

# FRIENDS' BOOK MARKS

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## Friends of the Putnam Valley Library Calendar of Events

### Story Times

Held Every Wednesday  
at 10:15 am

### Author Program:

*In the Unlikeliest of Places*  
Annette Libeskind Berkovits  
March 21, 2017 at 3:00 pm

### Poetry for a Spring Afternoon

May 27, 2017 at 1:00 pm

### Kids Can Cook!

June 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm

*The Great War  
and the Human Condition:  
Soldiers' Experiences in WWI*

June 10, 2017 at 10:00 am

### "Wear" am I from?

with local author/illustrator

### Regina Gelfer

June 13, 2017 at 4:00 pm

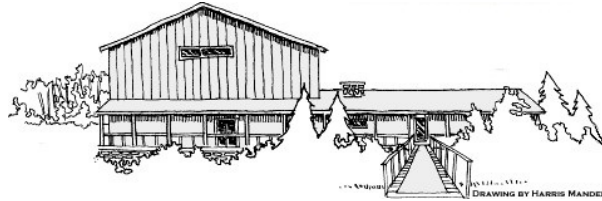
### Friends Board Meeting

June 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Send submissions, comments,  
or suggestions to:

*Friends of the  
Putnam Valley Library*  
PO Box 425  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Friends@  
[FriendsPutnamValleyLibrary.org](mailto:FriendsPutnamValleyLibrary.org)



## Friends of the Putnam Valley Library Welcomes New Members:

Seligman Family, Andriola Family, Marjory Trainor, Robert Hochberg,  
Karin & Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, and Martin Sommer.



## New Museum Passes Program Starting Soon!

The Putnam Valley Library is excited to launch its *Museum Passes* Program, providing FREE access for the entire family to numerous museums both in our area and beyond. While it is expected that additional museums will be added based on the interests of our patrons, the program will begin with access to:

**The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art**

**American Folk Art Museum**

**The Hudson River Museum**

**The Frick Collection**

**The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial**

**Katonah Museum of Art**

**The Bruce Museum**

**Museum of the City of New York**

**The Aldrich Museum**

**Wave Hill**

**Paley Center for Media**

**The Neuberger Museum**

**And more than 700 other museums throughout North America!**

More information will be available at the library soon – stop in and ask about it...



# Friends of the Putnam Valley Library

## Board of Directors

Michael S. Bennett

Robert Forlini

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Jerry Oland

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## Putnam Valley Library to become U.S. Passport Application Acceptance Center

Need to submit your passport application during the work week? Sure, maybe you can stop in at the Post Office or pop on over to the County Clerk's Office in Carmel. Need to get it done on a weekday evening, or over the weekend? The Putnam Valley Library can help!



Ask about the Library's new Passport Application Acceptance program the next time you stop by the library or visit the library's website (this program is coming soon) to learn how you can apply for a United States Passport right at the Putnam Valley Library.



### Children's Library Programs:

**Kids Can Cook! – June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**



Resident chef and mom Jessica Fitzpatrick will lead a kids cooking class for all ages. We will be making no-bake cheesecake! Sign up at the library or call for more info: (845) 528-3242

### Wednesday Story Times at the Putnam Valley Library



**Children's Storytimes at the Putnam Valley Library**

Ages 0-5 y/o

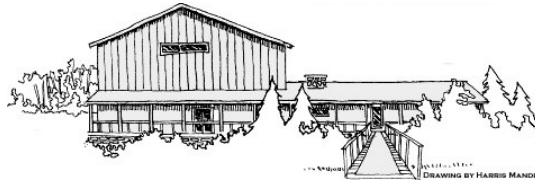
Every Wednesday at 10:15 am

In the Community Room

Join us for a story, craft, songs, and playtime!

*No reservation required.*

**FREE!**



The Reform Temple of Putnam Valley,  
the Friends of the Putnam Valley Library & the Putnam Valley Historical Society  
present:

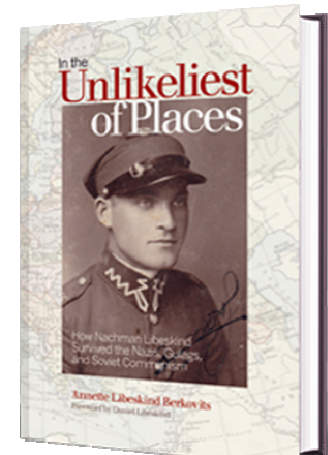
## In the Unlikeliest of Places

How Nachman Libeskind Survived  
the Nazis, Gulags, and Soviet Communism

with author

**Annette Libeskind Berkovits**

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 3:00 pm**



Three years after her father's death, Annette was going through his things and found a box of tapes - several years' worth - recounting his spectacular life, triumphs, and tragedies. Nachman Libeskind's remarkable story is an odyssey through crucial events of the twentieth century.

