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Newsletter of the New City Library  
Winter 2017

## BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13 • 9 AM – 9 PM (Snow date: Dec. 20)

### *Never neglect an opportunity for improvement.* – Sir William Jones

Opportunity is knocking at the library door. Thanks to the solid stewardship of our board of trustees, we find ourselves in a good position to continue to make even more improvements to the facilities and enhance the programs and services we offer. As you may have noticed, in just the past three years, we have installed a new roof and patio, replaced the parking lot asphalt, and restored a good portion of the damaged brickwork on the façade. All this was done within the limits of our budget and with grants from the New York State Division of Library Development. Now, we are ready to address the challenges we face in the interior of the building.

We first opened for business at this location in 1980. Since then, we have seen the demise of the card catalog due to automation (a tragedy for some), the rise of the internet (the reports of the library's resulting death were greatly exaggerated), and the arrival of digital reading (no, e-books aren't taking us out, either; we lend them and they are circulating briskly). And so we, both patrons and staff, now find ourselves living a digital life in an analog building, so to speak.

In 2015, through surveys and focus groups, we asked you to share with us your thoughts and suggestions on how we might make a great community place even

better. We heard you. You wanted more meeting space, more programming, and a better location for the book drop (perhaps our #1 complaint!).

In late October, the Building & Grounds Committee put forth a request for proposals to solicit interest from architects to assist us with creating a Master Plan for the library. The Master Plan will give us a roadmap and a timeline to guide us in how best to meet your needs by maximizing and enhancing the existing space.

Starting in 2018, again by working within the budget and taking advantage of more NYS grants, we plan to move forward by reconfiguring and repurposing space.

It is our intent to make these improvements with minimal disruption to library service by phasing the work. And we will make every effort to keep you informed of the process along the way.

In the meantime, please remember to come out for the **budget vote on Wednesday, Dec. 13, between 9 AM and 9 PM.** The library board has proposed a modest 1.7 percent increase in the tax levy.

By the way, for inquiring minds, Sir William Jones was an 18th-century English scholar, linguist, poet, and by all accounts, a classic overachiever. As a young boy, his persistently inquisitive nature was met with this constant response from his mother: "Read, and you will know." Now these are the kinds of Joneses we'd like to keep up with!

— Marianne Silver, Director

### Our 1st Annual Adult Winter Reading Club

Read to win and find a new way to enjoy winter!

The winter reading club theme is *hygge*. This Danish word is most often translated as "cozy." But this Scandinavian attitude is about embracing the simple, small pleasures that make life great.

So grab a blanket and a nice warm drink and cuddle up with a book!

Look for further details on this January event at the library and on our website.



# December

## Concert: Colonial Holiday Music Sunday, Dec. 3, 2 PM

Join Erik Lichack and Eliza Vincz for a concert of vocal and instrumental music performed on the harpsichord and flute.

**Registration is required. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**



## Helen Hayes Hospital Through the Years Monday, Dec. 4, 7 PM

As the nation's first state-operated institution dedicated to the treatment of individuals with physical disabilities, the hospital's first focus was juvenile tuberculosis, then polio. Examine the path of Helen Hayes Hospital as it transformed itself to meet public need, with Mary Creagh, HHH's director of public relations.

## Vision Board Workshop Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7 PM

Are you planning for your future? Make 2018 exactly what you want it to be. Select and mount images on a board that represent whatever you want to be, do or have in your life. **Registration is required. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

## Defensive Driving Wednesday, Dec. 6, 9 AM – 3:30 PM

The American Safety Institute offers this one-day course for drivers of all ages. The cost is \$30 per person. **Registration is required, starting Nov. 27. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

## A Virtual Stroll Through the Met's Egyptian Art Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2 PM

Art lecturer Dr. Mike Norris introduces the Egyptian galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, guiding you from the banks of the Nile to tombs and temples. Discover Ancient Egyptian culture through sculpture, jewelry, mummies, and actual Egyptian buildings.

## Velazquez: Strokes of Genius Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2 PM

Art historian Clifford Tisdell leads an exploration of the life and work of this individualistic artist of the modern Baroque period, who was one of the most important painters of the Spanish Golden Age.

