

Briarcliff Manor Public Library

Fall 2012 Programs

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Wednesday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm



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Look for this icon
on our homepage
and sign up today



ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES - Registration Required; Classes are 1½ hrs (except where noted).

To register, email sglick@wlsmail.org or call the Library at 941-7072.

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

TECHNOLOGY TUTOR

Sign up for a 1-hour long individualized session on a technology issue including email, downloading eBooks or audiobooks, using online resources or other issues.

By Appointment Only

TECHNOLOGY PETTING ZOO

Stop by the library to try out one of our new technology tools: iPad, Kindle Fire, Kindle, Nook, laptop and wireless printer

Saturday, September 15; 1:30 - 3:30 pm

WINDOWS 7 BASICS

Learn how to find, organize and use files and folders on your computer.

Saturday, October 20 at 10:30 am

TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE ONLINE LIVE DEMO

Learn about our new free online language learning program. Transparent Language Online is a comprehensive program for adults for learning 80+ languages including Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Russian, Spanish and ESL.

Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm



MICROSOFT OFFICE 2010 SKILLS

Basic computer skills required

WORKING with WORD

Learn Word 2010 features including creating tables, headers and footers, adding images and more.

Saturday, September 15 at 10:30 am or Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 pm

MAILING LABELS with MAIL MERGE

Create mailing labels for your personal and business correspondence by learning how to place content from a spreadsheet, database or table into a Microsoft Word document.

Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 pm

EXPLORING EXCEL (Beginner)

Using Microsoft Excel 2010, you will learn the basics of how to set up a spreadsheet to display and manipulate data.

Excel can help you manage and track budgets, investments, mailing lists and more.

Saturday, October 6 at 1:30 pm or Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 pm

PRESENTATIONS WITH POWERPOINT (Beginner)

Create dynamic, computerized slide presentations for school, business and personal use.

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS:
CONTEMPORARY FICTION BY
AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm: September 19, October 24, and November 28

Join us to discuss award-winning novels. A trained leader, using the shared inquiry method, will guide each discussion. Please register online at www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org/confict.html or call Melinda Greenblatt at 941-7072 for more information. If you are interested in the **Fall 2012 Tuesday Series Great Books Discussion**, please go to <http://www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org/greatbooks.pdf>.

Wednesday, September 19; 7:30 - 9:00 pm: *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell (2012 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction Finalist)



A blazingly original debut novel that takes us back to the swamps of the Florida Everglades, and introduces us to Ava Bigtree, an unforgettable young heroine. The Bigtree alligator-wrestling dynasty is in decline, and Swamp-landia!, their island home and gator-wrestling theme park, formerly #1 in the region, is swiftly being encroached upon by a fearsome and sophisticated competitor called the World of Darkness ... Russell has written an utterly

singular novel about a family's struggle to stay afloat in a world that is inexorably sinking.

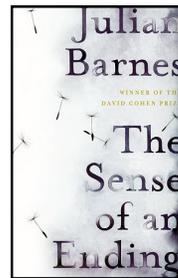
Wednesday, October 24; 7:30 - 9:00 pm: *Open City* by Teju Cole (2012 PEN/Hemingway Award for First Fiction)



Along the streets of Manhattan, a young Nigerian doctor doing his residency wanders aimlessly. The walks meet a need for Julius: they are a release from the tightly regulated mental environment of work, and they give him the opportunity to process his relationships, his recent breakup with his girlfriend, his present, his past ... Julius crisscrosses social territory as well, encountering people from different cultures and classes who will provide insight on his journey — which takes him to Brussels, to the

Nigeria of his youth, and into the most unrecognizable facets of his own soul. A haunting novel about national identity, race, liberty, loss, dislocation, and surrender ...

Wednesday, November 28; 7:30 - 9:00 pm: *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes (2011 Man Booker Prize)



The story of a man coming to terms with the mutable past, Julian Barnes's new novel is laced with his trademark precision, dexterity and insight ... Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school ... Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they swore to stay friends forever. Until Adrian's life took a turn into tragedy ... Now Tony is in middle age. He's had a career and a marriage, a calm

divorce ... Memory, though, is imperfect. It can always throw up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove. The unexpected bequest conveyed by that letter leads Tony on a dogged search through a past suddenly turned murky.

