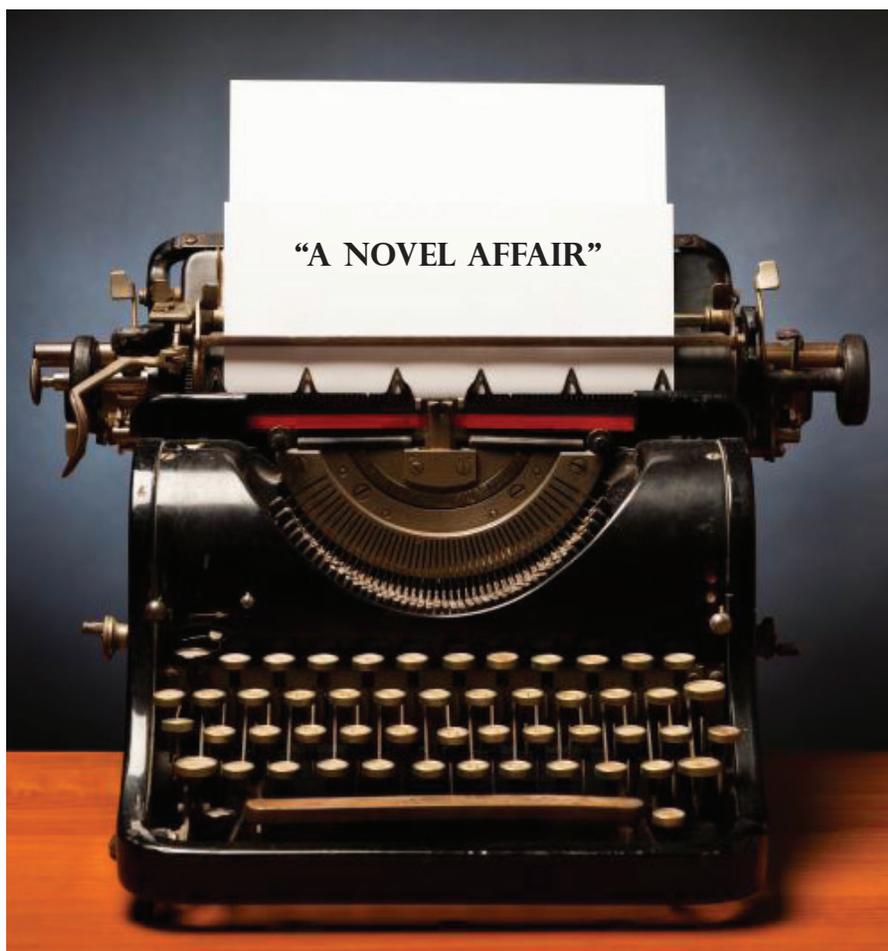


**June 4, 11, 18 and 25  
from 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Register now at the Information Desk,  
or call 516-883-4400, ext. 136.**

This introductory program, grounded in research, emphasizes lifestyle habits and choices that are known to promote cognition and memory. We will utilize lectures, videos and brain exercises with a focus on the pillars of brain fitness, getting to know your brain, memory and the aging brain, and how to differentiate normal aging symptoms from signs of dementia. Participants can be of any age, but persons with recognizable dementia may not benefit from the required reading and brain exercises that address cognitive functioning. Class size will be limited to 15-20 persons to accommodate one-on-one instruction. **Participants should plan to attend all four sessions.** Presented by Dr. Constance Miceli, Ph.D in Gerontology and Social Work, and a member of the L.I. Gerontology Association. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the HAC.

## SAVE THE DATE! THE PORT WASHINGTON LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S 12TH ANNUAL INSPIRATION GALA



**SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.**

## Senior Citizens Center Annual Art Exhibit



We are once again partnering with Port Washington Senior Citizens Center, located at 80 Manorhaven Blvd., to exhibit artwork created in their painting, drawing and sewing classes. The work will hang in the Library's Community Gallery throughout June. Thanks to the artists for brightening our gallery!

## Baby Bump

Hey expectant moms! Come meet and chat with other pregnant moms while talking to professional experts in pregnancy and infant care. Bring your partner too!

**Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25  
7 to 8:30 p.m.**

June 4: A discussion with midwife Jeanette Breen  
June 11: A talk with lactation consultant Beverley Rae  
June 18: Create your birth plan with Professor of Child Development Jessica Powell  
June 25: Infant CPR and first aid with certified Red Cross/CPR/AED/First Aid instructor Ildi Catuogno

**Register beginning May 21**



## Get to know the Met with Charles and Mirella Jona Affron

On Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m., the authors of *Grand Opera: The Story of the Met*, will discuss how the Metropolitan Opera became and remains a powerful actor on the global cultural scene. Spanning the decades between the Gilded Age and the age of new media, this story of the Met concludes by tipping its hat to the hugely successful "Live in HD" simulcasts and other twenty-first century innovations.

*Grand Opera's* appeal extends



far beyond the large circle of opera enthusiasts. Drawing on unpublished documents from the Metropolitan Opera Archives, reviews, recordings, and much more, this richly detailed book looks at the Met in the broad context of national and international issues and events.

"A welcome addition to the annals of opera history. Opera fans will feast on the facts and famous figures that fill these pages." -- *Library Journal*

"A valuable and readable history of the Met." -- Joseph Horowitz, *The Wall Street Journal*

Charles Affron is Professor Emeritus of French Literature at New York University. Mirella Jona Affron is Professor Emerita of Cinema Studies at The College of Staten Island/CUNY. Professor James Kolb of Hofstra University, facilitator of our very popular *Afternoon at the Opera* series, will interview the authors.

This special evening is presented by the Friends of the Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.

## Traditional sounds with the Mountain Maidens



Candice Baranello plays the dulcimer and sings traditional, classical and gospel music; Lorraine Berger plays the guitar and flamenco castanets; and Marie Mularczyk O'Connell is a multi-instrumentalist playing guitar, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, dumbec, bones and spoons.

All together, the Mountain Maidens perform a unique and harmonious mix of ballads, folk songs, country and gospel numbers, love songs and songs of social justice. As part of their performance they will pay a special tribute to Jean Ritchie. Join them on Sunday, June 7 at 3 p.m.

## MANHASSET BAY SUMMER BOAT TOURS ARE BACK!

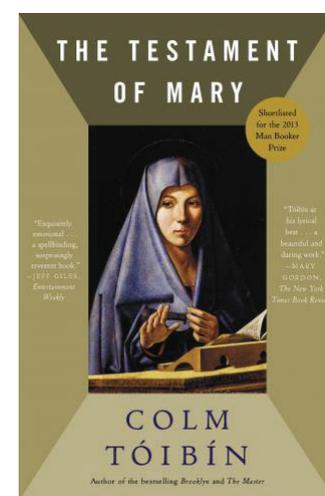
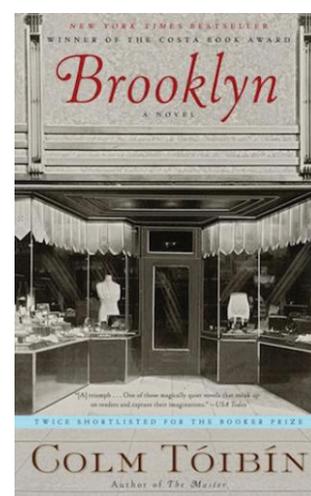
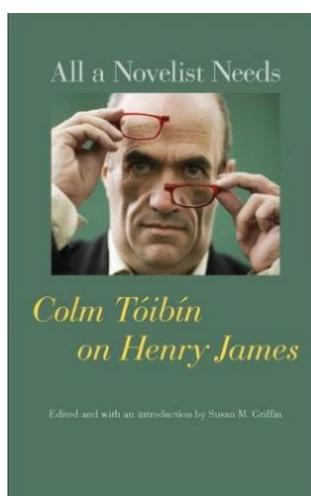
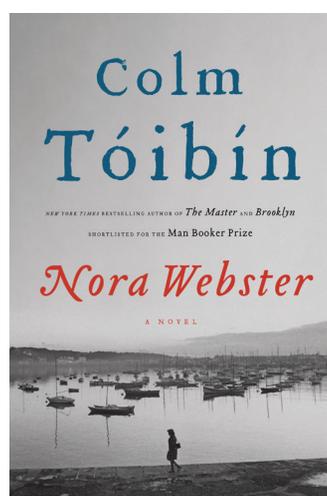


Experience a new perspective on Port's beautiful waterfront with a 90-minute boat tour. This summer's tours will take place on Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 9 at 7 p.m., Sunday July 12 at 11:30am, Sunday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m., Thursday July 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 16 at 11:30 a.m.