# January

## Costume Design Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2 PM

Explore this creative field with designer Helene Beba Shamash, a professor at Ramapo College. See examples of her work and hear about her career.

## T'ai Chi Chih Wednesdays, Jan. 10 – Feb. 14, 10 AM

A moving meditation that improves both mental and physical health, this exercise regimen involves slow, gentle movements. Oreann Kempadoo, RN leads this class for all ages and levels. **Registration is required, starting Dec. 28. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

## Irving Berlin Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2 PM

Sit down and listen to the story of one of the greatest songwriters of popular songs with Martin Schneit. Learn how this immigrant from Russia became the classic ragtime to riches story.

## Fika Tuesdays, Jan. 16, 23 & 30, 2 PM

Fika is considered a social institution in Sweden; it means taking a break, most often a coffee break, with one's colleagues, friends or family. This winter we invite you to adopt this habit. Come to the library, enjoy a cup of coffee, make a craft, do some coloring or just chat with a friend.



## Beadweaving: Right-Angle Weave Thursdays, Jan. 18 & 25, 10 AM

Crafter Amy Kanarek teaches basic right angle weave: a must-learn for any beadweaver. Play with color and patterns for endless design possibilities. **Registration is required, starting Jan. 4. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

## Concert: Scandinavian Echoes Sunday, Jan. 21, 2 PM

The Swedish Meatballs — a group of talented, spicy, flavorful musicians formed just like a recipe — are a little bit of this and a dash of that! Enjoy Scandinavian/American music with flare. **Registration is required, starting Jan. 8. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

## Grammar for Grownups! Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2 PM

Untangle your syntax! Punctuate with power! Relive the grammar experience of your youth in a pain-free, pleasurable setting with writer Ellen Jovin.

## Slavery, White Supremacy & the Civil War

Monday, Jan. 29, 7 PM

Examine the concept of white supremacy and how it began in this country with Dr. Walt Brown, author and researcher. Learn how this attitude led to defeat in the Civil War and still survives to this day.

## Easy, Fun & Raw

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2 PM

Find out how to add more raw food to your family's diet for your health during this fun-filled workshop. Get some hands-on experience rolling chocolate truffles while discussing climate change.



## GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

### Accessing Federal Records

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 PM

Learn the best ways to find federal government records, including passenger arrival records, census data and naturalizations records.

### Locating Naturalization Records

Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 AM

Get a better understanding of what is and isn't involved with naturalization records and how to access the information.

### *Finding Your Roots:*

### *In Search of Our Fathers*

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7 PM

Henry Louis Gates explores the paternal ancestry of Stephen King, Courtney B. Vance and Gloria Reuben during this showing of the PBS genealogy series. A brief meeting of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County precedes the program.

### Navigating Passenger Arrival Records

Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 AM

Learn to navigate the sea of information found in passenger arrival records.

## TECHNOLOGY

### Beginners' Classes

#### Become a Better Typist

Thursday, Jan. 18, 10 AM

### Microsoft Office Classes

Intro to Word • Monday, Dec. 11, 7 PM

Intro to PowerPoint • Monday, Jan. 22, 7 PM

Intro to Excel • Monday, Feb. 12, 7 PM

### 3D Printer Classes

#### What is 3D Printing?

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7 PM

#### Learn to Design: 3D Workshops

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2 PM

### Overdrive eBooks & Digital Library Help

Monday, Dec. 4, 10 AM – 12 PM

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6 – 8 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1 – 3 PM

Drop in for help during these two-hour sessions.

### Social Qs: Meet Instagram

Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 PM

An introduction to the popular photo-based social media platform. Learn what Instagram is, how it works, and how to browse without an account. **No registration.**

### Intro to Google Drive

Thursday, Jan. 18, 7 – 8 PM

Learn the basics of Google's free, cloud-based alternative to Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Must already have access to a Google account.

Unless otherwise noted, for all technology classes register online or call 634-4997, ext. 139, beginning **one week** prior to the class.

### AARP Tax Aide

### Tuesdays & Saturdays

Feb. 3 – April 17, 10 AM – 1:30 PM

Volunteer tax professionals will assist you with your 2017 tax returns.

