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| Richard W. Harshbarger | A Pawling Rotarian - We Support The Youth Of Our Community | A brief history of Rotary International, and more particularly of the Pawling Rotary Club. Our goal is to support the youth of our community. What does this mean and how do we do it? |
| Susan Salomone and Carol Christiansen | Addiction: A Public Health Crisis | In 2016 there were 64,000 deaths due to overdose. Learn how this epidemic started, how it affects our community and learn strategies to protect your family. |
| Jennifer Morfea | Author, Both Traditionally and Self- Published | This book helps take your ideas for writing books and stories and helps channel them into a passion that will be shared with many others. |
| Harvey Matcovsky | Community Organizer | Learn how a small small group of average citizens challenged the New York State Housing Authority and won. Follow the results of a rent strike in the largest housing development in NYS. Learn how to be a citizen activist. |
| Jeff Asher, Ph. D. | Consumer Product Tester | After years of testing and repairing products in his own home, this book became the Technical Director for Consumer Reports Labs. There he learned about how comparative product testing can make us all savvy consumers and even change the marketplace for the better. It was also fun to test cars, appliances, electronics, household goods and foods. What a cool way to make a living! |
| Reed Asher | Creativity: Who Has It, Do We Know It When We See It? | This book has been teaching pottery to adults and children for a long time, and has learned a lot about creativity. Many folks say, "Oh, I can't do that, I'm not creative enough." Find out what she has to say about that, and what her own journey has taught her. Are you creative? |
| Edward J. Grippe, Ph. D. | The Day I Learned Victory Was a Community Effort | This book may enlighten athletes, coaches and ordinary people to how individual effort and success rests on the commitment and guidance of of others. |
| Manya Bouteneff, Ed. D. and Jeremy Ingpen | Delving In; Researching What Fascinates YOU! | This husband and wife team book share research into two areas. One book finally set out to research a topic she has been interested in for years: what some schools are doing to foster high achievement among students in poverty. The process was fascinating, and so many people became interested partners. The other book is about why our planes fall out of the sky. This book set out to find out why World War One fighter planes - think Snoopy and the Red Baron - failed at such a high rate, and what was the response to the mechanical failures and high pilot death rates. Perhaps reading these books will inspire you to start a research project of your own |

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| Barbara Garbarino | Disaster Preparedness for Children ~ Why Community Resilience Matters | This book will share how Putnam County was selected as one of two pilot communities in the U.S. to create a Disaster Preparedness Program for children through the efforts of two Community Resilience Coalitions, and illustrate the importance of this work in preparing and protecting children in the event of a disaster. This work in the communities was the result of a grant given by GSK (Glaxo Pharmaceuticals) to the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University's Earth Institute and Save the Children. |
| Frana K. Baruch | Figuring Out the Puzzle - Graphic Design | This book discusses that there is way more to some aspects of Graphic Design than drawing or being good at Computer Graphics (though those skills can certainly help). Responsibility, empathy and other qualities are needed as well...one assignments was creating emergency signage for the subway system in New York City (Prior to 9/11). |
| Sharnee Morales-Kelly | From the Projects to the Hudson Valley | This book will share the story of being a young woman born and raised in the projects of the Bronx who overcame adversity, a broken home, several moves and found her own path that defied what the society and statistics would have predicted. |
| Amy Barry | Giving Back to the Universe through Birds and Dogs | I am a firm believer in giving back and being kind. By trade I have been a veterinary assistant for over 32 years. I have a passion for dog training and have done therapy work with two of my dogs. I am also an artist. I create bird houses from natural, reclaimed and recycled materials. Looking to give back to Mother Nature one birdhouse at a time. |
| Mabel Boutros | Growing up Bilingual | This book is about a girl who grew up in Sleepy Hollow, NY in a bilingual household. She shares her struggles and victories of growing up bilingual. |
| Neena McBaer | Growing Up Country: Reflections on Transitioning from a Rural Childhood to Urban College Life | This book grew up in an extremely isolated, impoverished mountain town in rural Colorado, riding horses, hiking, and driving for over four hours just to go shopping or get to an airport. Later in life, she moved to New York and attended a college on scholarship that, for herself and many of her classmates, was previously unattainable. The experience had stellar and painful moments, and differences between the two were often surprising. In the unexpected, in the reflections, this book considers how urbanity overlooks and discounts the rural experience, and the importance of the relationships that flourish in the desert. |

