

**Mamaroneck Public Library will celebrate the Grand Opening of its newly renovated and expanded state-of-the-art facility on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM.** The facility features the latest library technology, community meeting and study rooms, more public access computers, a coffee bar and more. The event kicks off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony (assemble at 9:45 AM by the main entrance) featuring Rye Neck's Broadway Starlet **Carly Rose Sonenclar**'s rendition of the National Anthem, "**The Force**" drumline from Mamaroneck High School and jazz from veterans **Steph Chinn, Tom Mandel** and **George Lore**.

Throughout the day, there will be six guest authors: **Lee Stringer**, author of *Grand Central Winter, Sleepaway School*, and more; local teen author **Flynn Meany** of *Bloodthirsty*; and four children's authors -- **Ellen Blance** of *Meet Monster*; **Howard Jordan** of *Mommat and Me* (a book set in Mamaroneck); **Charise Harper** of *Just Grace, Fashion Kitty*; and African author **Wamoro Njenga** of *Goodnight Kuu-Kuu*, performing "Wamoro's 'Beatfull' Story Weaving." A TD Bank executive will read *The Can Man*.

**Archie Comics Co-CEO Nancy Silberkleit** will be a guest speaker telling all about how Archie Comics are produced in Mamaroneck and how reading comic books as a youth encouraged her love of books.

Live Music during the day includes the **High Point Players** woodwind quintet, which features: Rebecca Sayles, flute (Mamaroneck); Eldad Coppens, oboe (Scarsdale); John Stine, clarinet (Chappaqua); Michael Kates, horn (North Salem); and Rosemary Dellinger, bassoon (Norwalk, CT); **The Soundettes**, a 4-part female *a cappella* group sponsored by The Junior League of Westchester on the Sound with many local participants; and a **String Duet** featuring Mamaroneck High School students Mackenzie Lesser-Roy (cello) and Sarah Campbell (violin).

Mamaroneck Village and Mamaroneck Town **Poet Laureate Mary Louise Cox** will share poetry for kids and families in two afternoon sessions.

The Art Gallery will feature a photo exhibit entitled "Mamaroneck: History of a Village" and photographer **David LaSpina** will be available to meet from 2 to 4 p.m. A **Historic Mamaroneck Village Show** will run in the community room during the afternoon, including pictures from Mamaroneck Library Photo Archives in a slide show, and a film.

Mamaroneck Library's Roots & Shoots Program, a Jane Goodall organization, will conduct a "**Save the Tigers**" Event at a booth in the library.

Refreshments and tours of the newly renovated and expanded library will also be available. The renovation was made possible through a combination of municipal bonds, private donations and government grants. Since the library's "soft opening" in late June, the library has added about 700 *new* patrons getting library cards beyond previously existing card holders. The event will be held rain or shine and is free and open to the public.

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