



October 2026

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Adults

BIG READ 2026

Jewel Geissinger Ratzlaff Keynote Lecture



Fire and Freedom:
Author Thomas
Wermuth*

Saturday, October 17,
2:30-4:30 pm, BRD

Dr. Wermuth presents
lesser-known NY-

centered Revolution stories, from riots against colonial taxation and Washington's time in the region to non-battle events like retreats, fires, and independence displays. It explores how state power reshaped loyalty, and how Indigenous and enslaved people influenced postwar New York.

More Big Read Programs —

Ghosts of the Revolutionary War*
Thursday, October 1, 6:30-8 pm, BRD

Cultivating a Nation: The Essential Role of Black Labor & Culinary Knowledge in Early America*
Saturday, October 10, 1 pm, SPD

Benson Lossing: Preserving Stories of the American Revolution*
Monday, October 19, 6:30 pm, BRD

Alexander Hamilton: The Musical and the Duel*
Tuesday, October 20, 6:30-8 pm, BRD

Cato in the Revolution*
Wed, October 21, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Women and the Formation of a Nation: 1776 and Beyond*
Thursday, October 22, 6 pm, BRD

Tanisha Mitchell Presents Cotton: The Hope and Dream of the Slave
Friday, October 23, 7 pm,
Beulah Baptist Church



More coming in November!
For more information, visit
poklib.org/big-read

Create!

Exercise Your Writing

Sunday, October 4, 2 pm, ADR

Guitar Circle

Tue, October 13, 1-3 pm, BRD

Open Mic

Wed, October 14, 7-8:30 pm, ADR

Quilling Workshop*

Thursday, October 15,
3:30-4:30 pm, SPD

Write, Write, & Rewrite

Sat, Oct 17, 10 am – 12 pm, Vassar

Drop-In Sketch Sessions

Wed, Oct 21, 10-11:30 am, BRD

Paper Crafting

Thursday, October 22,
6:30-8:30 pm, ADR

Tiny Art for Adults at Adriance*

Thursday, October 29, 6:30 pm

Zen Buddhist Meditation

Tuesdays, 10 am, ADR

Free Tai Chi – new schedule

Outside: Tuesdays, 5-6 pm OR
Fridays, 12-1 pm

Inside: Fridays, 9:15-10:15 am OR
10:30-11:30 am

Yang Taiji Quan: Continuous Form

Fridays, 1:30-2 pm, BRD, outside

Garden Enthusiasts' Meetup

Tuesday, October 13, 6-8 pm, BRD

Reading Meditatively Series*

Tuesday, October 6, 6-8 pm, ADR

Handy Chatter: Sign Language Meetup

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30-8 pm, ADR

Strategy Board Game Night

Thursday, October 8, 5-8 pm, BRD

Narrative Resonance: Music & Lit*

Saturday, October 10, 2:30 pm, BRD

On the Big Screen: *The Lodger** *get tickets*

Sat, October 24, 7 pm, Bardavon

Slash & Grab: Horror of the 1980s*

Tue, October 27, 6:30-8 pm, Virtual

YidLife Crisis – Live!* *(details on reverse)*

Thursday, October 15, 7 pm, Bardavon

Shred Free Day @ Your Library

Friday, October 21, 9-11 am, BRD



Computer Classes

at ADR unless noted; prereqs may apply

Personal Assistance *(Drop in)* —

Computer Lab

- Monday - Friday, 11 am – 1 pm, ADR
- Mondays, 6:15-8:15 pm, ADR
- Tue, Oct 6, 1:30pm-3:30pm, SPD
- Thursdays, 11 am – 1 pm, BRD

Basics —

Basic Email*

Thursday, October 1, 1:30 pm

Microsoft Office —



Microsoft Word 102*

Monday, October 5, 3 pm

Wednesday, October 7, 6:15 pm

Microsoft Word 103*

Monday, October 19, 3 pm

Wednesday, October 21, 6:15 pm

Microsoft Word 104*

Monday, October 26, 3 pm

Wednesday, October 28, 6:15 pm



Microsoft PowerPoint 101*

Saturday, October 24, 11 am

Technology —

Using an Android*

Monday, October 5, 1 pm

Using an iPhone*

Saturday, October 10, 2 pm

AI as a Thinking Partner*

Saturdays, October 10, 11 am

Navigating the Medicare Website*

Thursday, October 15, 3 pm

Online Security & Common Scams*

Friday, October 2, 2 pm

Introduction to Google Drive & Docs*

Saturday, October 3, 11 am

Windows 11*

Friday, October 9, 2 pm

Mac Basics*

Thursday, October 15, 1:30 pm

* Registration required for programs marked with star. Register at poklib.org or by phone. ADR: Adriance (free parking and easy access off Noxon Street), BRD: Boardman (141 Boardman Road), SPD: Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library (FPC: 29 N. Hamilton Street, Room 224); LIA: Lateef Islam Auditorium (FPC — same address as SPD).

