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THE WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM HOSTS A PRESENTATION BY FRANK BRUNI, The New York Times op-ed columnist, at a breakfast, at the Abigail Kirsch Tappan Hill Mansion, Tarrytown; doors open 8 a.m. Tickets are $80, $40 of which is tax deductible. Proceeds from the event will support Unlimited Possibilities! Mini-Grants and more community-based programming to libraries throughout the county. For more information, contact Pat Braja at 914-231-3241 or pbraja@wlsmail.org.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS 2015 PUBLIC HEALTH AWARDS

Honors go to Westchester Library System and Armonk teen Sarah Ilany

Westchester Library System executive director Terry Kirchner with County Executive Robert P. Astorino
L to R: County Executive Robert P. Astorino, Sarah Ilany, Sherlita Amler, MD, Commissioner of Health and R. Steven Nakashima, Westchester County Board of Health President

The Westchester County Board of Health presented its annual Public Health Awards today to the Westchester Library System and Armonk teen Sarah Ilany at the Greenburgh Public Library in Elmsford.

The awards are granted to individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to public health in the county and are presented in recognition of National Public Health Week, which highlights the accomplishments of the public health community.

County Executive Robert P. Astorino kicked-off the program and presented both winners with proclamations to mark the occasion. He was joined by Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, and Board of Health President R. Steven Nakashima, who presented the Distinguished Public Health Service Award and the J.R. Tesone Youth Public Health Service Award on behalf of the Westchester County Board of Health.

"I'd like to congratulate the Westchester Library System and Sarah Ilany for their outstanding efforts," Astorino said. "I also want to recognize the public health professionals at the county health department as well as members of the Westchester County Board of Health. Thanks to them, I know the health of Westchester residents is in good hands."

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"Sarah, you have already proved yourself Westchester Smart by using the power of social media and Instagram to reach out to other young people with Type 1 Diabetes and to create a virtual community," Astorino said. "I can't wait to see what you'll do next."

Terry Kirchner, executive director of the Westchester Library System, accepted the 2015 Distinguished Public Health Service Award on behalf of the Westchester Library System, which was recognized for its health literacy initiatives for older adults. These initiatives include helping seniors and their caregivers sort through the maze of benefits and government programs available to them, via a group of 80 volunteers who deliver engaging presentations to community groups and provide counseling at 10 local libraries. The Westchester Library System also offers a free, eight-week seminar that helps adults 50 and older find a job, advance their careers or change career paths as well as assistance in planning for the future. For those at leisure, the library system provides seniors with structured art programs, which offer participants a creative outlet and cognitive stimulation.

"The Health Department is fortunate to have people like Sarah, Terry and the volunteers at Westchester Library System working alongside us to promote public health in our communities," said Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD. "We are especially grateful to the Westchester Library System, and to this library, for partnering with us by hosting our health Navigators. Since October 2013, 10 libraries have provided space each week where our Navigators can meet with residents. During our most recent enrollment period, from last October through February, our Navigators helped 458 individuals and families apply for, and enroll in health insurance coverage."

Here is a short list of health department outreach activities this month:

- April 8: Promotion of nutrition, tick borne disease prevention and tobacco-use prevention at the Westchester Community College Health Fair
- April 9: Recognition of volunteer efforts at awards ceremony and promotion of nutrition, tick borne disease prevention and tobacco-use prevention at Greenburgh Public Library

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- April 10: Promotion of chronic disease prevention and WIC services along with the Food Bank Mobile Van at Union Baptist Church in White Plains
- April 15: Promotion of healthy lifestyles and safety at the Camp Directors Workshop in White Plains
- April 18-25: Promotion of National Infant Immunization Week to healthcare providers and residents
- April 20: Ebola presentation to Hudson Valley Hospital staff
- April 22: Nutrition, tobacco-use prevention and hand hygiene presentation to second graders at Cornell Academy, Yonkers
- April 27: Mercury in Schools Safety Webinar offered to all public and private schools
- April 30: Tobacco-use prevention presentations to fourth through eighth graders at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Health Fair in Scarsdale.