Preference is given to those 60 and older.

*Please note: The tax deadline is April 17, 2018.*

**Thursday Afternoon at the Movies • Every week at 2 PM**

# February

## The Vikings:

### Coming to America, 1000 AD

Monday, Feb. 5, 2 PM

Nearly 500 years before Columbus, Vikings landed in North America. While later Europeans established a presence in the Western hemisphere, the Vikings failed to do so. Why? Find out with Professor Peter Burkholder of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

## Local Filmmaker Spotlight

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7 PM

View a screening of the short films *Riding with Sunshine* and *The Test*. Then discuss them with the filmmaker Kristian Comer.

## Concert: Mitchell's Mellow Madness

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 PM

Enjoy beautiful, upbeat and creative jazz in many styles including swing and Latin. **Registration is required, starting Jan. 29. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

## Share Listen Learn:

### African American Stories

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 PM

Our popular series continues with these stories from around Rockland County.

## 3rd Annual Baking Competition

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 PM

(Snow date: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7 PM)

Enter the competition, or volunteer to be one of our judges! Contestants will bring their entries (sliced up for easy tasting) and receive an entry number. Everyone in attendance will get three tickets to drop in the jars of their favorite entries. The entry with the most tickets will win. Prizes will be awarded and delicious food will be shared.

If you would like to enter the contest, call 634-4997, ext. 139, starting Feb. 6. If you would like to be a judge, call the same number starting Feb. 13.

## Safeguard Your Financials

Monday, Feb. 26, 7 PM

Main Street Asset Management will present precautions to take to protect your financial information in a computerized world.



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### "He Said, She Said" Memoirs

1st Monday monthly, 7 PM

- Dec. 4 *Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter* by Adeline Yen Mah
- Jan. 2\* *Tolstoy and the Purple Chair: My Year of Magical Reading* by Nina Sankovitch
- Feb. 5 *Switched On: A Memoir of Brain Change and Emotional Awakening* by John Elder Robison

\*Alternate date due to holiday

### Chapters

2nd Tuesday monthly, 7:15 PM

- Dec. 12 *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue
- Jan. 9 *Orhan's Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian
- Feb. 13 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer

### Facts

3rd Wednesday monthly, 2 PM

No December meeting.

- Jan. 17 *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- Feb. 21 *The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency* by Chris Whipple

### In Other Worlds

3rd Wednesday monthly, 7 PM

- Dec. 20 *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- Jan. 17 *Four Ways to Forgiveness* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- Feb. 21 *Barrayer* by Lois McMaster Bujold

### Investigating Mysteries

4th Monday monthly, 7 PM

- Dec. 18\* *A Christmas Beginning* by Anne Perry
- Jan. 22 *1222* by Anne Holt
- Feb. 26 *Ice Beneath Her* by Camilla Grebe

\*Alternate date due to holiday

# TEENS

## Grades 7 & up

### Youth Board Meetings

**Tuesdays, Dec. 5 & Jan. 30, 7 – 8 PM**

Find out about community service opportunities and teen programs. New members are always welcome. Snacks!

### Hour of Code

**Saturday, Dec. 9**

**Three sessions:**

**10 – 11 AM, 1 – 2 PM or 3 – 4 PM**

Students in grades 3 and up can sign up for *one* session. All levels are welcome to participate in this event, which includes coding games such as *Frozen*, *Moana*, *Minecraft*, *Star Wars* and *Arcades*. The programs also include Scratch and Java Script for more advanced coders. Join with over 400,000 other students worldwide. All participants will receive a certificate. **Limited registration begins Nov. 27.**

### Book Discussion

**Wednesday, Jan. 3, 7 PM**

*Finding Audrey* by Sophie Kinsella

Audrey doesn't go to school, wears dark glasses all the time, rarely leaves her house and was just released from the hospital, where she was treated for an anxiety disorder.

**Book will be available in the lobby starting Dec. 18.**

### Paint Party

**Saturday, Jan. 6, 1 – 4 PM**

In tribute to *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, you can paint the glowing street lamp or your own original painting. **Limited registration begins Dec. 26.** Snack breaks!

