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Patricia Vaccarino (born October 17, 1956) is an American writer. She has published three novels and three nonfiction books based on her expertise in public relations. Ms. Vaccarino grew up in [Yonkers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yonkers,_New_York), New York. At fourteen she began writing a novel about Yonkers that eventually became her first literary work*,* ***YONKERS Yonkers!:* A story of race and redemption**  Her first Yonkers book is about growing up in Yonkers during the 1960s and 1970s. *The Heart of Yonkers* was published April 2, 2020.The [Yonkers Carnegie Library](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Yonkers_Carnegie_Library) is featured in both fictional works.

Ms.Vaccarino has written award-winning film scripts, press materials, content, books, essays and articles. She is currently writing a collection of essays **NOTES FROM THE WORKING-CLASS**. In addition to ***YONKERS Yonkers!: A story of race and redemption*** and ***The Heart of Yonkers***, a third Yonkers Book is in development. She frequently writes about libraries and has written a monograph about the circumstances that led to the razing of the Yonkers Carnegie Library in 1982. She has an audience of 40,000+ followers on social media.

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