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WINTER/SPRING 2020
The New York Public Library Celebrates 125 Years

Since our founding in 1895, The New York Public Library has proudly provided New Yorkers with free access to millions of books, programs, educational resources, and more. The following pages feature just some of the ways we are celebrating this anniversary year—plus, check out our full roster of dynamic offerings throughout the season.

Connect with us to find out how you can join the festivities all year long.
nypl.org/125 | #NYPL125

Get a Limited-Edition Library Card!
In celebration of our 125th anniversary, we’re excited to release a limited-edition library card, featuring art from the most checked-out book in our history—The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. Visit your local library to get your card today, or start your application online: nypl.org/125

*While supplies last. A replacement fee of $1 applies for existing cardholders.

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Free for new library card sign-ups*

New Exhibition
Explore works created using the Library’s collections. p. 9

Special Book List
Discover books we love—and think you’ll love too. p. 4

Note: Visit nypl.org or call ahead for the latest information, as programs and hours are subject to change or cancellation.

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Among the millions of books we’ve brought to New Yorkers these past 125 years, our expert librarians determined the Library’s top 10 books checked out ever since we opened our doors. For more about these books, visit: nypl.org/125

1. The Snowy Day
   Ezra Jack Keats

2. The Cat in the Hat
   Dr. Seuss

3. 1984
   George Orwell

4. Where the Wild Things Are
   Maurice Sendak

5. To Kill a Mockingbird
   Harper Lee

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   E.B. White

7. Fahrenheit 451
   Ray Bradbury

8. How to Win Friends & Influence People
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9. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone
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The Library is proud to reopen its largest circulating branch after being closed for major renovations. The new and improved branch, located at Fifth Avenue and 40th Street, features eight floors of offerings—with four floors of general collections and reading rooms, as well as an array of brand new amenities:

Grand Opening Festival in Midtown
Sunday, May 17
Join us for a daylong celebration of reading and literature as we mark the opening of the new Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library. The festival will take place in and outside the Library on Fifth Avenue, and will be followed by a week of free programs in our new location, including book talks and discussions with authors such as N.K. Jemisin (May 20), Isaac Fitzgerald (May 21), and many more.

Dedicated Children’s Center & Teen Center
- Teen Recording Studio & Media Lab
- Teen Study Rooms
- Youth Program Rooms
- Rooftop Terrace
  - Event Center & Café
- Business Center
  - Personal Finance & Investing
  - Small Business Research
- Adult Learning Center
  - Career Services
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  - Media & Technology Training
  - Multimedia Studio
- Pop-Up E-Newsletter: For those who simply need books in their daily lives, we’re sending a book of the day, every day, throughout the whole year. Sign up: nypl.org/125
- Anniversary Highlights: We’re celebrating this special year with tons of exciting programs and offerings—from premier author talks to special book lists, e-newsletters, events, and more, including an entire week of festivities at all of our locations. Visit your local library or go online to learn more: nypl.org/125

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Look out for special book recommendations that spark a love of reading—launching just in time for Valentine’s Day.

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Tickets: nypl.org/live

The Library After Hours: Love Reading
FRI, FEB 14 | 7 PM
This Valentine’s Day, we’re celebrating our greatest love: books and reading! Join us for collections, dancing, drinks, and conversations at the city’s most cerebral happy hour. Check online for more events on select Friday nights.
Tickets: $15 | 21+
nypl.org/afterhours

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Conversations from the Cullman Center
Fellows of the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers present their work through discussion with other authors. Delve into the latest titles from Magda Teter (Feb. 12), Daniel Kehlmann (Mar. 12), and Nicole Fleetwood (Mar. 24).

Doing Research
With expert staff, inspiring research rooms, and millions of items in our renowned collections, the Library has made research a cornerstone of its mission. Find classes on how to get started on your research journey, how to use the Library’s online resources, and deep-dives into the Library’s vast research collections.

Even More Programs
The Library’s flagship location is home to a wide variety of thought-provoking programs and classes. Check online or in our Midtown program catalog for upcoming events and workshops in some of our popular series: nypl.org/events
  • Thinking Out Loud
  • Local History & Genealogy Workshops
  • E-Resource Workshops
  • Discuss Great Books in a Great Space
  • Old Books, Rare Books
  • Collections Open Houses
  • The Library After Hours

Landmark Building, Iconic Programs
The Stephen A. Schwarzman Building is not just an iconic research destination. It’s also home to thought-provoking programs, author talks, research workshops, and more. Visit the Library online for a full listing: nypl.org/events