### Movie & Laser Tag

**Fridays, 4 – 7 PM**

**Jan. 12 (Registration begins Dec. 18)**

**Feb. 16 (Registration begins Feb. 5)**

**Movies: 4 PM (Rated PG-13 or lower)**

**Laser Tag: 6:05 PM (after closing)**

All participants must be 12 or older. Waivers, which are required to play laser tag, are available at the adult reference desk. (Previous waivers can be updated.) **We will need one adult volunteer for every five teens playing tag.** There will be pizza and soda during the movie. **All participants must be picked up promptly at 7 PM. Limited enrollment.**

### Chocolate Workshop

**Friday, Feb. 9, 5 – 7 PM**

Use a variety of molds and colored chocolate to create hearts and flowers. Also make designer pretzels, covered in chocolate and decorated with candies! **Limited registration begins Jan. 29.**

### Paper-Beaded Necklaces

**Saturday, Feb. 17, 3 – 4:30 PM**

Make colorful, paper beads and string them on a necklace. Fun and easy to do with stunning results. **Limited registration begins Feb. 5.**

## PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

### Free Practice SAT

**Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 AM – 3 PM**

**Snow date: Sunday, Feb. 4, 12 – 4 PM**

The Princeton Review gives you a chance to find out how well you score on standardized tests with this four-hour test that includes an essay. Teens need to bring #2 pencils and a calculator. A covered drink and light snack is allowed. **Limited registration begins Jan. 9.**

### College Night Forum

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, 7 PM**

Ask questions and get advice about anything regarding the college process from college counselor Josh Marber. Both students and parents are welcome!

### Free Practice ACT

**Sunday, Feb. 18, 12– 4 PM**

**Snow date: Sunday, March 4, 12 – 4 PM**

The Princeton Review gives you a chance to see which standardized test is for you with this four-hour test that includes an essay. Teens need to bring #2 pencils and a calculator. A covered drink and light snack is allowed. **Limited registration begins Feb. 5.**

## **SCRAWL 2018**

The Teen Division of the Library Association of Rockland County will be publishing their third collection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry written by Rockland teens. The deadline is Jan. 16. Details for submissions can be found at the library or on our webpage.

# CHILDREN

## Programs for Young Ones

### Romper Room

Ages: Babies – young children

Saturdays, Dec. 2 & Feb. 3, 10:30 AM

Wednesdays, Jan. 10 – Feb. 14, 10 or 11 AM

Get an admission ticket at the children's reference desk one half hour before each session. **One adult per child.**



### 3D Sculpture • Ages: 3 & up

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11 AM

Preschoolers will create three-dimensional sculptural masterpieces. **No registration required.**

### Parent & Child Yoga • Ages: 2 – 5

Tuesday, Dec. 12; Friday, Dec. 22;

Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 20, 11:30 AM;

Tuesdays, Jan. 9, 23, 11:45 AM

Register online.



### Patty Cake Club

Wednesdays, 10 AM

Dec. 13, Jan. 3, Feb. 28

An unstructured time to meet with your neighbors, have a chat and let the little ones get some socializing time in! Parents must supervise their children.

### Drive-in Movies

Tuesdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 11 AM.

Preschoolers will watch their favorite picture books come to life on the big screen while sitting in a cozy cardboard coupe.

### Baby & Me

Ages: 3 – 12 months, pre-walkers

Thursdays, Jan. 11 – Feb. 15, 11 AM

## Musical Programs

### Mr. Kurt Concerts • Ages: 1 & up

Mondays, 10 AM

Dec. 18, Jan. 8, Feb. 12

Wednesdays, 6 PM

Dec. 6, Jan. 24, Feb. 21

One adult per child.



## Story Programs

### Imagination Station • Ages: 3 & up

Tuesdays, 1:30 PM

Dec 5 – 19, Jan. 2 – Feb. 27

### Storytime with Jacob • Ages: 3 & up

Tuesdays, 1:30 PM

Dec. 26, Jan. 30, Feb. 27

### Sensory Storytime

Saturdays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24, 10:30 AM

Miss Amy welcomes children to a program that considers the developmental needs of children on the autism spectrum. Enjoy stories, music, movement and play in a safe and accepting environment.

