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# @The White Plains Public Library

## A Special Note to Our Readers:

We are temporarily publishing our newsletter on a monthly basis in this one-page, black & white format.

Our goal is to keep you as up-to-date as possible during construction.

## Construction Update



### Third Floor Offices Complete!

In May, staff who prepare items for public use (cataloging and processing) moved into the newly renovated space on the Library's third floor.

### Second Floor Offices Underway!

Work is now well underway on the second floor to relocate Administration and Reference offices, which will pave the way for a Children's Library expansion that will nearly double its square footage. Sometime in early fall of 2004, the Children's Library will close for two weeks to complete a move to temporary quarters in the Gallery/Auditorium, so that the new Children's Library can be created.

## Library Program Update

Due to construction and renovations to create a new Children's Library, we are anticipating that the Library's Auditorium will be unavailable for programs until the fall of 2005. During this time, the Library will "take its show on the road" and offer events for adults at various locations around the City of White Plains. See the reverse side of this newsletter for details about our fall book discussion series at the White Plains Woman's Club. **The Children's Library will continue to offer programs on-site in a temporary location during construction, as well as several off-site events.**



### Going Into Kindergarten

**A program to help kids feel comfortable & confident**

Join us at the Library for a storytime about going into kindergarten and a screening of the video "Kindergarten Here I Come!"

We're offering this program in English and Spanish at various times so you can come when it's most convenient for you. In English: Tuesday, August 31 at 7 pm; Wednesday, September 1 at 11 am; and Thursday, September 2 at 3 pm. In Spanish: Wednesday, September 1 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Contact the Children's Library at 422-1476 for additional information.

## You Asked, We Answered!

### Express Book Loans Now 7 Days

In response to your requests, Express Books are now loaned for one week. Express Books are duplicate copies of best sellers. They circulate free for 7 days, and for 50¢ per day thereafter. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis, for those who prefer to bypass the reserve list. Other copies of new books, which circulate free for three weeks, may be reserved for a 50¢ fee (if not on the shelf) at the Reference or Checkout Desks.

### E-Mail Now Available on All CyberSpot Computers

Web-based e-mail is now available on all Internet-access computers in the Library. You can do it all without having to switch computers - e-mail, Internet searching, database searching, and more! For a full list of software available on Library computers visit our web site at [www.whiteplainslibrary.org](http://www.whiteplainslibrary.org), click on **Collections & Services**, then click on **CyberSpot**.

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Copies of our newsletter are available at the Library, the WP Recreation & Parks Dept., the WP Youth Bureau and at City Hall. Call us at 422-1407 for other pick-up locations.

This newsletter is also posted on our web site at [www.whiteplainslibrary.org](http://www.whiteplainslibrary.org)

### Enjoy 8-Week Loans on Children's Books

Effective July 1, 2004 and until further notice, children's books will be loaned for 8 weeks (no renewals).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This applies to books only. All other children's materials (videos, DVDs, etc.) will continue to be checked out for their normal loan period. Questions? Ask at the Checkout Desk.



# It's Academic! Fall 2004 Book Discussion Series



## Special Location:

All sessions will take place at The White Plains Woman's Club, 305 Ridgeway.

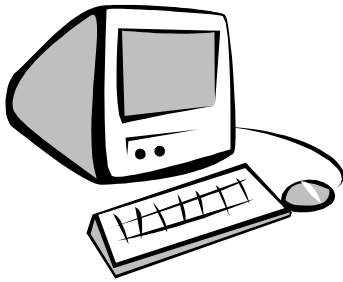
Join us as we explore the richness, diversity, and humor of life on campus and in school in these intriguing fiction classics:

- October 4 at 2 pm and 7 pm - The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, by Muriel Spark, 1961
- October 25 at 2 pm and 7 pm - Pnin, by Vladimir Nabokov, 1957
- November 15 at 2 pm and 7 pm - A Separate Peace, by John Knowles, 1956
- December 6 at 2 pm and 7 pm - Up the Down Staircase, by Bel Kaufman, 1965

For questions, to register, or to join our mailing list, contact Program Librarian Barbara Wenglin by e-mail [bwenglin@wppl.lib.ny.us](mailto:bwenglin@wppl.lib.ny.us) or phone 422-1486.



## Free Hands-On Computer Classes in CyberSpot



Stop by or call the Reference Desk at 422-1480 to register for the following classes or for more information.

### CyberStart

Never used a computer before? Our CyberStart class is for you! It meets for 2 hours over 2 days, and you will learn the basics in a fun, stress-free environment.

### Catalog & Databases

Need help searching our computerized catalog to find out if the Library owns an item you're looking for? Want to learn how to use one of the Library's online databases? Pre-register for a half-hour, one-on-one training session.

### Google 101 - New Class!

Learn the basics of web searching with the popular search engine Google. Participants will also explore some of Google's special features, including its dictionary, translator, phone book and personal shopper. To register for Google 101 you must be able to use a mouse and keyboard without assistance and have some experience with the Internet. For new computer users, we suggest that you take our CyberStart class, followed by Google 101.



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Library Hours & Phone Numbers  
Monday-Wednesday .... 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Thursday-Friday ..... 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday ..... 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Sunday hours resume September 12.

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| Adult Reference .....              | 422-1480 |
| Children's Library .....           | 422-1476 |
| Check-out/Library Cards .....      | 422-1490 |
| Renewals .....                     | 422-1492 |
| TTY for the Hearing Impaired ..... | 422-1438 |

contact us at: [cybrary@wppl.lib.ny.us](mailto:cybrary@wppl.lib.ny.us)



## We Recommend...

*Yesterday in White Plains: A Picture History of a Vanished Era*  
by Renoda Hoffman

This important work of local history, originally published in 1981, is newly available in a beautifully redesigned edition featuring an updated and reader-friendly index. This remarkable book is an annotated collection of 19th & 20th century photographs of White Plains which

City Historian Renoda Hoffman has assembled and verified.

In the book's introduction, Westchester County Historian Richard Maass writes, "The reader will learn not only about the buildings of yesterday but also about the people who lived and worked in those buildings; about policemen and firemen and hose companies; about trolley cars, horses and wagons and early automobiles; in short, about the life style of residents in an easy going era which will never return."

Copies of Yesterday in White Plains are available for sale at the Library's Checkout Desk. Softcover copies are \$25 and hardcover copies are \$35 each.