AUTHOR TALKS
Emerging and established writers visit the Library to share their new works on a wide variety of topics and genres, in both fiction and nonfiction. This season’s guests include:

Paul Yoon
WEA, JAN 29 | 6:30 PM
Donna Leon
WEB, MAR 11 | 6:30 PM
Danez Smith
WEB, FEB 5 | 6:30 PM
Laila Lalami
WEB, MAY 27 | 6:30 PM

Shop the 125th Anniversary
Find an assortment of special products celebrating our 125 years of service, as well as thousands of items for literature lovers of all ages. Plus, Library cardholders get a 10% discount when they visit the Shop on the first Saturday of the month: nypl.org/shop

From the Archives
In addition to its world-class programs and events, the Library for the Performing Arts is home to materials and collections from some of the world’s foremost names in the performing arts. Learn more about our holdings and how to access them at: nypl.org/research

Dance
The Jerome Robbins Dance Division is the largest and most comprehensive archive in the world devoted to dance. The Division preserves the history of dance and ensures its continuity through active documentation and educational programs.

Music & Recorded Sound
The Music Division is one of the world’s preeminent music collections, documenting the diversity within the art of music. Community, country, and cultural aural landscapes are captured in the archives’ extraordinary holdings, covering everything from symphonic works to presidential speeches.

Theatres
The Billy Rose Theatre Division is renowned for its unparalleled collections of personal papers and organizational records, photographs, programs, reviews, scrapbooks, and scripts. This Division is also pioneering efforts to document live theatre through the Theatre on Film and Tape Archive.

Where the Performing Arts Live
Each season, the Library for the Performing Arts delivers programs that bring to life its dance, music, and theatre collections through performances, conversations, and more.

FEATURED EVENT
Beethoven at the Library: Archduke Trio
Violinist Richard Lin, cellist Brinton Averil Smith, and pianist Evelyn Chen perform Beethoven’s Piano Trio Opus 97, “Archduke,” along with recitations of the composer’s letters and journal entries. Plus, view a one-day-only display of the Library’s Beethoven manuscripts. This concert is part of an ongoing series exploring Beethoven’s resonance with American ideals, arts, literature, and history.
SAT, FEB 29 | 2:30 PM

Advance registration recommended for programs: nypl.org/lpa | For email updates on the latest at LPA: nypl.org/LPAnews
Schomburg Center Literary Festival

In its second year, the Schomburg Center Literary Festival (June 20) is a daylong celebration of Black writers and literature with workshops, exhibitors, panels, and more. The Schomburg Center literary festival is made possible through the generous support of the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

Where Every Month Is Black History Month

Study, commemorate, and celebrate Black history and culture all day every day at the Schomburg Center in Harlem.

FEATURED EVENT

The Eighth Annual Black Comic Book Festival

Pow! Zap! Celebrate the rich tradition and vibrant present of Black comics and comics creators. The weekend extravaganza features panel discussions, film screenings, a cosplay show and competition, and exhibit tables with creators from across the country. This free community event connects comic fans, creators, bloggers, nerds, and exhibit tables with creators from across the country.

There’s More to Explore

- First Fridays: Featuring food, beverages, music, dancing, and extended hours for viewing exhibitions
- Open Archive: Delve deep into the collections
- Junior Scholars: A free, annual pre-college Black studies program for youth
- Conversations in Black Freedom Studies: A series of roundtable talks on the first Thursday of every month

For more details, pick up the Schomburg Center’s seasonal program catalog or go online: nylpl.org/events

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Through Jul 3

Kayaner Special Collections Wing & Print Gallery, Third Floor

Discover highlights from the Library’s collections that inspired and informed boundary-pushing works by renowned authors, scholars, artists, and innovators, including Robert Caro, Darnell Pinckney, and Bette Midler. Seen together, these examples illustrate the Library’s vital role in the legacy of human creativity.

All This Mine Alone: Lady Gregory & the Irish Literary Revival

Mar 6–Aug 1

Wachenheim Gallery, First Floor

Lady Gregory has long been recognized as the woman who promoted a new era of modern Irish literature at the turn of the 20th century. Her famed support of others now gives way to her celebration of Black writers and times of William Monroe Trotter.

Subversion & the Art of Slavery Abolition

Opening Jan 8

Latimer/Edison Gallery

With a principal focus on American and British efforts, this exhibition highlights how slavery abolitionists leveraged a diverse array of artistic mediums, including speeches, pamphlets, novels, newspapers, poetry, music, and the visual arts, to advocate for enslaved peoples’ rights to liberty and equality.

