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Mail-A-Book

March/April 2020

NEWSLETTER

By Older Adult Services

A photograph of a woman with short brown hair, wearing a patterned top, looking upwards and to the right. The background is a blurred museum or gallery setting with other people and art pieces.

Join Our Museum Teleconferences

Mail-A-Book

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Read to a Child

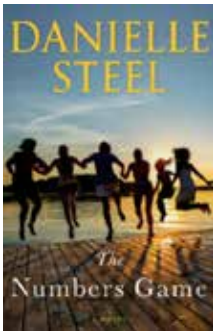
If you have a child in your life, why not ask Mail-A-Book for books to share with them? You can request picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, fiction, and nonfiction. Children's movies are also available.

Queens Public Library Mail-A-Book—
718-464-0084

Recommended Reading



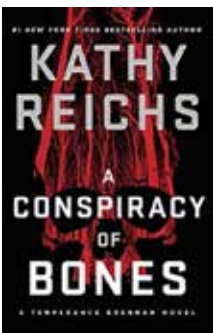
Willie Simmons
Mail-A-Book Librarian



The Numbers Game
by Danielle Steel
March 3, 2020



Walk the Wire
by David Baldacci
April 21, 2020



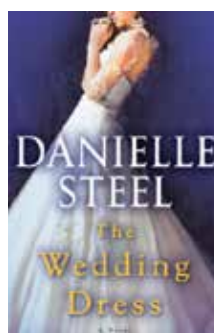
A Conspiracy of Bones
by Kathy Reichs
March 17, 2020



Masked Prey
by John Sandford
April 21, 2020



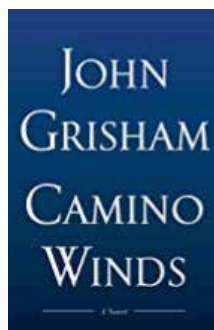
The Boy From the Woods
by Harlan Coben
March 17, 2020



The Wedding Dress
by Danielle Steel
April 28, 2020



The House of Kennedy
by James Patterson and
Cynthia Fagen
April 13, 2020



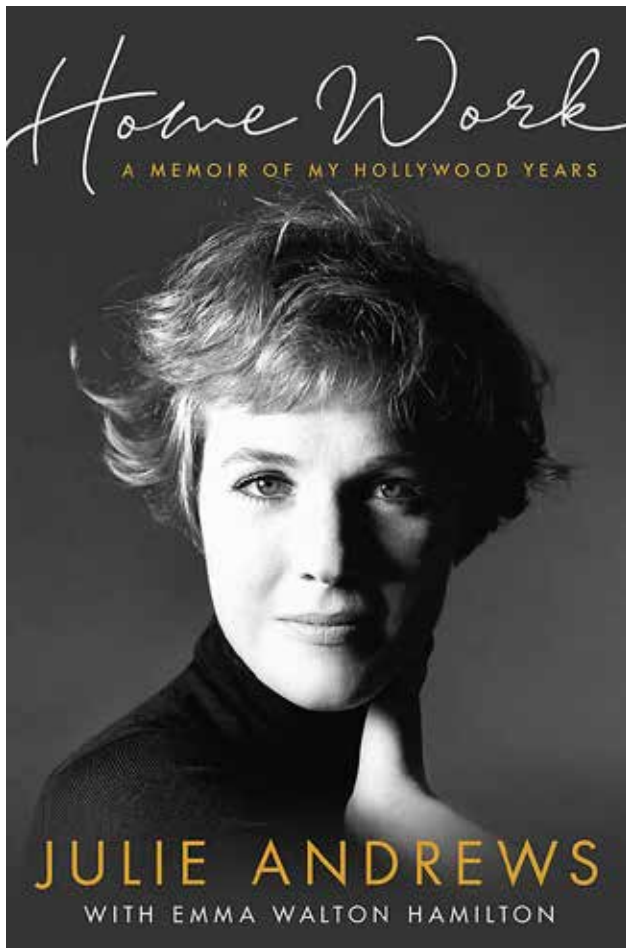
Camino Winds
by John Grisham
April 28, 2020

The Chatter Box

Book Reviews
Written by You

Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years

By Julie Andrews | Reviewed by Marion Mango



In this insightful, inspirational, and often funny treat for her many fans, as well as a welcome mat for soon-to-be-ones, this vibrant volume also contains entries from the author’s private journals which add a sobering sense of immediacy to her story. The period covered is 1963 to 1982.

