

The Back Page with Executive Director Angela Gonzalez

What's The Plan?

In January 2018, an ad hoc committee formed by the PYPL Board of Trustees met to begin the process of developing a new PYPL Strategic Plan. The committee decided to use a questionnaire to collect Penn Yan residents' aspirations for our community, asking:

- *What kind of community do you want to live in?*
- *Why is that important to you?*
- *How is that different from how you see things now?*
- *What are some things that need to happen to create that kind of change?*

PYPL staff formulated plan goals and objectives using input from over one hundred questionnaire responders.

- **Goal 1: Embrace and showcase community connectivity.** Objectives: Continue to partner with a variety of organizations and institutions, including making 2 to 3 new connections per year; continue to provide digital connectivity both on and off site to all; remain on the cutting edge of emerging technologies by adding new technology at least once in the next 4 years and by continuing to update current technology every year.
- **Goal 2: Strengthen and support individual and community resilience.** Objectives: Provide experiences on a weekly basis for individuals to develop skills to thrive and feel secure in a changing world; showcase and develop the collections, adding skill building, entertainment and intellectually stimulating materials.
- **Goal 3: Encourage public participation and involvement in community.** Objectives: Increase PYPL social media following across all platforms by 25% in four years; provide passive programming both on and off site at least every other month.
- **Goal 4: Cultivate practical knowledge and creative discovery.** Objectives: Present programs for all ages emphasizing life skills and imaginative endeavors at least twice every week; survey community members regarding their library service, programming and collection expectations at least every other year.

Visit <https://bit.ly/2TdRUHC> to read the entire plan including questionnaire answers and action ideas staff have come up with to support of our goals.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Free WiFi & Mobile WiFi Hotspots
- Public Access Computers
- Online & Mobile Catalog
- Downloadable eBooks & Audiobooks
Visit <http://stls.lib.overdrive.com> to download ebooks and audiobooks from Penn Yan Public Library and other libraries in the Southern Tier Library System.
- Interlibrary Loan
- Reference & Research Services
- Early Literacy Education
- Youth Services
- Community Outreach
- Local History & Genealogy
- State-Appointed Public Access
Law Library for Yates County
- Books, Magazines, DVDs, Video Games, CDs, Audiobooks, and more
- Programs for All Ages
- Handicap Accessible
- Reservable Meeting Room
- Book Drop
- Bicycle Repair Station
- Copy & Fax Service
- Horse & Buggy Parking
- Tax Forms
- Delivery to the Homebound
- Annual Book Sale
- Friends of the Library Group

NEW DVDS coming soon

Can You Ever Forgive Me
The Favourite
Mary Queen of Scots
Ralph Breaks the Internet
Ben is Back
Green Book
Gunpowder
House of Cards
season 6
Fantastic Beasts:
The Crimes of Grindelwald
Mortal Engines
Second Act
Columbus
The Man Who Killed Hitler and then the Bigfoot
Ray Donovan
season 6
Robin Hood (2018)
Masterpiece:
Victoria
season 3
Mystery Road
season 1

Penn Yan Public Library

Library Link Newsletter

MARCH 2019



ADDICTION COMMUNITY SCREENING

In the film, you will hear firsthand from individuals struggling with addiction and follow the cutting-edge work of doctors and scientists as they investigate why addiction is not a moral failing, but a chronic, treatable medical condition. Representatives from the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition and Yates County Public Health will be on hand to discuss your questions and concerns.

MONDAY, MARCH 4 AT 6PM
PENN YAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
214 MAIN ST. WWW.PYPL.ORG

EASY SEWING FUN!
Scrunchie Making Party

PENN YAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
www.pypl.org

Scrunchies are back! Come learn how to make your own in this basic introduction to sewing with a machine. Participants will go home with at least two scrunchies. All supplies are provided for this free program for ages 10-18. Registration is REQUIRED. Please register by calling 315-536-6114.

Friday, March 8, 3:15-5:15pm

March 30 @ 2pm.
For ages 18 and up.
Please call to register.

Celebrate Will Eisner Week by
Creating Graphic Memoirs

Learn about the popular medium of graphic memoir—then make one yourself! No literary or artistic skill required—just come with an open mind and the will to try. All supplies will be provided.

PENN YAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN A SPECIAL EVENT FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**YATES COUNTY VOICES,
YESTERDAY AND TODAY**

Celebrate local women's impact with a selection of oral history recordings, and hear from women currently working in and serving our communities.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
AND THE YATES COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

MARCH 30 AT 10:00 AM
214 MAIN STREET
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

MARCH 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

RELAX & COLOR
Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 12-7:00pm
Coloring pages and supplies will be available today so you can take part in this relaxing, comfortable artistic pastime.

SATURDAY STORYTIME
Saturday, March 2, 9:30-10:00am
Kick off your weekend storytime-style, with stories, rhymes, songs, movement, and more! Best for kids 8 years old and under, with a caregiver. Bring a friend! Attendees are welcome to stay for Tail Waggin' Tutors at 10am.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS
Saturday, March 2, 10:00-11:00am
Read to, and hang out with, lovable and cuddly certified therapy dogs during our Tail Waggin' Tutors program. Bring your own book, or choose from the library's collection. All ages are welcome.

