

Events at the Pelham Public Library

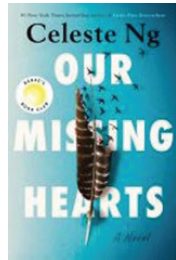


Crafty Adults: Polymer Clay Chickens
Monday, May 18, 7-8 pm
Flock to Crafty Adults with our resident artist-instructor, Sara Mallach, this month as we make whimsical miniature chickens out of polymer clay. This event will take place in-person at the Library and each attendee must register separately. Click here to register. Sign up early, as space and supplies are limited. Class begins at 7 pm. Please arrive on time as late arrivals disrupt the class.



Tai Chi at the Library
Tuesdays in May, 10:30-11:30 am
Join Master Yao-Wah Chan for beginning Tai Chi. He has over 40 years of experience teaching throughout New York City and Westchester and is trained in multiple Chinese disciplines. Tai Chi is a series of slow, gentle, and meditative

body movements that can help you reduce pain, increase flexibility, improve balance, and cope with stress. These classes are walk-ins that do not require preregistration, but space is limited.



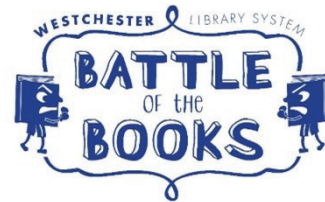
Adult Hybrid Book Clubs
The After-Dark Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 pm to discuss *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng and on Thursday, June 4, at 7:30 pm to discuss *This is How it Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. The 2nd-Friday Book Club will meet on Friday, May 8, at 10:30 am to discuss *Memorial Days* by Geraldine Brooks and on Friday, June 12, at 10:30 am to discuss *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams. To join, email library@pelhamlibrary.org.

Fiber Fridays and Stitching Saturdays
Every Friday, 1-3:30 pm and Saturday, May 2, 2-3:30 pm
Love to knit or crochet? We have something for everyone.

Join us every Friday afternoon for an informal needlepoint group for adults and teens. Knitters, crocheters, and needlepoint enthusiasts of all abilities are wel-



come, but please bring your own materials and note that no instructors will be present. We also meet on the first Saturday of each month for *Stitching Saturdays*, where we work on our crochet community banner celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the Battle of Pell. If you are new to crochet and would like to learn, email Tash (ngross@pelhamlibrary.org) to make sure he is available to get you started with a mini-lesson.



Calling All Avid Readers: Battle of the Books
Will you be in 4th-12th grade in September 2026? If so, join us for Battle of the Books—a book-based trivia tournament for Westchester youth. The Pelham Library plans to have two teams: one for 4th-6th graders and one for 7th-12th graders. We'll compete against other teams from Westchester libraries in a Jeopardy-style format, with questions based on the five books assigned to your age bracket. Interested in joining? For the 4th-6th grade team, contact Erin at emaloney@pelhamlibrary.org; for the 7th-12th grade team, contact Kathy at kpalovick@pelhamlibrary.org. You can

also call us at 914-738-1234. Practices occur in August, September, and October with the Battle taking place on Saturday, October 24, 2026



Crafty Families: Paper Tulip Garlands
Saturday, May 9, 10:30-11:30 am
Join our resident artist-instructor, Sara Mallach, for a special

Mother's Day craft for the whole family. We'll make paper tulip garlands to decorate our homes or give as gifts to the maternal figures and nurturers in our lives. Registration is required for this in-person program! All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register: <https://calendly.com/pelham-library/crafty-families-tulip-garlands-for-mother-s-day/2026-05-09T10:30:00-04:00?month=2026-05&date=2026-05-09>.

Save the Species
Saturday, May 9, 1-2 pm
Join us for a presentation by Girl Scout Mia Sakran about endangered animals. We'll learn about endangered species here in our own community. This program is for children in grades K-8.



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**Dear Pelham,
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Roof leaks shouldn't be.**



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Musical Adventures at the Library with Concordia Conservatory

Thursday, May 14, 10:30-11 am

Join storytellers and musicians from Concordia Conservatory for this special Thursday Morning Story Time for children ages three and up. This event is made possible by the sponsorship of the Conservatory Music Outreach Fund. Registration is not required, but this is a popular program and spaces fill up quickly.