Femmetography: The Gaze Shifted

Through May 22

American Negro Theater

The 2019 Teen Curators examine the Black feminine gaze, guided by Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe’s 1985 opus Viewfinders: Black Women Photographers.

SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE

For more: nylpl.org/exhibitions

STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN BUILDING

In the Company of Harold Prince: Broadway Producer, Director, Collaborator

Through Mar 31

Donald and Mary Oenslager Gallery

Broadway producer, director, and collaborator Harold “Hal” Prince created some of American theater’s greatest works, including West Side Story and Fiddler on the Roof. This immersive theatrical exhibition of set models, costumes, annotated scripts, designs, video recordings, and more celebrates his collaborations with his many creative partners.

Chamber Music Society at 50

Through Mar 7

Plaza Corridor Gallery

This exhibition shines a spotlight on the vast and wonderful world of chamber music with an in-depth look at the history of the genre from 1650 to today, while highlighting the rich and diverse work of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE

For more: nylpl.org/exhibitions

The Schomburg Shop

Curated books, jewelry, decor, and more capturing the global Black experience.

Ground floor or online: schomburgshop.com

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Schomburg Reading Circle

Read along with the Schomburg Center and explore diverse writers and subjects that amplify Black culture and history.

Black Radical: The Life and Times of William Monroe Trotter

Kerri K. Greenidge

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In the Company of Harold Prince is made possible by the generosity of the Elza and Jonathan Cullman Foundation, John and Mimi O’Donnell, Universal Music Group, and the Harold Prince Legacy Foundation.

The 2019 Teen Curators exhibition is made possible by the generosity of the John J. and Alice P. MacDonald Foundation, Inc.; the American Negro Theater Foundation, Inc.; the American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations; and the Alphonse Mucha Foundation.
Babies & Toddlers

Early Literacy & Beyond

The Library is an essential partner for parents and caregivers of young children, offering a wide range of programs and resources to help kids develop early literacy skills. For locations and information: nypl.org/abc

The Big Playdate

STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN BUILDING

FRI, MAY 15 | 10:30 AM

The 42nd Street library will transform into a magical early-learning playground for the second annual New York Public Library Big Playdate. Young children and their families celebrate the importance of play in early literacy with open-ended activities and sensory experiences that promote a wide range of early learning skills.

Family Literacy Workshops

Held at almost every NYPL branch, these workshops teach families how to read, talk, sing, write, and play with their children to help them build essential literacy skills. Plus pick up the Library’s free early literacy kit that you can take home and keep. Available in multiple languages.

Storytime Central

Children from infancy through age five can join the Library’s storytimes to learn literacy basics—all while having fun. At select branches, you can borrow a Read Aloud! Storytime kit full of books, toys, and early learning tips and continue the storytime fun at home.

Check out these picture books, graphic novels, chapter books, and more that our librarians loved reading this year. Then go online to find more than 150 of their other favorite titles from 2019: nypl.org/bestkids

Succeed at School with the Library

The Library is the place for kids and teens, whether they’re learning new tech skills, getting homework help, or just interested in discovering great books. For locations and information: nypl.org/kids

NEW

NYPL After School

Get homework help from our expert tutors, participate in fun science, technology, and arts programs, or find a book that is perfect for you at the Library’s new after-school drop-in program. School-age kids can visit local participating libraries Monday through Thursday afternoons, no enrollment needed.

For more about Library after-school programs: nypl.org/ost

College & Career Pathways

Questions about your college or career path? The Library offers resources and programs to help you on your way. Discover test prep opportunities, learn about the application process, or explore career options. Visit a College Access Hub at select NYPL branches, or go online for more information: nypl.org/collegeaccess

Best Books for Kids 2019

Check out these picture books, graphic novels, chapter books, and more that our librarians loved reading this year. Then go online to find more than 150 of their other favorite titles from 2019: nypl.org/bestkids

Got Homework?

The Library is here to help! Discover tons of free online resources—many of which you can access from home with your library card.

To get started, go online to nypl.org/databases and search by topic or keyword.

New Book

This spring, check out The Story Seeker, the second in a series inspired by a real girl who lived in the Library.
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERACY**

**Adult Literacy Classes**
The New York Public Library helps adult students improve their communication skills in English. We offer English classes for both native and non-native speakers.

Attend an information session to get started or learn more online: nypl.org/english

**Information Sessions**
Information sessions are the first step toward enrolling in adult literacy and English classes and are required for all students. Attend any one of these sessions to get started.