CLASSICS IN RELIGION
Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 11:00am-12:00pm
Come explore a tapestry of rich topics with deeply spiritual threads. The Classics in Religion program is sponsored by Cobblestone Springs, www.cobblestone-springs.org.

COMMUNITY SCREENING: ADDICTION
Monday, March 4, 6:00-7:30pm
All community members are invited for a screening of "Addiction" from NOVA. Representatives from the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition and

Events calendar continues inside.

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Yates County Public Health will be on hand to discuss your questions and concerns. In the film, you will hear firsthand from individuals struggling with addiction and follow the cutting-edge work of doctors and scientists as they investigate why addiction is not a moral failing, but a chronic, treatable medical condition. Easy access to drugs like heroin, fentanyl, and even prescription medications like OxyContin has fueled an epidemic of addiction—the deadliest in U.S. history. Now, science is revealing how addiction affects the brain, and top experts are gathering evidence about how we should address our drug problem.

FRENCH LANGUAGE BASICS

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, 6 - 7:00pm

Parlez-vous français? Continuing this month, the library will be hosting a French basics class for speakers who would like to brush up on their skills. Learners at all skills levels are invited to participate.

STORYTIME

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10 and 11am

Join us for a fun storytime full of movement, rhymes, bubbles, parachute games, and more! Best for children ages 3 years and under, with a caregiver, this storytime helps pre-readers develop the skills that will help them succeed in reading and writing later in life. Older siblings are welcome. Both storytimes are the same; please choose the one that best fits your schedule.

BABY CAFE

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 9:30-11am

Baby Café is a FREE drop-in for all families! Lactation Counselors are available to help you! Relax and join us for snacks, support & information! Presented by Yates County Public Health.

FRIENDS OF PYPL ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 4:00pm

Join the Friends of the Library for their annual meeting. Friends and library staff will provide an overview of the past year and special guest Rich MacAlpine will present on the Penn Yan--Keuka Park--Branchport trolley. Refreshments will be served. Open to all!

SCRUNCHIE-MAKING PARTY

Friday, March 8, 3:15-5:15pm

Scrunchies are back! Come learn how to make your own in this basic introduction to sewing with a machine. Participants will go home with at least two scrunchies. All supplies are provided for this free program. Registration is REQUIRED.

FICTION 101: SETTING

Saturday, March 9, 1:00 - 2:00pm

In this workshop, we'll talk about the importance of setting—the backdrop against which your stories unfold. Come prepared to participate in discussion and writing exercises related to setting!

EVERY WEEK

Technology Counseling Mon & Wed, 2-3pm

Knit Together Thursdays, 1-3pm

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Friends of the Library

Thursday, March 7
4:00pm

Library Board of Trustees

Thursday, March 21
6:30pm

WEEKEND DOUBLE FEATURE

Saturday, March 9, 2:30pm

Join us for two award-winning films destined to be classics! At 2:30, a fastidious dressmaker's life is interrupted by a new muse; at 5:00, Winston Churchill strives to rally his people at the height of the war. Combined running time just over 4 hours, with a brief break between. Come for one or both, and feel free to bring snacks. Presented with subtitles for our Deaf and hard-of-hearing friends. Free and open to the public!

TODDLER DANCE PARTY

Monday, March 11, 9:30-10:30am

Put on your fancy pants and dance the morning away at the library! Enjoy stories, music, and lots of movement. Best for ages 5 and under, with a caregiver. Caregiver participation is encouraged.

MINDFULNESS MONDAY

Monday, March 11, 6:30-7:00pm

Take a few moments out of your busy day to care for your mental health when you join us for a relaxing guided meditation.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00-7:00pm

Join us for another informational session on Alzheimer's disease for caregivers and loved ones. Registration is required by calling 800-272-3900. Classes are free. This program is funded by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

AMERICAN CIVICS 101

Wednesdays, March 13 & 27, 6 - 7:30pm

Keuka College political science professor Angela Narasimhan leads a course in American government and how to become a more effective citizen. Use freely-available online resources for suggested readings and activities, and meet periodically for context and discussion with peers. All are welcome and registration is no longer required! Come to as many sessions as you're able.

ROTARY POP-UP CAFE

Wednesdays March 13 & 27, 3:15 - 4:15pm

The local Rotary Club will be bringing a hot, filling meal over for our school-age friends! Homeschooled youth are welcome.

PI DAY COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

Thursday, March 14, 9:30am-7pm

Whenever you stop by the library today, take a few minutes to participate in a collaborative art project that celebrates circles--and community! This activity is open to all ages and will take about five minutes for most folks to complete.

STONE SOUP PARTY

Friday, March 15, 10:00-11:00am

The classic tale of "Stone Soup" is all about a community coming together. Join us in the morning for storytime and communal soup-making, and then stop by in the early evening to try some of the finished soup! All supplies are provided for this free program, which is intended for ages 8 and under, with a caregiver. Registration is appreciated so we can budget for supplies.