In-person registration begins on Saturday, June 6 at 9 a.m. Space is limited and we expect that tours will fill up quickly. A \$5 fee per person (check or cash) will be collected at the time of registration. Proof of residency is required for the person registering. There is a limit of 4 spots per registrant, and you may only sign up for one tour. The boat leaves from the Town Dock, rain or shine.

The sights include famous landmarks and a variety of birds and other wildlife, so feel free to bring binoculars. For more information contact Jeff Zeh at 516-883-4400, ext. 141. Sponsored by the Nautical Advisory Council.

## Explore the work of Colm Tóibín



On Thursday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m., the Friends of the Library welcome acclaimed author Colm Tóibín for an interview and discussion of his latest novel, *Nora Webster*.

Prepare for this special evening by exploring Tóibín's extensive body of work, including novels, short stories and criticism. All selections below are available from the Library.

**All a Novelist Needs: Colm Toibin on Henry James** (2010)  
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Tóibín brilliantly analyzes Henry James' works from a novelist's point of view.

**Brooklyn: A Novel** (2009)  
FIC Tóibín  
World War II ends and Eilis Lacey finds herself crossing the Atlantic from Ireland to Brooklyn where she finds happiness and romance.

**The Empty Family: Stories** (2010)  
FIC Tóibín

A collection of short stories set in modern day Ireland, 1970s Spain and 19th century England about people linked by love, loneliness and desire.

**Mothers and Sons: Stories**  
FIC Tóibín

A collection of stories explores the intricate bonds between mothers and their sons.

**New Ways To Kill Your Mother: Writers and Their Families** (2012)  
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Through a collection of essays, Tóibín explores the family lives of well-known literary figures from W.B. Yeats to Thomas Mann.

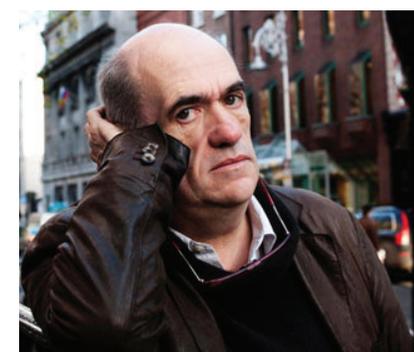
**Nora Webster** (2014)  
FIC Tóibín

A young widow must cope with the loss of her beloved husband while trying to

raise her four young children alone.

**On Elizabeth Bishop** (2015)  
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Tóibín offers a personal ode to American poet Elizabeth Bishop, one of his most significant literary influences.

**The Testament of Mary** (2012)  
FIC Tóibín  
A reimagining of the life that Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived after his crucifixion.



# Earth Day Fair 2015: Port Goes Green




## PIIPL

### Earth Day Fair 2015



Thanks to all our attendees and supporters for making the first PWPL Earth Day Fair a huge success! Port's residents braved the pouring rain and came out in droves for a day of fun and learning. The Library is committed to sustainability—from our solar roof to our kids' recycling stations, we hope to make a difference. We were proud to host community members, elected officials and organizations who are all doing so much to keep Port green.



Special thanks to Suzy Sparozic for Earth Day Fair photography

## SANDWICHED IN

### June 5 at 12:10 p.m.: "Stephen Sondheim"

Mel Haber, an aficionado of popular music, will trace Sondheim's career, first as a lyricist for *West Side Story* and *Gypsy*, then as the writer of both words and music for *Company*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Sweeney Todd*, and many others. Mr. Haber will screen video clips of "Send in the Clowns," "Not While I'm Around," "Not a Day Goes By" and "Being Alive."