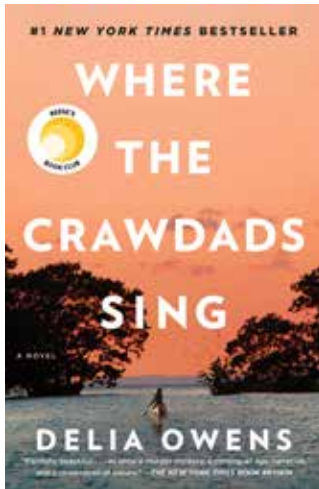
Born Julie Wells 84 years ago in Walton-on-Thames, England, her home life was anything but serene. It was discovered at the tender age of 9 that she possessed a mature multi-octave soprano voice and she was given instructions by an excellent coach whose methods have withstood the test of time.

Arriving in Hollywood in 1963 with her then-husband Tony Walton, a British production costume designer, Julie faced the constant challenges of working in a medium quite the opposite of her previous stage experience in London and New York. Plus, “Mary Poppins”— her first film — was animated and live action. She and co-star Dick Van Dyke had to master the cockney accents — a feat more challenging than one might think, especially for a person from a British background. The film,

released in 1964, is still popular with young and old alike. The following year found Julie in and around Salzburg, Austria filming the beloved global classic “The Sound of Music.” Julie recounts with consummate candor the myriad of mishaps associated with filming the iconic opening scene. Move over John Wayne because this gal has true grit!

She went on to marry director Blake Edwards with whom she made several films including the multi-nominated “Victor/Victoria.” Their union lasted 41 years until his passing in 2010. Julie is the natural/step/adoptive mother of five, has ten grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She is a Dame Commander of the British Empire, and winner of an Oscar, six Golden Globes, three Grammys, two Emmys, and a Kennedy Center Honor.

Still active, she has authored children’s books, as well as voicing many animated characters. Her book’s closing comments read “I am profoundly blessed,” and so are we! Enjoy!!

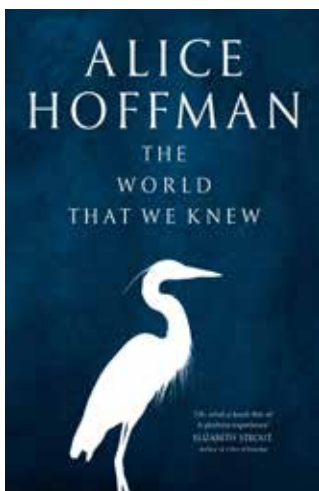


Where the Crawdads Sing

by Delia Owens

Reviewed by Bonnie Sue Pokorny

This is a very poignant story about a young girl who was deserted by her family at the age of seven years old and how she survived in the swamps. It's about her love of the swamps and how people helped her without hurting her pride and independence. Not only is this a lovely book but it continues through her old age. It is a story that will remain with you long after you finish reading it. It shows how resilient humans are and how kind that can be.

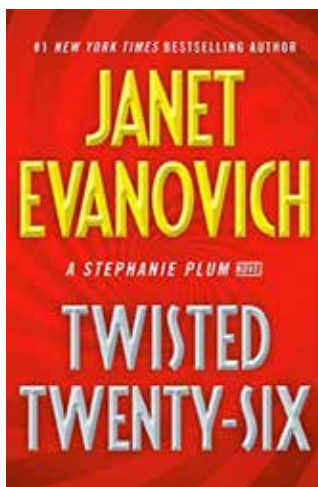


The World That We Knew

by Alice Hoffman

Reviewed by Bonnie Sue Pokorny

Alice Hoffman is on my favorite author list. I adore her. Her books are so interesting and informative. You open up the book and hate to put it down. You become totally enraptured in the world she has created. In this instance, a mother in Berlin wants to save her 12 year old daughter from the Nazis. She wants to send her to France but the mother can not go. Her mother is paralyzed and is bed ridden. She can not leave her mother. So she devises a plan to have a golem made to protect her daughter. That is all I am going to tell you about this story. If interested you have to read it. I guarantee you will not be able to put this book down.