STONE PAINTING

Friday, March 15, 1:00-4:00pm

We continue our celebration of "Stone Soup" and community togetherness with a fun afternoon of rock painting. All supplies will be provided, but if you have special stones you would like to bring, feel free! Please wear clothes that can get messy. All ages are welcome to this free program. Kids under 10 must have an adult in the building.

ROCK BAND OPEN JAM

Friday, March 15, 2:00-4:00pm

Play Rock Band on a BIG screen. Bring a friend for snacks and loud music. This program is for folks ages 12 to 18 years old.

STONE SOUP TASTING AND CRAFT

Friday, March 15, 4:00-5:30pm

Friends who came by the library in the morning to help prepare Stone Soup are invited back to taste the finished product. Plus, you can work on a special craft: decorating placemats for our local free community meals. All supplies will be provided for this free program.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 15, 5:00-7:00pm

Join us for a free family-friendly movie and snacks. Please contact the library at 315-536-6114 for specific title information.

FINGER LAKES GEOLOGY

Saturday, March 16, 2:00 - 3:00pm

The Finger Lakes region contains some of New York's most distinctive and beautiful landscapes. What clues about New York's recent and more ancient geological past can we read from the landforms and rocks we encounter every day? We're pleased to welcome Dr. David Kendrick back for an encore of his extremely popular presentation, featuring some updates and additions!

TABLE DE CONVERSATION

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 - 6:00pm
at Water Street Wine Bar, 130 Water St.

Parlez-vous français? Join a basic conversation circle for beginner to moderate French speakers. French Language Basics class participants are encouraged to attend!

MONSTER MOVIE MARATHON

Monday, March 18, 1:30-6:00pm

Twins and teens, fill your afternoon with snacks, comfy chairs, and PG-13 monster movies! Specific title information coming soon.

LEGO STeAM CLUB

Tuesday, March 19, 3:15 - 5:15pm

Join your library friends--and thousands of LEGOs!--for monthly adventures in science, technology, art, and math.

APPLE USER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, March 21, 5-6:00pm

Are you a Mac user with questions about getting the most out of your devices? Bring them to this self-directed information-sharing session and trade tips and expertise with fellow Apple aficionados.

HOMESCHOOL USE OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Friday, March 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Homeschool families and groups are invited to use the library's Community Room. Tables, chairs, and free, fast WiFi are all available. Please leave the room the way you found it. Planning on using the room for something messy like a science lab or art project? Please let Sarah in the Youth Services department know at least a week beforehand.

CONCERT: BEN BAKER

Saturday, March 23, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Free Saturday concert at the library! Rochester's Ben Baker makes tuneful music inspired by the likes of Wilco, Blind Melon, and Neil Young. Baker's latest release, *A Nice Suburban Home from Which to Fight*, can be found at <https://dbtme.bandcamp.com/>. His music has been described by the Rochester *Insomniac* as "raw indie folk...honest, beautiful, and free." All are welcome.

POT LUCK CLUB: FAMILY HISTORY

Monday, March 25, 6-7:00pm

This month we'll be choosing recipes from *The Frugal Gourmet on Our Immigrant Ancestors*. Learn a bit about our shared history while making such delicious dishes as Cuban black bean soup or couscous with Moroccan red pepper sauce. Stop in to sign up for a recipe any time this month, then bring your dish to share on the 25th. Questions? Call us!

WELCOME TO MEDICARE SEMINAR

Tuesday, March 26, 2:30-4:30pm

Please call 315-536-5515 to reserve your spot. Presented by Ashley Tillman, aging services coordinator at Pro Action Yates New York Connects Office for the Aging.

FAMILY RESEARCH SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, March 26, 5-7:00pm

By popular demand, we're now offering a user-directed ongoing opportunity to learn about and share family research projects! This drop-in event is free and open to the public; come for as much as you'd like.

CREEPY CREATURES PARTY

Friday, March 29, 6:00 - 7:00pm

Join us for a celebration of all creatures creepy, crawly, slithery, and slimy! Best for ages 5 and under, with a caregiver, this party will include storytime, a craft, snack, and more!

WOMEN'S HISTORY, YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Saturday, March 30, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Celebrate the women who helped build our community and who still keep it flourishing. A selection from the oral histories recorded by the local American Association of University Women chapter highlights themes that contemporary women will pick up on and embellish—from those carrying on philanthropist Milly Bloomquist's legacy of giving, to those who have served in the armed forces like World War II veteran Carlotta Crosier, and more. Please help us honor the contributions of the women of Yates County of yesterday, today—and tomorrow. Free snacks!

CREATING GRAPHIC MEMOIRS

Saturday, March 30, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Titles such as *Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel, the *March* trilogy by John Lewis, and *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi have proven the power of weaving words and pictures to tell life stories. In honor of Will Eisner Week, we invite you to learn about the popular and ever-growing medium of graphic memoir—then make one yourself! No literary or artistic skill required—just come with an open mind and the will to try. Please register.

Programs that require registration will note that in the description. Please register by calling the library at 315-536-6114.

All library programs are free and open to all, unless otherwise noted.