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| Cynthia Darcy | Growing up in the Closet with A Gay Parent | My book shares her personal experience growing up with same gender parents during the 1970's and beyond. She will ask listeners to reflect upon where we have been in education in terms of acceptance and inclusiveness of the LGBTQ community. It is her hope that we as educators can engender a greater sense of acceptance and inclusion for members of non-traditional families within in our school community. |
| Inga Garbarino | Growing up Latvian in America | This book grew up first generation American. Her parents and grandparents escaped the Soviets during WWII and eventually made a life for themselves in America. She was raised in the Latvian community in New York and worked hard to maintain her language and culture. She participated in Latvian dance, choir, school, scouts and summer camp. She passed up soccer games and birthday parties to go learn Latvian grammar and history. However, when Latvia eventually gained its freedom and she traveled there to reconnect with family and friends, she learned that not all that she had believed was true. |
| Carolyn Herman | Half-Kidnapped and Overfull: Adventures from A Year in India | This book spent a year living in India and came away with many tales of scrapes, adventures, incredible hospitality, and the occasional half kidnapping. She brings the same sense of adventure and mayhem to the students at Pawling high school |
| Paula & Bruce Cote | Hiking the A.T. | Did you know the Appalachian trail runs through Pawling? It's a long-distance hiking trail; 2,189 miles, fourteen states from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Baxter State Park in Maine. We hiked it!! All 2,189 miles carrying our food and earthly possessions on our backs. Quitting - not an option; only perseverance, determination, and an internal desire to succeed. To reach the summit, victoriously! The saying, "No rain, No pain, No Maine" had new meaning each and every day. We'd love to share our experience with you. Please come and see us. |
| Janine Garrison | How our Food Choices Impact our Environmental Footprint | Have you ever wondered what happens to your food before it reaches your plate? Do you know the connection between food production and pharmaceutical companies? This book will help you answer these questions and help you to begin to make conscious decisions about what you buy, where you buy it and how it affects your overall wellness. |

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| Deborah van Doren | How to See the World on Other People's Yachts and Other Things They Don't Teach You in College | This book spent her twenties traveling the world for free by working on other people's boats. |
| Mariah Warren | I Am A Warrior Mom: Overcoming Postpartum Anxiety and Depression | This book discusses how she experienced severe anxiety and depression following the birth of her only child. Her journey to regain her mental health revealed the lack of attention paid to a mother's mental health, and the few specialized treatment options available in the U.S. This book found a community of fellow survivors, called Warrior Moms, and became a maternal mental health advocate and blogger as a result. |
| Darlene Eirish-Schofield | Incorporating Google's 20% Time in the Classroom | Giving students 20% of their class time to work on a passion project sounds daunting. How do I start it? How do I manage it? How do I grade it? This book will share resources and give examples to help teachers understand and/or try this concept for themselves. Rewarding for both teachers and students, 20 Time fosters independence and helps students to become "future ready." This concept was derived from Kevin Brookhauser's inspiring book, <i>The 20Time Project: How Educators Can Launch Google's Formula for Supercharged Innovation</i> . |
| Rose Hogan | Inside the Mind of a Critical Care Nurse | This book answers the question: what does it take to become (and survive!) a career as a critical care nurse? |
| Clair Magnesio | Is that kid really yours? | Understanding the difficulties of raising a biological and adoptive child of another race. |
| Keith Yungel | Journey to Health and Wellness | This book will discuss the road to living healthy, and my philosophy on wellness. The goal is for readers to look at their own diet and exercise routine, or lack thereof, in a new light. |
| Margaret Hubert | Like the Energizer Bunny, Keep on Keeping on! | This book is in her eighties and has just completed her 31st book. Her books are about knitting and crocheting, but her story is a about a journey of 40 years, about accepting help and opportunities that one receives, and about taking a leap of faith and going through a door when it opens, no matter how intimidating it may seem. Above all, follow your dream and keep on dreaming always. |