Twisted Twenty-Six

by Janet Evanovich

Reviewed by Bonnie Sue Pokorny

If you are ever in the mood to sit down and pick up a light book and laugh out loud, this is the book for you. This is the twenty-sixth book in the series of Stephanie Plum, the most inept bounty hunter in New Jersey, and her funny family, and the two guys in her life. It is hysterical and fun for a few hours.

Movie Review

by Marion Mango

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Starring: Julie Andrews, Carol Channing, Mary Tyler Moore, John Gavin
 DVD/1967/musical/138 mins



Millie Dillmount (Julie Andrews) is a young lady from Kansas who arrives in 1922 New York City determined to find a job as a stenographer for a wealthy businessman—then marry him. After bobbing her hair and jazzing up her wardrobe, new “flapper” Millie is hired to work for banker Trevor Greydon (John Gavin).

She moves into an all-girl hotel where she meets and befriends naive new arrival Dorothy Brown (Mary Taylor Moore), and encounters Jimmy (James Fox) at the hotel’s Friendship Dance and promptly falls for him, thoroughly defeating her original goal. Unbeknownst to Millie, Dorothy and Jimmy are heirs to a great fortune and have been sent out into the world to find partners that would love them for themselves by their stepmother Muzzy (Carol Channing). What follows is a series of marvelous madcap adventures, delightful dancing and magical music, and enough snappy patter to lighten your heart for days to come.

This film was nominated for seven Oscars and five Golden Globes.

Enjoy! Happy Spring!

Original Artwork Created by You



You may have seen some of this artwork before in prior Newsletters. These beautiful watercolors were painted by the amazing Alice Morley (age 90+). These are a few of our favorites.

If you would like to share your talent in the Newsletter, send your artwork to Mail-A-Book @ 94-11 217 Street, Queens Village, New York 11428 Attention Madlyn Schneider. They will be scanned and the originals returned to you (the canvas should be no larger than 8 x 10).





Poetry

Written by You

Poetry by Rita Tabb

love he gives 'tis true

love he gives 'tis true
and helps us through the day
fortunate we are to be with thee I say.

as night approaches night

as night approaches night
I approach the light wherein
respite finds me
and indeed I am alright.

I have so much say

I have so much say
before the dusk and twilight true and
have
so much to say to thee till then and now
'tis such 'tis true.

and if one has lived and hurts no more

and if one has lived and hurts no
more
a simple life was lived and lived was
one
and love has lived a simple life and
harmony were found.

Poetry by Marion Mango

Cowabunga!

Have you ever
noticed
how
muumuus
make you
look like
a cow?
And how!

Daffy-nitions

beet–rhythmic vegetable
impeccable–kiss proof
unbridled–single
immutable–cannot be silenced

Question

Why
do people
take
so many
selfies?
Don't
they
know
what
they look like
already?

Spring Sighting

I saw a Robin
in the snow.
His footprints
were like hieroglyphs
on papery papyrus
awaiting translation
by Champollion.

Poetry by Marion Mango

The Walnut Tree

All the way from her farm in Bose
Grandmother brought her tree.
Across Europe, the Atlantic,
lovingly tended,
like one of her children.

Planted in the backyard,
with affection and care,
it grew and spread
its lovely branches,
sheltering us all
from hot sun in Summer—
wind and snow in Winter.

Climbed as a child—
how enchanting to see the world
from on high
through a veil of green lace.
It's gone now,
but lives still in my heart.

Humility

Some days
“of all the
things
I’ve lost,
I miss
my mind
the most”
isn’t just
a statement,
it’s an
outright
boast!

Share your creativity!