(All summaries excerpted from the Westchester Library System catalog descriptions.)

BOOKS THAT WILL KEEP YOU READING:
BROWN BAG LUNCH BOOK GROUP

Bring your lunch and join our afternoon book discussion group. We'll provide some goodies! Books will be available for loan one month in advance of each meeting. To register, email mgreenblatt@wlsmail.org or call Melinda Greenblatt at 941-7072.

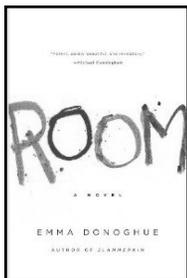
Tuesday, September 11; 12:30 - 2:00 pm: *Netherland* by Joseph O'Neill



In a New York City made phantasmagorical by the events of 9/11, Hans — a banker originally from the Netherlands — finds himself marooned among the strange occupants of the Chelsea Hotel after his English wife and son return to London. Alone and untethered, feeling lost in the country he had come to regard as home, Hans stumbles upon the vibrant New York subculture of cricket, where he revisits his lost childhood and, thanks to a friendship with a

charismatic and charming Trinidadian named Chuck Ramkissoon, begins to reconnect with his life and his adopted country.

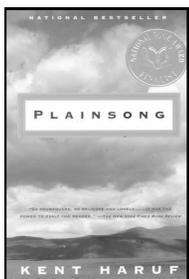
Tuesday, October 9; 12:30 - 2:00 pm: *Room* by Emma Donoghue



To five-year-old Jack, Room is the entire world. It is where he was born and grew up; it's where he lives with his Ma as they learn and read and eat and sleep and play ... Room is home to Jack, but to Ma, it is the prison where Old Nick has held her captive for seven years ... She devises a bold escape plan ... What she does not realize is just how unprepared she is for the plan to actually work.

Told entirely in the language of the energetic, pragmatic five-year-old Jack, ROOM is a celebration of resilience and the limitless bond between parent and child.

Tuesday, November 13; 12:30 - 2:00 pm: *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf



A heartstrong story of family and romance, tribulation and tenacity, set on the High Plains east of Denver.

In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats first to the bedroom, then altogether. A teenage girl — her father long since disappeared, her mother unwilling to have her in the house — is pregnant, alone herself, with nowhere to go. And out in the country,

two brothers, elderly bachelors, work the family homestead, the only world they've ever known. From these unsettled lives emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them.

Tuesday, December 11; 12:30 – 2:00 pm; Title to be decided by group

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NEW CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM FOR ADULTS 55+

Face to Face: Creative Portraits

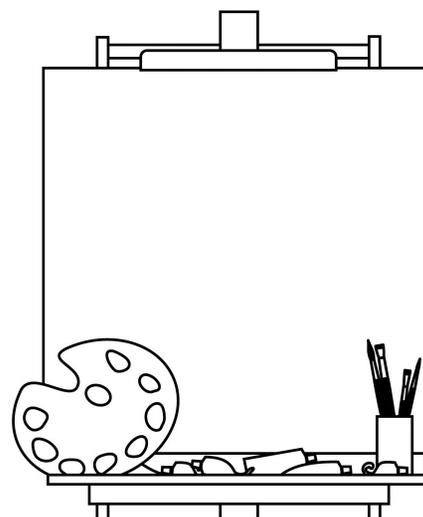
Tuesdays, October 2 – November 20; 10:15 - 12:15 am

Note: This special grant-funded program is for interested participants 55 years of age and older. Space is limited. To register, email mgreenblatt@wlsmail.org or call Melinda Greenblatt at 941-7072.

We will contact selected participants by Sept. 24. Participants must be able to attend all sessions.