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| Terry Ariano | Love, Food and Gratitude: a day in the life at the Pawling Resource Center | This book is lucky to experience the humanity of giving on a daily basis at a busy local community center. |
| Jay Erickson | Love Your Mother | How can we be good stewards of the land? Whether we live in the village or deep in the woods, what can we do to engage with the earth around us and protect the natural vitality of this special corner of the world? |
| Denise Nobile | Mindfulness is Really Attention and Impulse Control Training | While mindfulness produces the wonderful byproduct of feeling calm, relaxed, and for some at peace, there is real skill-building happening every time we practice sitting in stillness; one, recognizing the nature of attention and two, improvement of impulse control. Learn two “mindful tools” to share with the kiddos in your life. |
| Gillian Rinaldo | Pawling High School's Science Research Program | This book explores a 3 year college level course that allows students to investigate PhD level scientific research and how it has impacted their future and career paths. In addition, this book will discuss her experience involving cancer research while considering a career change from medicine to teaching. |
| Michelle Rivas | The Power of Believing – Unlocking Potential | Four simple words are life changing, “You can do it.” How many times have we short-changed others or ourselves because “they” or “we” did not believe in their potential for success? In this book, I will share personal experiences from work, life, and others that have shaped my life and beliefs. |
| Susan Hood | Preserve Family Photographs and Stories for Your Future Generations | Learn about interesting and creative ways to compile your family treasures into a book, one that you either create yourself (using materials available at an art supply store), have produced by an online printer, or commission for private printing (which allows high quality books to be printed in low quantities). As a professional book designer, I'll show examples of the range available and discuss what might work best for you. |
| Veronica Bucci | Researcher of Adolescent Psychology | This book researches Adolescent Psychology within Pawling High School's Science Research Program. She is studying how stress and anxiety can affect memory retention, self-esteem, and impulsivity. |
| Terry Ariano | Seeing France at 15 mph | This book celebrated her 30th birthday by buying a touring bike and camera and riding solo through the French countryside for a month. |

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| Carollynn Costella | Serendipity and Wisdom | This book encourages reflection on the serendipitous moments when random experience and observation challenge us with notices and reminders of wisdom. |
| Joan Roberts | Success On The Spectrum | You may have heard, "If you've met one person on the autism spectrum, you've met one person on the autism spectrum." I believe that to be true. But I'm happy to share some of the strategies we used to help our now 20 year old son, who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome while still in preschool, to achieve academic success. He's just completed his 3rd semester in college and is doing very well. Hoping that these tips may help other students on the spectrum to succeed. |
| Rose Hogan | Surviving Rape | This book will discuss rape survival-physical and emotional--from first-hand experience. Knowledge can minimize risk of this violent event. |
| Brian Avery | Talking With My Hands | This book learned American Sign Language as an adult. Learning ASL has helped him understand more about deafness and Deaf culture. |
| Simone Shook | Teaching on Three Continents | This book describes how an Irish teacher made her way to the Middle East, and the chain of events that brought her to Pawling. |
| Matthew Hogan | There Is a Clown in All of Us | Under various names, the clown has been around for over 1000 years. Today most think of the circus or birthday parties. Clowns differ from actors as they do not have a script to follow. We all have a clown inside us - we can call it our shadow. When one's shadow is relegated to the depths of the unconscious, it can wreak havoc on one's life in the sense that it will exert unconscious control over one's thoughts, emotions, choices, and actions (Carl Jung). How many masks do we wear over the course of our lives? Finding your clown is liberating, and can be fun. |
| Kate Lambert | The True Story of Public Libraries | This book discusses the role of public libraries in today's increasingly digital world. Many people perceive libraries as dusty rooms where people go to take out books, but in reality libraries offer a wide variety of services that help patrons of all origins, ages, and backgrounds. You may be surprised to learn what your library can offer you as well as how libraries help people in need. |
| Coleen Snow | Tweens, Teens, Social Media and Mental Health | This book helps teachers, support staff and parents understand how social media affects Tweens and teens and how it can bring on anxiety and depression. |

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| Kurt Henry | The Well at the World's End | This book discusses William Morris and shows an example of one of his intricately hand-printed books, <i>Well at the World's End</i> . A Victorian renaissance man, William Morris is not only a touchstone to our mythical past, but also to the bounty of heroic fantasy enjoyed by millions today. This Kelmscott Press edition and others from his press are the penultimate early examples of modern fine printing. |
| Matthew Hogan | Worm Composting All Year Around | Those small red worms are hard workers. They will turn most organic wastes, cardboard and plant clipping into compost. Composting with worms (a.k.a. vermicomposting) is a convenient way to dispose of organic waste. It saves space in the county landfill, which is good for the environment. It gives worms a happy home and all the free “eats” that they could want. Homegrown compost is a great way to feed and nurture plants. |
| Glen Freyer | You Can't Make This Stuff Up! | This book shares funny stories about work and personal experiences that are so odd they sound made up but are true. |