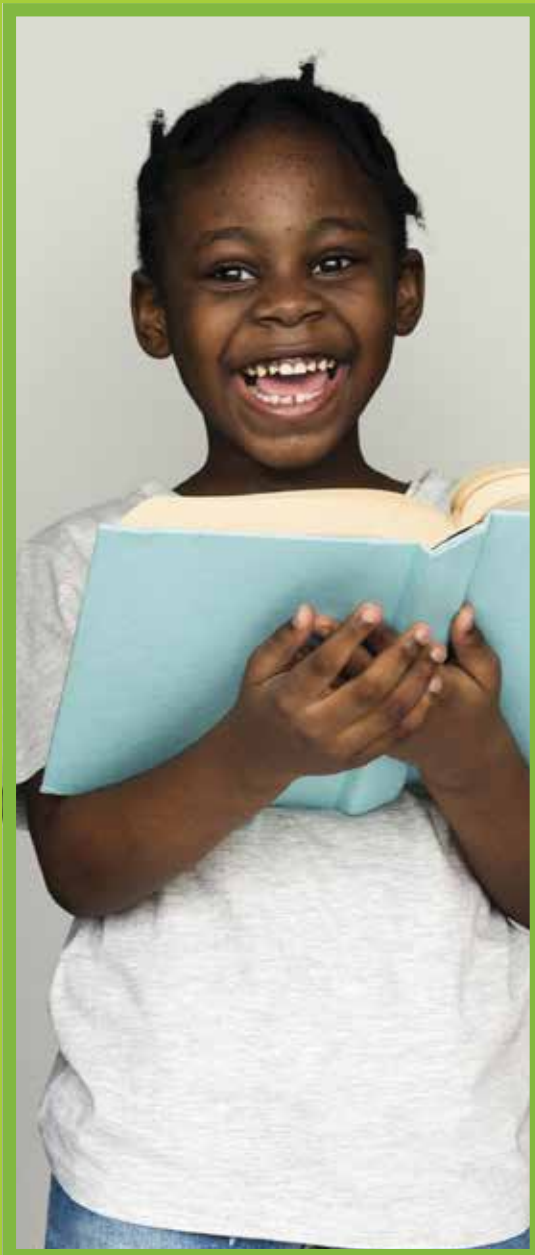
Drawing, Watercolor, Poetry,
Essays, Memories, and Recipes

Send your work to Mail-A-Book.
Originals will be scanned and
returned to you.

Who knows? You may end up on
the cover of our Newsletter.

MAIL-A-BOOK

For Children and Teens



Queens Public Library's Mail-A-Book program is an award-winning outreach service that enables homebound customers the ability to borrow library material without leaving their homes or care facilities. Service is available to children, teens, adults, seniors, and parents with disabilities that prevent them from bringing their child to the library.**

Library material available for teens:*

- Classics • Popular Young
- Series & Novels • Adult Books
- Graphic Novels • Test Prep
- Manga • Music on CDs
- Movies on DVD

Library material available for children:*

- Board Books • Picture Books
- Series Books • Chapter Books
- Audio Books on CD • Graphic Novels
- Movies on DVD • Music on CDs

Programs for children via Skype:

Picture Book Time, Arts and Crafts Projects

**For information or to register
call 718-464-0084.**

*These items are sent to the reader free of charge through the U.S. Postal Service in reusable, zippered canvas bags. Return postage is included. A registration process is required. **Proof of disability may be required.

Older Adult Services at Queens Public Library

ADULT LEARNER PROGRAM

Queens Public Library's Adult Learner Program provides free classes, small group tutoring, and other learning opportunities to help customers learn English, learn to read and write, and obtain a high school diploma. As part of the Library's Adult Learning services, job search help, business

development help, job skills training, international cultural programs, informational workshops for new immigrants, and community-based English classes are available to customers through the Job & Business Academy and the New Americans Program.

ADULT LEARNING CENTERS

Queens Public Library system has seven Adult Learning Centers staffed by professionals and volunteers, who tutor literacy groups, facilitate

ESOL conversation groups, and lead other workshops and classes. For more information, email alpref@queenslibrary.org

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Ask-a-Librarian staff are available seven days a week (hours vary) to provide brief answers to factual questions or suggest resources to help customers find the information they seek.

Customers can submit questions by phone, live chat, email, or phone text. All information is kept confidential. Call 718-990-0728. To chat, go to queenslibrary.org.

ASK A MEDICAL LIBRARIAN

Medical Librarian Al Piedra is available at Central Library's Consumer Health Resources Center to answer questions and help with research. All

information is kept confidential. Call 718-990-5130, fax 718-990-8570, or email apiedra@queenslibrary.org.

