As the door closes on our first annual Holiday House Tour, we are busy building momentum for an exciting 2019. New and interesting events are in the works to get engaged with the Pompton Lakes Library. Learn about planning for healthcare, get the know how to publish that novel you've been working on, and start clearing your shelves as we get closer to our next book sale.

All this and more are coming up in 2019!

Read on for more details.

Did you enjoy the Holiday House Tour or did you get a new twist at Hair Braiding with Michelle Arnold? Have a brilliant idea for an event? Your feedback helps us to plan future events. All are welcome to attend our monthly meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Library.
Aging Care – Planning for End of Life Healthcare

Wednesday, February 20th at 6pm

Join RN and Healthcare Specialist, Theresa Pardalis to learn how to care and make decisions for yourself or aging family. It’s never too soon to make sure important healthcare decisions are considered, to avoid chaos and unnecessary suffering. Learn about Medical Proxies, Living Wills and Powers of Attorney. Join us at the Library, 6pm, Wednesday February 20th 2019.
Our first annual **Holly House Tour** was a success, welcoming over 50 guests into our four homes. Some of our hosts even offered hot cider! Thanks to our friends at Soojian Bros and R&M Hardware for our signs. Look for tickets next year before they sell-out. Interested in making your home a stop on the tour?

A very big thank-you to the Rotary Club of Pompton Lakes for funding another year’s subscription to **BookPage**, the monthly book review magazine. Pick up your copy at the library to find your next favorite read before they run-out!
The Friends’ sponsored Hair-braiding session was a great success! Expert stylist Michelle Arnold held two sessions and delighted more than 20 girls with a selection of French Plaits, Fishtails, Cornrows and Box-braids. If you're interested in seeing this program again at the Pompton Lakes Library, we'd love to hear your feedback on our events so we can plan events reflecting the interest of our community.

Kids can take a seat! New chairs are coming soon to the Children’s Room at the Pompton Lakes Library. Thanks to your generous donations, The Friends have funded a dozen new chairs to replace old ones but we still need some more. Your $50 donation will buy a new child’s chair to last a lifetime, and we’ll even place your name to commemorate it.
Aspiring Authors! Got *inspiration* but still seeking *publication*? Attend our **Five Secrets to Getting Published** presentation on **Wednesday, March 20** with award-winning local author **Wil Mara**. Listen as Wil shares the secrets of his success and explains how he became an accomplished and successful writer.

Later that week (**Saturday, March 23**), Wil introduces his creepy new "Twisted" series aimed at 11-14yr olds, upstairs in the Children's Room.

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**NJSO**

*XIAN ZHANG MUSIC DIRECTOR*
Our monthly bus trips to the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra are filling Sunday afternoons with musical delight! We’ll be running the trip again next season, watch out for details and sign-up forms coming soon. In the meantime, watch this clip of Director Xian Zhang conducting the NJSO Academy Orchestra last year.

We’re working on a great new initiative this year to celebrate our town’s connection to world famous movie director Cecil B. DeMille. Time and location to be confirmed, but we’re planning to screen some of the most epic movies DeMille made – inspired by his childhood right here in Pompton Lakes. A must for film-buffs and historians as well as good old-fashioned entertainment.

We’re looking forward to the return of our successful One Book, One Town reading event this summer! More details will be made available soon, but we’re looking to involve even more people this year as we go out and about to get people reading, enjoying and discussing our selected title.
Looking to clear some room on your bookshelves? Why not spend a rainy afternoon sorting-out the books you don’t need to keep, and put them aside for the **Friends’ 2019 Book Sale**? We’ll be collecting donations in the Spring and holding our annual event at the Library in **May** (dates to be confirmed).

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

Do you have some time to spare and an interest in helping your community grow? The **Friends of Pompton Lakes Library** are seeking more volunteers to join our friendly and active team to help in promoting the library, organize events and support all our great programs. **Join us at our monthly meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Library!**

Our "Tech Tuesday" workshop at 5-6pm is proving popular, although our resident expert sometimes has to skip a week due to other commitments. So we're enlisting some extra help for your phone, tablet and laptop questions, and are hoping to widen the service to other times/days of the week.
We're still playing Mah Jongg on Tuesday afternoons.

Come along at 2pm and learn more about this intriguing game of skill, strategy and calculation.

The Oakland/Pompton Lakes NJ Chess Club meets at the Library every Monday from 6pm to 9pm. Five chess sets and a clock are available, although players are encouraged to bring their own equipment as well.

We meet at the Library on the first Wednesday of every month, usually at 6pm. We'd love you help us plan our programs, "Like" our Facebook page to learn more or visit www.pomptonlakeslibrary.org/friends for more details.