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Westchester Board Of Health Honors Library System, Teen

by Alesha Hanson News 4 hours ago

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From left, R. Steven Nakashima, Westchester County Board of Health president, Westchester Library System Executive Director Terry Kirchner, Sarah Ilany and Dr. Sherlita Amler, commissioner of health. Photo Credit: *Contributed*

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Armonk Teen, Westchester Library System Earn Public Health Awards

by Alesha Hanson Events 1 hour 5 min ago

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y. -- Sarah, Ilany, an Armonk resident, and Terry Kirchner, executive director on behalf of the Westchester Library System, will both receive awards at the Westchester County Board of Health's Public Health Awards at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Greenburgh Public Library.

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Honored Yonkers senior volunteers set an example

Matt Coyne, mcoyne@lohud.com *6:01 a.m. EDT April 8, 2015*

'I'll keep going as long as they'll have me.'

(Photo: Matt Coyne/The Journal News)

YONKERS – You're never too old to volunteer.

Just ask the nine Yonkers residents, eight of which were 55 and older, honored at City Hall Tuesday as part of the national Mayor's Day of Recognition, where 2,630 mayors and county leaders across the country recognized residents for contributions to their communities.

The volunteers — Steven Ferraris, Hilda Martinez, Sandra Little, Steven Seligman, Margaret Assante, Carole Gouaux, Julie Zottoli, Miriam Goldstein and Elijah Washington — all pledged time with community organizations through programs like RSVP Westchester and the Westchester Community Opportunity Program's Foster Grandparents program, using skills developed over their lifetimes to give back.

"I'm proud to say that Yonkers is a city full of people dedicated to community service," said Mayor Mike Spano to a packed ceremonial courtroom. "It is inspiring to see residents interacting with and giving back to our community."

"They don't do it for recognition or praise," he added. "They don't seek attention from others. The knowledge that our community is made better by their efforts (is enough)."

Gouaux, a retired teacher who taught English at Saunders Trades and Technical High School in Yonkers, started volunteering around the school, coaching students in resume writing and job interviews and advising the student newspaper. Tuesday, she was honored for her volunteer work at the Hudson River Museum, where she is a docent.

Gouaux admitted that some of what keeps her volunteering is "selfish and some of it is altruistic."

Getting to teach, Gouaux said, is the selfish part, but she also gets to share information with students and adults of all ages, which betters the community.

"I think it was just something that I particularly enjoyed, just as I enjoy teaching," Gouaux said of volunteering. "I'll keep going as long as they'll have me."

For Martinez, who is part of the Foster Grandparent program where she helps young students with the alphabet, numbers, math and arts and crafts, volunteer work keeps her occupied. She said she had worked at a bank and after retiring, she got bored.

"It keeps you going," Martinez said. "It's fulfilling."

Gouauz, Martinez and the other volunteers not only help build their community, but also set an example for young people like Washington, according to Volunteer New York! Executive Director Alisa Kesten, who addressed the crowd after Spano. A 14-year-old Riverside High School freshman, Washington volunteers several days a week and helped found (/story/life/2015/01/30/yonkers-year-old-volunteer/22595265/)the Youth Giving Back club, which helps engage young people in social activism.

"If you set that example in your family, you'll find that people will volunteer for the rest of their lives," said Kesten, who after the event guaranteed Washington would be involved in volunteering the rest of his life.

"As we say," Kesten added, "we don't do it as volunteers to get any reward, but we do know that the dirty secret is, that we get so much more than we give."

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Abinanti Announces Budget Victories for New York Libraries

Assemblyman Abinanti (D-Greenburgh/Mt. Pleasant) announced two major victories for public libraries in the 2015-16 State Budget

By **THOMAS J. ABINANTI** (Open Post) (/users/thomas-j-abinantia584dc55d3e3d8f22f38e5fdd43d11a369848c74cab9448fffefce1cb46828f9)
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As the newly appointed Chair of the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology, Assemblyman Tom Abinanti (D-Greenburgh/Mt. Pleasant) announced two major victories for public libraries in the 2015-16 SFY Budget.

First, the budget achieved a major goal for libraries in the downstate region: starting January 1, 2016, downstate libraries will no longer be required to pay the MTA Commuter Tax applicable to employers in the MTA region. This puts libraries on equal footing with other local, public educational institutions.