### June 12 at 12:10 p.m.: "How the Internet Changed the Media"

Brian Rose, Professor of Media Studies at Fordham University, will examine the many ways the internet has radically transformed the "old" media of newspapers, magazines, the recording industry, film, radio and television. He will trace how this revolution took place in such a short period of time, and what lies ahead in the continually changing era of "new" media.

### June 19 at 12:10 p.m.: "Aging Well Is Not an Oxymoron"

Lilyan Strassman will discuss research that disproves negative beliefs about aging. She will look at views of aging in other cultures, and explore how to apply positive attitudes to enhance health and vitality. Ms. Strassman holds an MS in Social Work.



### June 26 at 12:10 p.m.: *Whiplash*

(2013-107 min.). A promising young drummer (Miles Teller) enrolls at a cut-throat music conservatory where his dreams of greatness are mentored by an instructor (Oscar winner J.K. Simmons) who will stop at nothing to realize a student's potential. Also starring Paul Reiser, Melissa Bonoist and Chris Mulkey. Damien Chazelle scripted and directed. Recommended for adults.

# PIIPL kids

To register or inquire about the following programs, call Children's Services at 516-883-4400, ext. 150 or email [child@pwpl.org](mailto:child@pwpl.org). Please comply with the age guidelines for these programs. Priority given to Port Washington residents; please be prepared to show proof of local residency.

## June Programs

### A Time For Kids

Monday, June 1 at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Donna for educational activities that combine preschool concepts and fun. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. *Registration began May 18—call for availability.*

### June Jamboree

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Music, stories and songs for children of all ages with an adult. *No registration required.*

### Tummy Time

Fridays, June 12, 19, 26 from 10:30 to 11 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 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 program is for parents/caregivers with babies from 3 months old up to pre-crawlers. *Registration began May 21 – call for availability.*

### Story Time with Miss Susie and Mr. Mike

Monday, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. For children of all ages with an adult. *No registration required.*

### PlayHooray

Monday, June 15 Enjoy a preschool music and movement program. Ages birth to 17 months with an adult at 10 a.m. Ages 18 months to 2 ½ years with an adult at 11 a.m. Ages 2 ½ to 5 years with an adult at 12 noon. *Registration begins June 8.*



### Father's Day Drop-In Craft

Sunday, June 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Visit the Children's Room and create a craft to give to your dad on Father's Day. For children ages 4 and up with an adult. *No registration required.*

### Page Turners

Tuesday, June 23 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Monthly book discussion for children in grades 5 and 6. *Call for availability.*

### Pajama Story Time

Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. For children ages 3 to 6 with an adult. *No registration required.*

## Summer Junior Volunteer Program

Children entering 5th and 6th grade are invited to attend a one hour orientation after which they will be eligible to participate in the Junior Volunteer program. Once trained, participants will volunteer two hours each week from July 6 to August 13. Responsibilities include assisting with the summer reading program as well as various activities in the Children's Room. Prospective volunteers must register to attend one of the two training sessions: Monday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m. or Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. *Limited registration begins on June 1 by calling Children's Services at 516-883-4400, Ext. 150.*

## Parenting

### Baby Bump

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Expectant moms and dads are invited to participate in a four-week program preparing you for childbirth and parenthood. Each week a different professional will facilitate the class. Professionals include a midwife, a board-certified lactation consultant, an assistant professor of early childhood education and child development, and a certified Red Cross/CPR/AED/First Aid instructor. *Registration began May 21—call for availability.*

## Summer Program Registrations

The following programs are just a few of the many activities we will be offering for children ages birth to 12 years old. Additional programs will be publicized in our July and August newsletters and on our website.

### Stay and Play I

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Visit with other parents and caregivers while your baby plays with age appropriate toys. For children ages birth to 12 months. *Registration begins June 22.*

### Upcycled Crafts I

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 at 3:45 p.m.

Listen to stories and make an eco-friendly craft. For children entering grades K to 2. *Registration begins June 22.*

### Play Pals - Session I

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21 at 11 a.m.

Play together and meet new people in a fun, creative environment. For children ages 18 to 29 months with an adult. Children must be 18 months old by July 7. *Registration begins June 22.*

### Tweens Night Out

Tuesday, July 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Calling all tweens for a fun night out! Enjoy a library program just for kids your age entering grades

5 and 6. *Registration begins June 29.* Topic to be announced.

