



March 2019 Library News

What's Happening at the Library?



Westchester Library System is Upgrading its Online Catalog!

Westchester libraries will be moving to a new catalog system. This means an improved interface with better and easier search capabilities, greater control over your notifications, and better access to what's available through the library.

The online catalog will be offline March 11th to March 13th. Although WiFi and Internet will be available, many services, such as databases, will be unavailable. During this time, you will be able to check out up to 5 items at a time from the library and access to our Overdrive eBook and eAudio collections will continue uninterrupted. If you are unfamiliar with Overdrive, go to our website and click on Digital Collection and eBooks. You can create an account using your library card number. If you need assistance, call the library at 793-5055 and we will happily guide you through the process step by step.

For additional information and updates check www.westchesterlibraries.org, or contact EPL at 914-793-5055.



Book Art Competition!

The Eastchester Public Library will host its **first Annual Book Art Competition** this Spring. To enter, participants must create a work of art using a book. Interested in participating? Come to our **Informational Open House on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm** where our creative staff will be one hand to offer ideas and encouragement! [See our flyer](#) for more information.

What is Book Art or an Altered Book?

It's any book, old or new that has been recycled by creative means into a work of art. It may be as simple as adding a drawing or text to a page or as complex as creating an intricate book sculpture.

The deadline for entry submission is April 26, 2019. Rules and entry forms are available at the library circulation desk. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded by judges.

Winners will be announced on Saturday, May 4, 2019. All Book Art will be displayed



Sunday Afternoons in March

On **Sunday, March 3rd at 2:00 pm** M & M Performing Arts Company will present the play, *Botanic Garden*. *Botanic Garden* is a funny, poignant drama about a woman and her deceased husband, portraying the intricacies of a long-term and imperfect relationship. You must have a ticket to attend the event. Free tickets are available now at the Reference Desk.

We will continue to host exciting and interactive programs every Sunday throughout the month of March, featuring lecture series, films and musical programs. [Click here](#) for more information on our Sunday schedule.



Teen Programs this March

Mardi Gras at the Library!
Monday, March 4th at 5:45 pm

Make your own decorative Mardi Gras mask followed by festive cupcake decorating.

**Taming Anxiety: A Workshop for students in Grades 6th-12th
and their parents**
Monday, March 4th at 7 pm

Certified yoga teacher and Founder and Head Coach of Crimson Coaching, Dr. P. (Dominique Padurano, Ph.D.) shares tips with teens and their parents to stay calm, healthy and happy during the last few months of the school year. Please **DRESS COMFORTABLY**, bring a pen and notebook, and register with the library for this **FREE EVENT**. Students must be accompanied by a parent.

[Online registration](#) required for both events.



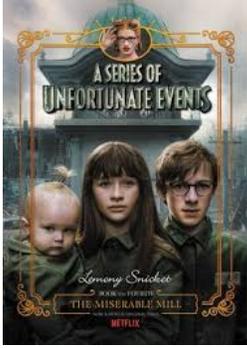
Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 10th @ 3:00 pm

and celebrate the fun!

We are proud to announce that the Grand Marshall of the 2019 Town of Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade is Eastchester Library Trustee Pat Murtagh! We hope to see you along the parade route to cheer us on! The Parade starts at Immaculate Conception Church at 3:00 pm and ends at Lake Isle. Come out

Children's Book Clubs

The Book Was Better!, a book club for **Grades 2-5** will meet on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7 pm**. We will discuss *The Bad Beginning*, the first book of the *Series of Unfortunate Events* series, which inspired both the 2004 film *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events* starring Jim Carrey and the Netflix series of the same name starring Neil Patrick Harris.



Participants are asked to read the book in advance and are encouraged to watch the film or an episode of the Netflix series. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

We also will continue our K - 2 Books & Snacks Club, our Graphic Novel Book Club, Girls Who Code Club.

[Visit our website](#) for a full list of upcoming programs and for registration information.



2019 Caldecott Awards Celebration

The Caldecott Award is a prestigious award for outstanding illustrations in a children's book. This year's winners have been announced! Join us on **Tuesday, March 12th at 3:45 pm** as we read some of the winning books together and check the results of our judges! Open to grades 1-3. [Registration](#) required.



Adult Programs at the Library

Adult Programming continues this spring! EPL offers something for everyone: book clubs and yoga classes, Friday afternoon film series and a variety of Sunday programs. [Please see our website](#) for more information.

On **Monday, March 25th at 7:00 pm** the Supporting Characters, a Westchester group of writers, actors and directors will present a play called *The Importance of Being Ernesto*, by Robert Gulack. An unscrupulous Broadway producer raises money for a nonexistent play. On the edge of facing fraud charges, she uses her feminine wiles to seduce a down-on-his-luck playwright into writing a play overnight.

Free and open to all. No registration required.



New STEM Program for Kids

Join us on **Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 am** for Robotics with Dash!

Coding is the career of the future and it's best learned from robots! Dash is a real robot that teaches kids to code while they play. Using a tablet, kids learn to code while they make Dash sing and dance. Sensors on the robot react to the environment around them, including the kids.

For grades K-1. [Registration is required.](#)



Library Advocacy: Action Needed Now!

Governor Cuomo has released his proposed Executive Budget for the State's Fiscal Year 2019-202. Included in the proposed budget is **\$91.6 million for Library Aid**. This represents a **4% decrease** from the actual allotment included in the enacted 2018-2019 budget. This amount is **12% less** than what is legally

required by Education Law.

Well-funded public library systems offer an essential safety net for individuals not served by other institutions and act as a catalyst to lifelong education.

For the period prior to the budget approval (now till March 31st) we are asking you to contact your local legislator to urge them to consider increasing Library Aid from \$91.6 million to the fully-funded amount by law of \$102.6 million.

It can be via individual email or phone call, or a note on your Facebook page or a tweet (#LIBRARIESDEMOCRACY). Please help support an increase for our libraries!

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