This step-by-step instructional sequence will teach participants how to create a variety of basic drawing effects. Participants will discuss and explore how to apply these techniques to their final project. Using the library's art book collection, we will compare different styles. Participants will enhance their drawn portraits using different mediums: colored pencil, watercolor, oil pastel, and collage. Everyone will create a final project: a large portrait incorporating photographs, images, coloring, painting and collage/ assemblage. The portraits will be on exhibit in December 2012 and a reception will be held on December 1, 2012. Kim McCormack, a professional artist and teacher, will lead the sessions.

“Creative Aging in New York State Libraries: A Regional Model with National Applicability, is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, with additional support from the Helen Andrus Benedict Foundation, and is administered in partnership with Westchester Library System, Lifetime Arts Inc. and American Library Association's Public Programs Office.”



Lifetime Arts

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Registration is recommended for all programs for adults at 941-7072 or sglick@wlsmail.org.

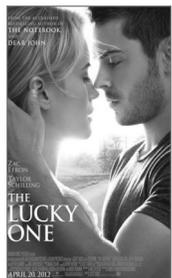
Friday Night at the Movies: (Note: These movies are recommended for viewers 14 and up.) Light refreshments will be served.



Hunger Games (PG-13: Parents Strongly Cautioned) - Banned Books Week Event

This movie, based on the popular *Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins, will be shown on our big screen. Movie Synopsis: Set in a future where the Capital selects a boy and a girl from the twelve districts to violently fight to the death on live television, Katniss Everdeen volunteers to take her younger sister's place in the latest match.

Friday, September 28 at 7:00 pm



The Lucky One (PG-13)

This new-to-DVD movie is based on a novel by best selling author Nicholas Sparks. Movie Synopsis: A Marine travels to Louisiana after serving three tours in Iraq and searches for the unknown woman he believes was his good luck charm during the war.

Friday, October 26 at 7:00 pm

Movie To Be Announced

Friday, November 16 at 7:00 pm

Everything You Wanted to Know About College Applications (But Were Afraid to Ask!) - A workshop for the parents of high school seniors (and interested students) providing an overview of the application process, an explanation of the "common application," tips on tackling the essays, and suggestions on how to narrow down a list of colleges for an individual student. Mollie Reznick, Associate Director of The College Connection, has been in discussion with many college admissions officers and will offer insights from their perspectives on what makes students stand out from the crowd.

Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 pm

Parent University Workshops:

#1 Testing, Testing, 1,2,3 - Topics to be covered include: Why and when to take the PSAT, SAT, SAT II, PLAN & ACT; the College Board and registering for tests; how much weight do test results have in the application process; test taking strategies that work; and when should you ask for help?

Monday, September 24 at 6:30 pm

#2 Ready, Set, Go - Topics to be covered include: career exploration, high school transcripts and course selection, college planning, visits and using the web.

Monday, October 15 at 6:30 pm

#3 Paperwork...Get on It - Topics include: the college essay, resume, admissions and application process.

Monday, October 29 at 6:30 pm

All workshops presented by Gayle Marchica, Educational Consultant, Eduscape Associates.

SAT Practice Test and Review - See Teen Programs

Saturday, November 17; 10:30 am - 3:30 pm



Digital Photography Workshop Series - Have you taken some great photos with your phone and/or digital camera, and now you'd like to organize (and archive) them on your computer, maybe tweak them (for example, re-size and crop them), upload them for sharing with others and perhaps print them using inexpensive online printing services? You can learn how at this two-part workshop:

Part 1 - an introductory talk on basic digital photography workflow

Part 2 - a hands-on session using your own equipment (bring your camera and laptop).

This workshop series will be led by Jim Christensen from the Westchester Photographic Society. It is recommended that you attend both sessions.

Wednesday, October 3 (Part 1) and Wednesday, October 17 (Part 2) both at 7:00 pm

Author Talk: *Rip* by Nicholas DiGiovanni - In this humorous retelling of the Washington Irving classic, author Nicholas DiGiovanni brings Rip van Winkle into the Sixties, finds him gainful employment as a toll-taker on the Tappan Zee Bridge and makes his long suffering wife a charter member in the feminist movement just starting to sweep the country. The author will do a reading from his book and sign copies which will be available for purchase.