With an unshakable will and a few drops of luck, he survives a pre-war Polish prison; witnesses the 1939 Nazi invasion of Lodz and narrowly escapes; is imprisoned in a brutal Soviet gulag where he helps his fellow inmates survive, and upon regaining his freedom treks to the foothills of the Himalayas, where he finds and nearly loses the love of his life. His life story then takes him from postwar Poland, to Israel and finally New York.

Annette Libeskind Berkovits tells more than just her father's story. Join us as she shares a family saga and its turbulent past *in the unlikeliest of places*.



**Annette Libeskind Berkovits** was born in Kyrgyzstan and grew up in postwar Poland and the fledgling state of Israel before coming to America at age sixteen.

Now retired, she is pursuing her life-long love of writing. Her work has appeared in *Silk Road Review: a Literary Crossroads*; *Persimmon Tree* and in *American Gothic: a New Chamber Opera*.

**This FREE program will be held at the Putnam Valley Library  
30 Oscawana Lake Road ♦ Putnam Valley, NY 10579 at 3:00 pm**



Poetry Reading  
followed by  
Open Mic



Featured poet:

**Robert Milby**

**Robert Milby**, of Florida, NY has been reading his poems from the gutter to the garret in the Hudson Valley and beyond, over 1,000 times since March 1995. He has hosted 28 poetry readings series since late 1995. He currently hosts 4 Hudson Valley poetry series. His work has been published over 200 times throughout the Northeast since 1990, in over 2 dozen magazines and 17 anthologies.

**Books:** *Ophelia's Offspring* (Foothills Publishing, Kanona, NY, 2007),  
*Crow Weather* (Fierce Grace Press, Wilmington, DE, 2009)  
*Dickens' Pet Raven* (Fierce Grace Press, Wilmington, DE, 2014)  
*Victorian House: Ghosts and Gothic Poems* (Lion Autumn Music Publishing, NYC, 2015)

Every October since 2003, **Milby** and performance artist **Carl Welden** haunt the Hudson Valley as Theremin Ghosts in the most unusual poetry and sound performance ever conducted in the region.

**Milby** is a member of the Woodstock Poetry Society in Woodstock, NY. He is a listed poet with Poets & Writers, Inc., since early 2005, and a monthly contributor to the arts newspaper *The Delaware and Hudson CANVAS* since 2004. He is a freelance thinker.

# Poetry for a Spring Afternoon

Hosted by  
**Christopher P. Gazeent**



**Saturday, May 27  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

Putnam Valley Library presents  
**Poetry for a Spring Afternoon**  
**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00pm to 3:00pm**  
**30 Oscawana Lake Road**



**FREE!** Poet Robert Milby will be reading some of his poetry, which will be followed by an open mic.  
Hosted by Christopher P. Gazeent.  
Please bring a baked goodie to share!



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**OUR AMERICAN HISTORY**  
A FREE PROGRAM SERIES - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# The Great War and the Human Condition: Experiences of Soldiers during World War I

With

**William Broggy**

World War I Researcher

History Teacher at Fox Lane High School, Bedford, NY

**Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 am**

*How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Paris?*



During the Great War of 1914-1918, 60 million men from all over the world fought on various fronts across the globe. By its end, 29 million of them would become casualties of this war. Some theaters of the war presented unique environments, creating terrible hardships. New types of warfare were developed – and led to the death of over 9 million combatants. This presentation will share the soldiers' war-time experiences; recruitment, training, in depth descriptions of battle field experiences (both at the front and behind the lines), and their post-war experiences.

Many photographs of the Western Front as it existed during 1914-1918 will be included, as will images of some of those same locations today.



## **William Broggy**

Bill Broggy is a history teacher at Fox Lane High School in Bedford, NY. He has been studying World War I for the past 12 years, having read scores of books on the topic. He has also toured the battlefields of the Western Front with historians, and is planning on writing a World War themed novel. A teacher of history for 33 years, Bill is currently teaching AP United States History, AP European History, and Philosophy.



**This FREE program will be held at the Putnam Valley Free Library  
30 Oscawana Lake Road ♦ Putnam Valley, NY 10579 at 10:00 am**