



College Readiness Series

Your library can get you ready for college

The College Readiness Series covers **FIVE** key topics for students and their families. Programs are 90 minutes each and include time for Q&A.

The series is offered throughout the fall at four libraries - Ossining Public Library, White Plains Public Library and Yonkers Public Library (Grinton I. Will and Riverfront). Pick the day and time that works for you.

No registration is required. All college-bound teens and their parents are welcome.

SAT vs. ACT

These two entrance exams, while similar, have subtle differences that can help you best showcase your academic skills. Learn how to choose between the two and how to think about the optional essay.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

The college application process is not complex, but it does include a lot of moving parts. Learn the best way to approach college fairs, tours, interviews, and choosing a major.

THE COLLEGE ESSAY

The essay is the central showpiece of a student's application. Learn the practical steps of how to write a strong essay and choose a topic that showcases your best self.

COLLEGE FINANCING

Learn what is required to complete the FAFSA and explore different sources of aid - grants, scholarships, loans, and NYS programs that can help you out - before and after graduation.

COLLEGE REPAYMENT

Have you gone to college and need help with your student loans? Learn about available repayment plans, forbearances, deferments, loan consolidation, rehabilitation and student loan forgiveness. Find out how to bring your loan out of default and stop wage garnishment.

Please see the other side of this page for a listing of dates and times.

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Yonkers Public Library – Riverfront Branch

1 Larkin Center

Mondays 4:00 – 5:30 pm

September 18 – SAT vs. ACT
September 25 – College Applications
October 30 – College Essay

Thursdays 4:00—5:30 pm

October 19 – Financing your Education
October 26 – College Repayment

Yonkers Public Library – Grinton I. Will Branch

1500 Central Park Avenue

Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:30 pm

September 12 – SAT vs. ACT
September 19 – College Applications
October 3 – College Essay
November 21 – Financing your Education

White Plains Public Library

100 Martine Avenue

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm

September 27 – SAT vs. ACT
October 4 – College Applications
October 11 – Financing your Education
October 25 – College Essay
November 8 – College Repayment

Ossining Public Library

53 Croton Avenue

Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30 pm

September 14 – SAT vs. ACT
September 21 – College Applications
October 12 – Financing your Education
October 26 – College Essay
November 9 – College Repayment

Go to www.westchesterlibraries.org to check for any schedule change.

Our expert presenters include program development staff and educators from Tomorrow's Genius, an online tutoring service, and the NYS Department of Financial Services' Student Protection Program.

You can find useful guides and guidance at your local library. You can also go to the Westchester Library System's plain language learning portal – FirstFind.org– for more information on why and how to go to college. Go to <http://www.firstfind.org/go-to-college/>