**MANHATTAN**
- Harlem Library
  - Wed, Jan 15 | 12 Noon or 6 PM
  - Sat, Jan 18 | 11 AM
- Tompkins Square Library
  - Mon, Jan 13 | 12 Noon, 2 PM, or 6 PM
- Washington Heights Library
  - Tues, Jan 21 | 12 Noon or 6 PM

For upcoming session dates and times: nypl.org/english

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**TECH, BUSINESS, CAREER & FINANCE**

**Technology Resources**
Discover how the Library can keep you connected and up-to-date on the digital skills and resources you need to succeed.

**TechConnect Classes**
From learning the basics of how to use a computer to mastering essential business software, there is a class for everyone. Many classes are also taught in Spanish and Chinese. To see a full list and find a class near you: nypl.org/computers

More than 80 unique classes:
- Computer Basics
- Design & Creativity
- Job Seekers
- Ages 50+
- Social Media
- Internet, Email & More
- Using Mac
- Digital Devices

For more information: nypl.org/computers

**Computer Labs**
Get hands-on training from the Library’s TechConnect experts. Visit any one of our 11 specialized locations during designated hours to ask questions, practice skills, and gain access to more online learning tools.

**Public Computers & Reservations**
NYPL has thousands of laptops and computers across its 92 locations, along with free Wi-Fi. Reservations for desktop computers are not required but can be made up to one day in advance: pcrreserve.nypl.org

**Online Skills Training**
Get free online training any time, anywhere. Access more than 2,000 online video courses and learn new essential business software, design & creativity, job seekers, ages 50+, social media, internet, email & more, using mac, digital devices.

More information: nypl.org/computers

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**New Business Center & Adult Learning Center in Midtown**
Be sure to visit the brand new Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library—formerly the Mid-Manhattan Library on Fifth Avenue and 40th Street—opening this spring.

**Business Center**
All services from the Science, Industry and Business Library on 34th Street and Madison Avenue will relocate into the new Business Center, including:
- Personal Finance & Investing
- Small Business Research
- Bloomberg Terminals
- Advisory Rooms
- Program Rooms

**Adult Learning Center**
Find offerings ranging from career services to English language and literacy programs and media and technology training, plus:
- Career Services
- Computer Labs
- Multimedia Studio

For more, visit: nypl.org/midtown

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**Citizenship Resources**
NYCitizenship offers free classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at more than 35 locations across the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

Registration is open for winter sessions beginning January 13, 2020. Classes begin the week of January 27 and run for 10 weeks. Spring registration takes place in April.

For more information: nypl.org/english

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**NEW AMERICANS CORNER**
Offered at all NYPL neighborhood branches, New Americans Corners connect immigrants with books, brochures, and more resources about citizenship and other related topics.

Learn more: nypl.org/mac

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**English Classes**
NYPL offers free classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at more than 35 locations across the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

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**Learn more:**
- Citizenship Resources
- TechConnect
- Computer Labs
- Online Skills Training
- Public Computers & Reservations
- Technology Resources
- New Business Center & Adult Learning Center in Midtown
Directory of Locations

For hours, directions, and closure information: nypl.org/locations

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36th Street • 127 East 36th Street • 212-958-7758
37th Street • 128 East 37th Street • 212-766-1677
96th Street • 122 East 96th Street • 212-289-0908
125th Street* • 224 East 125th Street • 212-352-3650
Agadere* • 94 East 130th Street • 212-550-2930
Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library 430 West 20th Street • 212-398-7274
Battery Park City • 17th North End Avenue • 212-730-5499
Bryant Park Library • 6th Avenue at 41st Street • 212-586-4141
Chatham Square • 35 East Broadway • 212-964-6598
Children’s Center at 42nd Street (service relocating) 5th Avenue & 42nd Street • 212-473-5920
Columbus • 742 Tenth Avenue • 212-534-5050
Cooper Union • 73 Water Street • 212-857-9300
Cory Hall • 100 East 42nd Street • 212-534-5050
Edison Branch • 4790 Broadway • 212-491-2070
Fifth Avenue • 650 West 235th Street • 212-877-4380
Grand Central • 425 Park Avenue South • 212-277-7070
Green Library • 750 2nd Avenue • 212-201-6212
Hester Street • 19-23 East Broadway • 212-421-0900
Jefferson Market • 99 6th Avenue • 212-924-2888
Longfellow–53rd Street • 415 West 53rd Street • 212-673-2290
Morningside Heights • 23rd Street at 116th Street • 212-721-6900
Morris Park • 515 Malcolm X Boulevard (at 135th Street) • 212-491-2200
Park Avenue • 209 West 23rd Street • 212-683-2520
Parkchester • 711 East 160th Street • 718-792-2612
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