



## Help Mount Vernon Keep Our Central Library Status

Meeting Thursday, July 13, 2017  
 6:00 pm - Mount Vernon Public Library  
 Grace Green Baker Community Room

The Mount Vernon Public Library has been designated the Central Library for Westchester County for sixty years. Gary Newman, head of the library's Reference Department, has boldly called out the Westchester Library System board for what he believes motivates the thought of relinquishing Mount Vernon's status as the Central Library. Mr. Newman shared this with the committee at a meeting held on May 18, 2017: *"I became aware very early on of how much the perceptions of Mount Vernon as Central Library were shaped by racial apprehensions. Mount Vernon is a great Central Library, with great staff and great resources, but I have been told hundreds of times, by librarians throughout the county, that their patrons do not like to go down there."*

The Library Board of Trustees, Interim Director Ms. Evania Thompson, library staff and community advocates have been on a mission to retain the library's designation as the Central Library of Westchester County, NY. The Mount Vernon Public Library has been designated the Central Library for Westchester County for sixty years. The Central Library Study Committee will gather information related to Central Library activities and roles in the Westchester Library System, a network of 38 member libraries throughout Westchester County. The Mount Vernon Public Library has a collection of approximately 400,000 materials. This makes the library the largest collection in Westchester County, an accomplishment worthy of Central Library status.

### Let Our Voices Be Heard!

#### More Library June Events

The Mount Vernon Public Library has a variety of programs available for children and adults to participate in this month. Come by and check out any one or more of our special and ongoing programs. We'll be happy to have you join us.



#### CINEMA SING!!!

Hartley Park (Gramatan & East Lincoln Avenue, Mount Vernon)  
 Rain / Inclement weather update: call (914) 949-7699 ext. 479  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

(June 20, 22, 27, 29 and July 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27 and 29)

Summer Fun at Hartley Park is a FREE early learning playgroup for parents and caregivers and their children from birth to 5 years old. No Pre-registration needed except for Family Child Care Providers who must pre register, by calling Naisha Feliciano-Brown 914 949-7699 x 479. This is a WJCS, Parent-Child Program in collaboration with the City of Mount Vernon, the Recreation Department and Mount Vernon Public Library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017



#### Matinee Movie - Mr. Church

12:30 - 2pm in the Grace Green Baker Community Room

When a young girl and her dying mother are joined by a black male cook who comes to live with them, little do they know that their lives are about to change forever.

Starring Eddie Murphy, Britt Robertson, Natascha McElhone

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

Simple Sewing -4:30 - 5:30pm

Ages Tweens and Teens Learn how to sew! Relax with friends and make a simple project or just learn to sew on a button. Supplies will be provided by the library. For more information call Deborah Nelson, Teen Librarian at 914-668-1840 ext. 211.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

Paws to Read

4:45 to 5:45 pm in the Children's Room

Our Therapy Dog International team, Kimberly & Bella join us to help your child gain confidence reading aloud and build excitement around reading. Pick from a selection of library books or bring your own. For independent readers kindergarten and up. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call to reserve a "Paws" appointment at 914-668-1840, ext 211 or come by the Children's Reference Desk to register. Additional Summer Schedule dates are July 10 and 24, and August 14 and 28 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.



## Know Your Rights Community Immigration Forum

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

**FREE - SEATING LIMITED**

Grace Green Baker Community Room

5:30 - 7:00 pm



Mr. Ben Anthony, BIA/DOJ Accredited Representative, BFPA Immigration Legal Services, will be talking about immigrant rights. Get questions answered on pathways to citizenship/naturalization and your rights as a documented/undocumented immigrant. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. For questions please contact Nishan Stepak, nstepak@wlsmail.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

2:00 - 4:00pm



## TEEN SUMMER Reading kickoff

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Ages Preschool to Grade 6

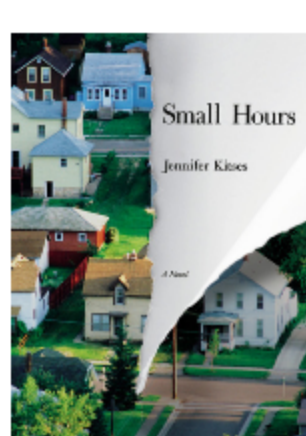
EARN PRIZES FOR READING  
 & A CHANCE TO WIN A KINDLE FIRE!



2:00-3:00pm: **Bubble Show:** Great entertainment that is guaranteed fun for all.

3:00-4:00pm: Children have a choice of **face painting, a temporary tattoo or a balloon animal.**

Sign up for Summer Reading and earn prizes. Stop by the library computers for help signing up.



#### Book Reading and Signing

Saturday, June 24, 2017

1:00 - 5:00pm

Grace Green Baker Community Room

Jennifer Kitses, author of *Small Hours*, will read excerpts from her debut novel. Set in a fictional town of Devon in the Hudson Valley, *Small Hours* examines the relation a single day hour by hour, between a husband and wife who have moved from the city when faced with an economic spiral, to a small, peaceful upstate town looking for stability in their marriage and a place to raise their twin daughters. Their relationship, their frustrations, the problems faced by working parents, financial stress and the secrets they keep from each other set the tones of this summer must read. Light refreshments will

be served.

*"The novel succeeds as both a disquieting tale of ordinary horror and a portrait of marriage at the tipping point."* Kirkus

*"A damning portrait of unexamined privilege and a radically persuasive argument for the need for communication in relationships."* - Matthew Thomas, New York Times-best-selling author of *We Are Not Ourselves*

#### About the Author

Jennifer Kitses grew up in Philadelphia. She received an MLitt in creative writing from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and has worked for Bloomberg News, Condé Nast Portfolio, and Columbia Business School. Her fiction has appeared in Akashic Books' online series, Mondays Are Murder. She lives with her family in New York.



TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

#### Matinee Movie - Single Moms Club

12:30 - 2pm in the Grace Green Baker Community Room

When their children face expulsion because of rude infractions, five single mothers must agree to organize the school's upcoming dance and fundraiser. Starring Nia Long, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Amy Smart, Zulay Henao.