Saturday, October 20 at 3:00 pm

Smart Seniors - This presentation, developed by the NY State Attorney General's Office, is a statewide elder abuse prevention program designed to help seniors identify potential scams and abuses before they happen, and provide them with information they can use to stay safe and healthy in their daily lives. This program will be led by Gary S. Brown, the Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge of New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's Westchester Regional Office.

Thursday, October 11 at 10:30 am

The Preschool Years: Why Early Literacy is So Important! - National education experts have identified those characteristics of children from birth through age 5 that are most closely linked to later achievement in literacy: oral language development, phonological/phonemic awareness, alphabetic knowledge, print knowledge and invented spelling. They recommend that the preschool curriculum should emphasize a wide range of language and literacy experiences. Bank Street College of Education Graduate School Professors, Betsy Grob and Margaret Martinez-DeLuca, will help parents of young children learn what they can do to develop early literacy skills. Speakers arranged by Garden House School of Briarcliff.

Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 pm

Health and Stress Workshop - Stress is the underlying cause of most illnesses. This lecture will educate the audience on the symptoms of stress, how stress affects the body's overall health and what a person can do to relieve stress both at work and at home so that they can feel better and enjoy life more. This workshop is presented by Dr. Steven Goodstein, a local Nutritionist and Chiropractor.

Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm

Social Media Marketing Made Simple - Social media can have a dramatic effect on the growth of business by engaging current customers and helping new customers discover businesses. Attendees will learn to navigate the social media landscape effectively, get tips on integrating social media marketing with email and other marketing efforts, and how to save time. David Fischer, Solutions for Growth LLC, will discuss strategies and best practices for choosing the best social media channels for small businesses and organizations and will also lead an interactive question and answer period.

Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Contact Amy Kaplan at abgkaplan@gmail.com or 941-7072 if you are interested in participating or receiving email notification about teen programs; if you do not go to Briarcliff Schools and are interested in participation in any group, we will find a way to include you.

Playing with SCRATCH - create your own video game or animated story (6th – 8th graders)

Thursdays, October 18 – December 20* at 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Our Children's/Teens' Librarian is learning how to use this beginners' computer programming tool – SCRATCH – and wants to bring some middle-schoolers along for the ride. We hope to create very simple video games and/or animated stories for our younger patrons to watch and play. If you are interested in participating in our "Playing with SCRATCH" sessions, register with Amy Kaplan at abgkaplan@gmail.com or 941-7072. *Note that this group will not meet on Thanksgiving Day.

Middle School Critics (6th – 8th graders)

October – May

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month after school in the Briarcliff Middle School Library Media Center.* Kids get together to discuss, and write reviews about, books, movies, computer games, and more. Reviews are compiled in periodic newsletters. Contact Amy Kaplan at abgkaplan@gmail.com or 941-7072 if you are interested in joining the Club.

*(if you do not go to Briarcliff Schools and are interested in joining, we will find a way to include you in the group. Please contact Amy Kaplan)

Middle School Parent-Child Book Discussions (6th – 8th graders & parent) October – June (dates vary, see below)

Co-hosted by Amy Kaplan and the BMS Librarian, Ms. McCabe. Meetings are held 3 or 4 times per school year and take place at Briarcliff Middle School (BMS) in the evening. All Briarcliff residents in this age group are welcome to attend. If you wish to be on the email notification list for upcoming titles and dates, please contact Amy Kaplan at 941-7072 or abgkaplan@gmail.com.

TAB – Teen Advisory Board (9th – 12th graders)

September – June

This group of high school students make fun events happen for their peers at the Public Library – from taking part in everything from brainstorming, to planning, to advertising, to set up – and finally to enjoying the great event! Help us serve you and your peers better by recommending what you think we should have at the Library. We are always open to any new projects that you think TAB and the Library should take on so that the Library is a welcoming place for high school students. Meetings are held Thursdays after school in the cafeteria at Briarcliff Manor High School.* Contact Amy Kaplan at abgkaplan@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

**(if you do not go to Briarcliff Schools and are interested in joining, we will find a way to include you in the group. Please contact Amy Kaplan)*

TAB Events (9th – 12th graders)

TAB hosts events for all Briarcliff residents of high school age to enjoy, such as movie nights, game nights and more! Refreshments are always served. If you wish to be notified every time an event is scheduled so that you never miss out, contact Amy Kaplan at 941-7072 or abgkaplan@gmail.com to be put on an email list.