Second, the budget includes $5 million in additional operating funds over last year's budget, a funding increase of 6%.

"I am very thankful to the Speaker, the Senate Majority Leader and the Governor for recognizing that these issues are important to the strengthening of our public libraries," said Abinanti. "I will continue to advocate for the betterment of our libraries which are critical to our communities in so many ways."

Abinanti recently announced these budget victories at a press conference at the New Rochelle Public Library in Westchester County.

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State budget exempts libraries from MTA payroll tax

Elizabeth Ganga, eganga@lohud.com *4:12 p.m. EDT April 3, 2015*

Library aid also increased; extra money will fund materials and programs

(Photo: File photo/The Journal News)

The state budget passed this week has rolled back the controversial MTA payroll tax for larger libraries and given them a small boost in aid.

The change is the latest success by lawmakers in chipping away at the tax, which angered businesses and governments (/story/news/politics/politics-on-the-hudson/2014/09/24/in-election-season-mta-payroll-tax-again-ripped-2/16154941/) when it was put in place in 2009 for 12 counties in the MTA region. The exemption goes into effect in January.

Library directors said even though the dollar amounts are small, they are pleased to be able to put more money into services for patrons.

The Chappaqua Library pays about $3,000 a year toward the payroll tax in a budget of about $2.9 million, said its director, Pamela Thornton.

"It's $3,000 out of my pocket that's going to go into books and programs," she said.

Legislation in 2011 that exempted smaller businesses (/story/news/2014/01/14/mta-payroll-tax-to-stand-court-of-appeals-wont-hear-the-appeal/4472973/) and private schools from the tax also exempted libraries with payrolls below $1.25 million. The tax was reduced for libraries with payrolls between $1.25 and $1.75 million. About five libraries in Rockland and nine in Westchester still pay the tax.

In the new state budget, lawmakers also boosted aid to libraries by $5 million to a total of $91.6 million. Assemblywoman Amy Paulin said that still leaves them $10 million below their statutory funding level. Much of the aid goes to library systems, which provide services to local libraries, including managing catalogs.

"Libraries do a lot with very little so every single dollar you save you are adding programs for the community," Paulin said.

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Book Clubs for Second through Sixth Grades Scheduled for April at the Scarsdale Library

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Book clubs for children in the second, third, fourth, and fifth and sixth grades will be held at the Scarsdale Public Library in April. The books to be discussed will be available in the children's room after participants register on the library website, ww.scarsdalelibrary.org. Participants are urged to read the books before the sessions.

The Second Grade Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 15, at 4 p.m., to discuss "Miss Rumphius," Barbara Clooney's classic story of Alice Rumphius, who longed to travel the world, live in a house by the sea, and do something to make the world more beautiful.

The Third Grade Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 22, at 4 p.m., to discuss "Mickey and Me" by Dan Gutman. The book begins when Joe Stoshack's dad ends up in the hospital after a car accident, and has two words to say to his son: Mickey Mantle. Stosh has a special power -- with a baseball card in hand, he can travel back in time -- and his dad has a rare Mantle 1951 rookie card. That night Stosh grips the card and prepares for another magical adventure. But when he opens his eyes, he's not in Yankee Stadium -- he's in Milwaukee on June 8, 1944. How he wound up there is not half as surprising as what he finds!

The Fourth Grade Book Club is scheduled for Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Love That Dog" by Sharon Creech. Written as a series of free-verse poems from Jack's point of view, *"Love That Dog"* shows how one boy finds his own voice with the help of a teacher, a writer, a pencil, some yellow paper and, of course, a dog. Children are encouraged to bring their own poems to the session.

The Fifth and Sixth Grades Book Club will meet on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Loser" by award-winning author Jerry Spinelli. This is a story about how not fitting in might just lead to an incredible life. The main character, Zinkoff, seems like other kids, but he also raises his hand with all the wrong answers, trips over his own feet, and falls down with laughter over a word like "Jabip." He doesn't know he's not like everyone else. And one winter night, Zinkoff's differences show that any name can someday become "hero. Spinelli creates a story about a boy's individuality surpassing the need to fit in and the genuine importance of failure.

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