### Dance Party with Miss Lesley

Wednesday, July 8 at 1 p.m. Join Miss Lesley for songs, dancing and fun. For children ages 2 ½ to 5 years with an adult. *Registration begins June 22.*

### Fourth Grade Favorites

Thursdays, July 9, 23 and August 6 at 7 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grade 4. *Registration begins June 22.* Book titles to be announced.

### Third Grade Thinkers

Mondays, July 13, 27 and August 10 at 7 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grade 3. *Registration begins June 29.* Book titles to be announced.

### Fifth and Sixth Grade Page Turners

Tuesdays, July 14, 28 and August 11 at 7:15 p.m. Book discussion for children entering grades 5 and 6. *Registration begins June 29.* Book titles to be announced.

## Summer Reading Programs

The following two programs begin July 6 and end August 13. *Pre-registration not required—sign-up when you are ready to begin and participate.*

### Be a Super Hero, Read!

Children entering first through sixth grade are invited to join. Keep track of the suggested activities and books you have read at home and receive prizes. At the end of the 6-week program, members who have read at least 6 books will receive a certificate, a participation gift and an invitation to the Children's Room Carnival on Friday, August 14.

### 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 program for children ages birth to 5 years. 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.

## Save the Date!

### Summer Reading Club Kick-off

#### The Gizmo Guys

Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the Summer Reading Club with the gifted juggling duo, The Gizmo Guys. Barret Felker, a veteran of

the Big Apple Circus, and Allan Jacobs, international juggling champion, will amuse and amaze you with their dazzling technique and infectious humor. For children entering grades 1 to 6 with an adult. *No tickets required.*

# TEENSPACE

for grades seven through twelve

## Teen Summer Workshops

Registration for all workshops begins June 17. Register in Teenspace, by phone at 516-883-4400, ext. 148 or online at [pwpl.org/teenspace](http://pwpl.org/teenspace).

Programs are open to Port teens entering grades 7 through 12 as of September 2015. Programs are free unless otherwise noted below. All teen programs are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Study Hall

June 15 and 16 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. We will extend our hours until 11 p.m. for teens to study for final exams. No admittance after 9 p.m., when Library doors will be locked. Snacks will be provided.

### Summer Reading Club

July 1 through August 12  
Read magazines, websites and books and write a mini-review to win prizes. Pick up a packet of reading club materials while supplies last.

### Teen Coding

Four classes: July 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of computer language, code structure and implementation.

### Line Animation Workshop

July 9 at 7 p.m.

Create your own animation using light boxes, then watch it on the big screen!

### Charm Bracelets

July 14 at 7 p.m.

Get crafty and make your own unique charm bracelet.



### Wii U

July 15 & August 5 at 2:30 p.m.  
Come play on the big screen. Games to be determined.

### Port Paninis Workshop

July 16 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to make these delicious sandwiches. Some sweet, some zesty, all delicious. Workshop fee \$5.

### Teen Book Discussion

July 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Pick up the book in TeenSpace.

### Teen Genetics Workshop

July 21 at 7 p.m.

Collect data, make comparisons and discover how we are similar yet different.

### Appy Hour

July 22 & 29 at 3 p.m.

Share your favorite mobile apps!

### Sushi Made Simple

July 23 at 7 p.m.

Prepare exotic vegetarian sushi and reverse rolls. Fee: \$5.

### Make Your Own Comic Book

July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to create panels, lay out pages and add text and speech bubbles.

### Tie Dye

July 30 at 7 p.m.

Fashion your own homemade t-shirt. T-shirts will be provided.

### Wii U with a Senior Buddy

July 31 at 2:30 p.m.

Share a love of video games with a senior.

### MUVChat

August 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your cell phone and text your comments, which will appear on the screen as we watch *The Maze Runner* film.

### Manga Café

August 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Discuss your favorite graphic novels with us.



Food Allergy Disclaimer: Participants concerned about food allergies need to be aware of this risk. The Port Washington Public Library will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to foods consumed or items one may come in contact with while eating at any of our programs.

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