Book Clubs

Graphic Novel Book Club*

Thu, October 15, 7 pm, Virtual.

More Weight: A Salem Story by Ben Wickey

Books & Brews Book Club

Wed, October 21, 7 pm, Juan Murphy's Pub. **1984** by George Orwell

Mystery Mondays Book Club

Monday, October 19, 11 am, BRD.
Down River by John Hart

Connect

Brain Games

First & second Fridays, 10 am, ADR

Stitch Your Heart Out

Fridays, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD

Pick Up Stitches

Saturdays, 10 am - 12 pm, BRD

Board Game Mondays

1-4 pm, BRD

All-Ages Chess Club

Tuesdays, 5-7 pm, ADR

Play Modern American Canasta

Fridays, 1:30-4:30 pm, BRD

Teens

Pokémon Club (new!)*

Wednesdays, October 7, 21,
4:30-6 pm, ADR

Learn and play Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG), tournaments, and more. Ages 12 to 18. Program sponsored by The Pokémon Company International, ALA, and ALSC.



Children

Weekly Story Times

Preschool Learning Center (PLC) Storytime, ADR*

Monday, October 5, 10-11:15am

Baby Rhyme & Play Time, BRD

Monday, October 5, 10-10:45 am

Preschool Story Time & Play, BRD

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 10-10:30 am

Toddler Time & Play, ADR

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 10-11 am

Baby and Me, ADR

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 10 am

Walk & Wiggle, BRD

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 10-11 am

Music & Movement, ADR

Thursdays, October 8, 15, 10-11 am

Toddler Time for Two-Year-Olds, BRD

Thursdays, October 8, 15, 10-10:30 am

Toot & Scoot & Play, BRD

Thursdays, October 8, 15, 10:45-11:30 am

Bilingual Family Story Time, ADR

Thursday, October 8, 1:30-2:30 pm

Sensory Lab, ADR

Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 10-11 am

YidLife Crisis

LIVE!



Thursday, October 15, 7 pm

Get ready to laugh and kvell! Award-winning comedy duo **Eli Batalion** and **Jamie Elman** present an evening of comedy, film and music reflecting their unique take on the modern Jewish experience.

Presented in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and funded by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund of PPLD.

Free event — tickets available at the Bardavon, JFedDC office, and the three library locations starting October 1.



Jewish Federation
of Dutchess County

BARDAVON

All-Ages Chess Club

Tuesdays, 5-7 pm, BRD

Youth Chess Club

Mondays, 6-8 pm, BRD

Young Adventurers' Guild – D&D Club*

Saturdays, 1-4:30 pm, BRD

Young Writers' Club*

Wednesday, October 14,
4-6 pm, BRD

Drop-In Gaming

Monday, October 5, 5-8 pm, ADR

Teen Crochet Club*

Monday, October 19, 5-7 pm, ADR

Money Multiverse: Avengers vs. the Digital Shadows*

October 20, 4-5 pm, ADR or
October 27, 3:30-4:30 pm, SPD

Anime / Manga Club:

Mieruko-chan*

Wednesday, October 28,
5-6 pm, ADR

Teen Cooking: Waffles and French Toast*

Thursday, October 8,
4-6 pm, ADR



Volunteer for community service credit! Scan the QR code to learn more.

Youth Chess

Mondays, 6-8 pm, ADR

All-Ages Chess Club

Tuesdays, 5-7 pm, BRD

Creepy Crafty Storytime*

Wednesday, October 7, 4 pm, ADR

Young Writers' Club*

Wednesday, October 14, 4-6 pm,
BRD

Creepy Crafty Storytime*

Wednesday, October 7, 4 pm, ADR

Freedom to Read Storytime

Saturday, October 10, 10:30-11:15
am, ADR

Paint a Pumpkin*

Tuesday, October 20, 6-7 pm, ADR

Math Games*

Thursday, October 8,
Wednesday, October 21,
4-5 pm, ADR

Halloween Automata*

Wednesday, October 14, 4-5 pm,
BRD

Fallscapes Art*

Monday, October 19, 4-5 pm, BRD

Winnie the Pooh Scavenger Hunt

September 11 –
October 31,
SPD