SAT Practice Test and Review

Saturday, November 17; 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

High School students have the opportunity to take a practice SAT test under realistic conditions and then have the results reviewed by Gayle Marchica, Educational Consultant, Eduscape Associates. Priority registration will be given to H.S. juniors and sophomores. Preregistration is required by email to info@eduscapeassociates.com. Please include Parent Name, Student Name, School, Grade, Full Address and Phone (home and cell).

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CLUBS TO JOIN

Boys Only Book Club & Girls Only Book Club (4th – 5th graders) October – May (dates to be determined), REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Boys Only BC is for boys only and Girls Only BC is for girls only! We discuss a book over a small snack and play a book-related game at each meeting. Meetings are held approximately every 6 weeks in the Library in the evenings. Days of the week vary. If you are interested in receiving more information and notifications regarding these clubs, contact Amy Kaplan at 941-7072 or abgkaplan@gmail.com.



Craft Club (7 – 10 year olds)

October – May (dates below), REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Children create a different project at each meeting. Parents/guardians are welcome to stay and help or drop off and pick up.

Mondays 4:30 - 5:30 pm, October 15, November 19, December 17, January 28, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 13

Hooked on Books (4 – 6 year olds) Wednesdays 4:15 - 4:45 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED Session I: September 19, October 3, 10 & 17 or Session II: October 24, November 7, 14 & 21

These groups will focus on developing a love for stories and other key concepts in reading readiness via book extension activities, games and crafts. Each meeting will focus on one or two stories with a related activity. Please register your child for either Session I or Session II. Contact Amy Kaplan at abgkaplan@gmail.com or 941-7072 to register.

STORYTIMES — FOR CHILDREN

All storytimes are “drop in.” Please note that storytimes will be suspended for the holiday season (Thanksgiving – New Year’s Day) and will start again at these same times in the first week of January.

Baby Storytime Lapsit (babies up to 18 months with caregiver)

Wednesdays at 11:30 am (September 5 – November 21)

Fun for Older 1s and Young 2s (15 – 30 months with caregiver)

Wednesdays at 10:30 am (September 5 – November 21)

Storytime for Tots (older 2s – 4 with caregiver)

Fridays at 4:00 pm (September 21 – November 16)

Saturday Stories & Craft (older 2s – 6 yr. olds with caregivers)

September 29 at 11:00 am

October 13 at 11:00 am

November 17 at 11:00 am

SPECIAL FALL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Reading to Rover (1st – 5th graders)

This program will run on Tuesday afternoons this Fall. Children sign up to read privately to a trained therapy dog to help boost confidence in reading aloud, and build excitement around reading itself. Please stay tuned to our website for details or contact Amy Kaplan at abgkaplan@gmail.com or 941-7072 with any interest. Registration is required for this program.



Library “Camp In” (4th – 6th graders)

Thursday, October 4; 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Come inside the library for an evening of camping games, challenges and craft ... complete with “indoor smores,” of course. Registration is required. Contact Amy Kaplan at abgkaplan@gmail.com or 941-7072.

The Preschool Years: Why Early Literacy is So Important!

(For Parents) Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 pm

See Adult Programs

Pinkalicious Party (older 2s – 7 yr. olds)

Saturday, November 3 at 11:00 am

Listen to a Pinkalicious story, make a pink(tastic) craft and play a Pinkalicious game or two. We will even enjoy a small snack.



Family Movie Night CLASSIC – E.T. (PG)

Friday, November 9 at 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to the library to view this movie on our big screen. You are invited to bring your own snacks to enjoy while watching the show.