The Art of Oral Storytelling: Keeping the Stories of America's Veterans Alive with Julie Sakhrani

Saturdays, May 16 and 23, 1-2 pm

Join Pelham Girl Scout Julie Sakhrani to learn about our local veterans, how to support them, and why collecting their stories is important. On May 16, learn to collect oral stories from veterans, why it's important and support the Purple Heart Project by making cards. On May 23, learn how to support our local veterans and write letters to home-bound veterans. These programs are for children in grades K-8.



Beyond the Game: Tackling Bullying in Sports with Paz Marrero

Saturdays, May 16 and 23, 2-3 pm

Come play with us! Join Pelham Girl Scout Paz Marrero to learn about playing fair and treating others with respect in sports. This program is for children in grades K-8. Girl Scouts can earn Free Play and Fun with Movement badges by attending.



Lego Club!

Wednesdays in May, 3:30-4:30 pm

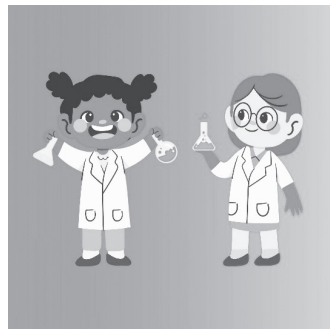
Join us for an hour of open Lego play at the Library! This program is for children ages six and up, and will take place in-person at the Library. Registration is not required but an adult must accompany the child.



Canine Story Time

Thursdays in May, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join Lisa and her furry friend Freckle from The Good Dog Foundation for a special kind of Story Time. This time, it won't be adults reading to kids: it will be kids reading to dogs! Young readers ages six and up can sign up for 10-minute sessions, during which they will be able to read to Freckle, Lisa's adorable canine companion. This will give kids a safe space to become comfortable reading out loud. To register for your 10-minute session, email Tash at ngross@pelhamlibrary.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is strongly suggested.



STEM Story Time by Pelham High School Student

Saturday, May 16 and 30, 11 am-12 pm

Join us for a special STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Story Time and craft with Pelham High School senior Aanika Roy. This program is for children ages five and up. Registration is not required, but arrive on time: first come, first served.

Westchester County Recertified as a Bronze Climate Smart Community

Westchester County has once again been recognized as a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community by New York State, acknowledging ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart Communities program, local governments are evaluated on actions that promote sustainability, improve energy use and strengthen resilience. Westchester County's recertification reflects continued progress in implementing initiatives that support both environmental goals and the long-term needs of residents.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "This recognition reflects the work we are doing every day to make Westchester a more sustainable and resilient place to live. These efforts are about protecting our environment while also ensuring our communities are prepared and our infrastructure is built to last."

Westchester County Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability Peter McCartt said: "This is the result of steady work across the County and strong partnerships at the local level. We are focused on making practical improvements that reduce emissions and help communities adapt, while continuing to look for new opportunities to build on that progress."

The County's sustainability efforts include improving energy efficiency in public facilities, supporting renewable energy projects, and advancing planning efforts that address climate risks such as flooding and extreme weather. By continuing to invest in these areas, Westchester County is working to reduce long-term costs and improve environmental outcomes.

Organic Yard Waste Collections Begins May 6th

The Department of Public Works will begin Organic Yard Waste Collection on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 (Village-Wide), running through October 7, 2026. Residents are reminded that to be collected, organic yard waste must be placed at the CURB in either biodegradable paper bags or an open 30-35 gallon container by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day or after 7:00 p.m. on the night before. Please observe the following guidelines:

Brush and branches:

No longer than 4 feet long with a diameter of no more

than 3 inches, tied in bundles. DO NOT tie with nylon line, tape, or metal wire.

Grass, twigs, leaves, and other loose yard waste: Place in open 30-35 gallon containers or biodegradable paper bags.

Logs, stumps, stones, dirt, fruit, seaweed, clumps of grass, treated wood chips, root balls, acorns, and other large debris WILL NOT BE COLLECTED and must be disposed of by the homeowner.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers: The Village prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers from May 1st to October 14th and from December 16th to March 14th. Violations by a property owner or your lawn maintenance provider can result in enforcement action against the property owner, including a \$250.00 fine, by Village Police. Please use the attached flyer to distribute to property owners or lawn maintenance providers.