CLUBS

Check with your favorite library. Many of our libraries offer clubs such as Sewing, Knit & Crochet, Quilting, Mahjong, Adult Coloring, Art Clubs (drawing and watercolor), Family Board

Games, Chess, and Scrabble. Older Adult Services can help you find a club. Call 718-464-0084 for assistance.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Queens Public Library offers health education, information, and activities on topics affecting our communities to raise awareness of public health issues and guidelines and support health literacy.

COMPUTER TRAINING

The Cyber Center at Central Library (Jamaica) offers a range of classes appropriate for older learners, including beginning classes on using computers, the Internet, email, Microsoft programs, Google, Facebook, and other technologies and social media. Call 718-990-0769 for more

information. Other introductory classes on using Mac and PC computers, the Internet, email, Microsoft and Adobe programs, social media and ebooks and e-readers are also offered at Central Library and other select locations. Call 718-990-8625 for more information.

CONSUMER HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

The Consumer Health Resources Center at Central Library contains encyclopedias, source-books, directories, journals, and online databases that customers can use to learn more about

a prescription drug, disease symptoms, or a doctor's credentials and find other information to help them take care of their health. For more information, call 718-990-5130.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Books, short stories, film screenings, and topical discussion groups.

EXERCISE

Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, Zumba Gold, Shape Up NYC, and more!

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

Creative Aging offers sequential learning courses to help older adults have a renewed relationship with their library, a destination for learning and socialization. We provide grant-funded courses such as Drawing, Watercolor, Collage, Quilting,

Sewing, and Acrylic Painting, Memoir Writing and other interesting creative projects are offered. For more information, contact Older Adult Services at 718-464-0084 / 718-776-6800.

MAIL-A-BOOK HOMEBOUND SERVICES

If you are unable to get to your library due to age or disability, Queens Public Library will send books, movies, and music to you free of charge through the US Postal Service. Return postage is provided. Telephone reference services are also provided to homebound customers. If you need help deciding

what to read next, our Mail-A-Book Librarian will assist you. To find out more about this great service please call 718-464-0084 or email us at mailabook@queenslibrary.org.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

See the Queens Public Library Magazine for a full listing of adult programs.

NEW AMERICANS PROGRAM (NAP)

Queens Public Library's New Americans Program provides programs and services to help immigrants integrate into American society, while at the same time sharing their diverse cultures with the community-at-large. Programs of interest to older adults include ESOL classes at over 20 community libraries (For information call 718-480-4300); Citizenship Preparation through monthly Pathway to U.S. Citizenship workshops, formal citizenship classes at several libraries and quarterly Citizenship Assistance Clinics at Central and Flushing Libraries. In addition, we offer the NYCitizenship program through the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs where customers can make appointments for free

legal services related to naturalization as well as a program through the Immigrant Justice Corps for free legal services related to many immigration issues (For information on citizenship or legal services call 718-990-0730). Held in libraries throughout Queens, cultural arts programs, featuring music, dance and crafts, celebrate the arts and literature of Queens' ethnic communities: Coping skills workshops in English and the major immigrant languages of Queens include health, housing, immigration law, and computer classes in Spanish and Bengali. (For information see the Queens Public Library Magazine, call 718-990-0894, or email napref@queenslibrary.org).

ROTATING DEPOSIT COLLECTIONS

Collections of library materials (books and movies) are maintained at nursing homes throughout Queens; they are changed and updated every 6

weeks so new materials are always available to residents.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Queens Public Library offers a full calendar of virtual programming via teleconference, Skype, and Livestream, geared toward the needs and interests of older adults, including topical discussions, health topics in English and Chinese, art history lectures, games, poetry, history, and

more. These programs are offered as an extension of the Mail-A-Book program; however you do not have to be homebound to join in. These programs are open to all adults. Please register with Older Adult Services for all virtual programs at 718-464-0084.