Calendar of Events

The 47th Annual Polish Heritage Festival will kick off this summer's series of heritage festivals on Sunday, May 31, from noon to 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. The festivals are all from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for sitting on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free.*

This year's schedule of cultural heritage celebrations are:

- Asian-American, Saturday, June 6, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Albanian, Sunday, June 7, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Irish, Saturday, June 27, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale
- *Admission: \$5 adults; free for ages 14 and under
- African-American, Sunday, June 28, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Hispanic, Sunday, July 12, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Italian, Sunday, July 26, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Heritage of India, Sunday, Aug. 2, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Jewish, Sunday, Aug. 16, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Muslim Heritage, Sunday, Aug. 23, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Arab-American, Sunday, Sept. 13, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale

Kensico Dam Plaza is located at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway, in Valhalla. Ridge Road Park is located at 287 Ridge Road, Hartsdale

On May 31, the Bronx River Parkway will be closed for Bicycle Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between Scarsdale Road in Yonkers and the Westchester County Center in White Plains. On June 7 and 28, July 12 and 26 the parkway will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon. On Sept. 13 the parkway will be closed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The park can be accessed via Route 22, from the north or south.

2026 State of the County Address

Wednesday, May 6

Doors Open at 6 p.m.

Speech Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Michaelian Office Building

Board of Legislators Chambers

148 Martine Ave

White Plains, NY

Watch the event live:

[WestchesterCountyNY.gov](https://www.westchesterny.gov) or [Facebook.com/Westchestergov](https://www.facebook.com/Westchestergov)

The Bach Virtuosi Festival

Three Events: May 12, May 15, May 19

Bach Virtuosi Festival Brings World-Class Performances to New York City.

Featuring The Goldberg Variations, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, the "Coffee Cantata," Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major, and much more...

All events at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Tickets: \$50; free admission for students with student ID

Tickets are available in advance from Gotham Early Music Scene (GEMS).

www.gemsny.org/events/bach-virtuosi-festival or call (212) 866-0468.

OR at the door.

The 2026 season at Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center begins Thursday, May 7, with the opening of its farm stand and annual vegetable plant sale. Gardeners and food lovers alike can shop a diverse selection of vegetable starts – young plants ready for transplanting – available while supplies last on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors can browse a range of seasonal offerings, including tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants, peppers, squash, leafy greens and more. Explore what's currently available at the stand, including a full list of plant varieties. The farm stand will operate Thursdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., continuing through Thanksgiving. For more information, contact the farm stand at (914) 862-5034 during operating hours, or email farmstand@hilltophanoverfarm.org. Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center is located at 1271 Hanover Street in Yorktown Heights.

Women's History of Yonkers Walking Tour at Philipse Manor Hall



Join in for the debut of our Women's History of Yonkers Walking Tour on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.. This urban hike takes a circular route of approximately 2 miles and departs from and returns to Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (located at 29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers).

In honor of Mother's Day weekend, we present a brand-new walking tour of downtown Yonkers focused on women's history from its earliest days to the present. We'll explore matrilineal Indigenous societies, enslavement, and Dutch women's rights, women during the American Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and into the 20th century when women's influence in public life and politics grew. See historic buildings, monuments, and the Yonkers waterfront on this engaging history hike.

The hike includes some inclines on paved walkways and lasts approximately 2 hours. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen or a hat. Tour departs promptly at 10:30 a.m., museum opens at 10:00 a.m. Museum accessible via Hudson line train, car, or bus. You can find directions, transportation, and parking information here.

Tickets are \$10/person, pay at the door. Tickets include museum admission. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. To register, call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov. If heavy rain, storms, or road closures occur, this walk will be cancelled.

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, located at 29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY, 10701, is open for tours Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dating back to the 1680s, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site sits near the confluence of the Nepperhan (Saw Mill) and Hudson Rivers, the site of a Munsee Lunaape village. Used by four generations of the Philipse family and worked by the people they enslaved as well as European tenant farmers, the Philipse Manor was once over 200,000 acres and helped make the Philipse family the richest in New York. Loyalists during the American Revolution, they fled to England and the Hall was owned by several individuals before becoming the Yonkers Village Hall and later Yonkers City Hall. When a new City Hall was built in the early 20th century, the house was preserved through the generosity of Eva Smith Cochran and donated to New York State to serve as a historic site. Today, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site provides visitors with a balanced approach to interpreting the lives of Indigenous, European, and African people to understand the complex relationships that took place at the Manor from the earliest days of the Dutch Colony of New Netherland to the American Revolution and beyond. Learn more at Philipse Manor Hall's Virtual Wing at www.philipsemanorhall.com.

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