Mail-A-Book Tips

- Mail-A-Book Library materials circulate for 45 days.
- If you need more time, we are happy to renew your items. Call Mail-A-Book to renew at 718-464-0084.
- We suggest that you check out at least two items at a time. If requested, we can send them to you in two separate bags—that way you will always have something to read, while we are working on your next order.
- You are allowed to check out up to 50 items on your account, but only 10 DVDs at a time please.
- Library materials are usually chosen for you by our Mail-A-Book Librarian, based on preferences set up during registration (favorite authors, titles, subjects, large print, regular print, audio, movies). Let us know if your preferences have changed.
- “Special Request” customers choose their own library materials and are only sent items they specifically request.
- In order to remain an active member of Mail-A-Book, it is recommended that “Special Request” customers check out at least two items every three months.
- Return postage/postcard and plastic strip are included inside the reusable mail bag. Check inside the book jacket.
- When reclosing the mail bag with the plastic strip, please leave a little room for us to clip open the bag. Don’t pull the strip too tight. One black strip is all that’s needed to secure the mail bag.
- Don’t know what to read next? Ask our Mail-A-Book librarian for suggestions.
- Do you have a reference question? Don’t hesitate to call.
- **Customers who have access to the Internet can gain access to Queens Public Library’s “My Account.” Call Mail-A-Book to receive your account number and pin.**
- It’s easy to request specific library materials. Here is how:
 - Call us at 718-464-0084
 - Email us at mailabook@queenslibrary.org
 - Send us a note with returned material
 - Contact us through the mail (94-11 217 Street, Queens Village, NY 11423)



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Low Income Subsidy (LIS)

EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program)

SCHE/DHE & Veteran's Homeowners' Exemptions

STAR & Enhanced STAR
(School Tax Relief Program)

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Information & Referrals



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Broadway Musicals

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- INTO THE WOODS
- CHICAGO
- EVITA
- WIZARD OF OZ
- BILLY ELLIOT
- RENT
- THE LION KING
- HELLO DOLLY
- JERSEY BOYS
- CINDERELLA
- ANNIE
- LES MISERABLES
- CATS
- PETER PAN
- FUNNY GIRL
- HAIR
- WICKED

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Famous Jazz Musicians

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- SEVERINSEN
- RICH
- KRALL
- KRUPA
- HERMAN
- BENSON
- VIZZUTTI
- MORTON
- BRUBECK
- ELLINGTON
- MARSALIS
- FERGUSON
- SINATRA
- WATROUS
- MANGIONE
- BASIE
- MILLER

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March 2020

Mail-A-Book Virtual Programs For Older Adults

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Crossword Puzzles 11am	3 BINGO 2pm	4 You Be The Judge 11am	5 Local History w/ Oliver 8pm	6 Marion's Art History Group 10am	7
8	9 Crossword Puzzles 11am	10 What Are You Reading 2pm	11 Meditation with Melissa 11am	12 Discussion Group with Lisa 8pm	13 Health Chat with RN Kathy Moran 10am	14
15	16 Crossword Puzzles 11am	17 MoMa 2pm	18 The Poet In You With Denise 11am	19 Book Discussion with Bonnie 8pm	20 Whitney Museum with Floyd 10am	21
22	23 Crossword Puzzles 11am	24 Hearing Loss Emila Esca 2pm	25 BINGO 11am	26 Short Story Discussion with Bonnie 8pm	27 STARS and Chat 10am	28
29	30 Crossword Puzzles 11am	31 Health Chat 2pm				

April 2020

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5	6 Crossword Puzzles 11am	7 BINGO 2pm	8 Meditation with Melissa 11am	9 First night of Passover No program	10 Chat 10am	11
12	13 Crossword Puzzles 11am	14 You Be The Judge 2pm	15 The Poet In You With Denise 11am	16 Book Discussion with Bonnie 8pm	17 Health Chat 10am	18
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26	27 Crosswords 11am	28 Native American Art Smithsonian 2pm	29 Your Eyes 11am	30		

Art & Art History Teleconference: *Lectures and Discussion*



March 6 Marion's Art History discussion group

March 17 MoMA: Famous Artists, Current Exhibitions

March 20 & April 3 Whitney Museum: Famous Artists, Current Exhibitions

April 28 Smithsonian—Native American Art

First-time participants to a teleconference, please contact Mail-A-Book for access numbers at 718-464-0084.

Virtual Crossword Puzzles

We solve the puzzle together on Skype.

You will need a computer, Internet access, speakers, and a microphone to play. A webcam is not required.

Using the Skype phone call option, customers call our teleconference number and we solve the puzzle as a group. We are all looking at the same puzzle, and have the ability to chat with each other during the program.

Mondays at 11am

Call Mail-A-Book for access numbers and instructions about how to join the program.