### Family Pajama Storytime • Ages: 3 & up

Mondays, Jan. 29 & Feb. 26, 6 PM



## Book Clubs

### Boys' Book Club • Grades: 3 – 6

Thursdays, 6:30 PM

Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8

Read whatever you want then meet for lively discussion, fun activities and your favorite snacks! **Register online.**

### Book Buddies • Grades: K – 1

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 4:30 PM

Read a book with Mrs. B, make a craft and have a light snack. **Register online.**

### Graphic Novel Book Club • Grades: 3 & up

Thursdays, 6:30 PM

Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15

There's more to graphic novels and comics than superheroes! Learn more about this form of storytelling and create some stories of your own. **Register online.**

### Girls' Book Club • Grades: 4 – 6

Thursdays, 4 PM

Dec. 28, Jan. 25, Feb. 22

Read the chosen book and then enjoy a lively discussion. **Registration begins two weeks prior to each session, online, in person or by phone.**

A valid New City or West Nyack library card must be presented at all programs.

## **Fun Activities**

### **Drop-in Chess Club • Ages: 7 & up Fridays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, 4 PM**

Boards, opponents and basic instruction provided.  
No experience necessary. **No registration required.**

### **Sewing for Kids • Grades: 5 – 7 Fridays, 4:15 – 5:30 PM Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9**

Learn to use a sewing machine and make a simple project.  
**Register online for each session.**



### **PAWS for Reading Saturdays, 11 AM – 12:30 PM Dec. 9, Jan. 20, Feb. 10**

Children read to certified therapy dogs. **Call to reserve your time slot beginning one week before each session.**

### **LEGO Builders • Ages: 7 & up Mondays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, 4 PM** No registration required.

### **LEGO Junior Club • Ages: 4 – 6 Mondays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, 4 PM** No registration required.

### **Kids Film Club • Grades: 4 & up Friday, Dec. 15, 4:30 – 6:30 PM**

IntoFilm.org created a list of movies children should see. Watch one of these films, talk about it over pizza and do fun activities related to the movie. **Register online for each session.**

### **Homework Help • Grades: 2 – 6 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 – 5 PM Jan. 4 – Feb. 27**

We will be offering assistance with schoolwork at the back of the children's room. Please note: no sessions during February school break week.



### **Spanish for Fun! • Grades: K – 3 Tuesdays, Jan. 9 – Feb. 27, 4:15 PM**

Amy Kanarek incorporates language, music, culture and crafts into these 45-to-60-minute programs. Limited space available. **Limited registration begins Jan. 2.**

### ***Save the date!***

### **Read Across America • Ages: 3 & up Friday, March 2, 4 PM**

Celebrate children's books and share our love of reading! We'll have a special treat and watch a performance by Macaroni the Clown.

## **Hour of Code**

### **Saturday, Dec. 9 • Three sessions: 10 – 11 AM, 1 – 2 PM *or* 3 – 4 PM**

Students in grades 3 and up are welcome to participate in this event, which includes coding games such as *Frozen*, *Moana*, and *Star Wars*. **Registration begins Nov. 27.**

## **Special Programs**

### **Winter Solstice • Grades: K – 3 Wednesday, Dec. 20, 3:30 PM**

Celebrate with stories and a craft!

### **Create-A-Toon • Grades: 3 & up Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2 PM**

Create your own comic strip with your imagination and tech skills.. **Online registration begins Dec. 15.**

### **Happy Birthday Winnie the Pooh!**

**Ages: 4 – 7**

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 4 PM**

Celebrate A.A. Milne's birthday with stories and a craft!

### **Family Fun Night: BINGO Friday, Jan. 19, 5 – 6:30 PM**

Bring the whole family for an evening of fun with prizes and light refreshments.

### **Family Luau • Ages: 3 & up w/caregiver Saturday, Jan. 20, 3:30 PM**

It may be cold outside, but at the library we're on a tropical island! Listen to music and stories and make a craft.

### **Lunar New Year Celebration**

**Grades: 2 & up**

**Wednesday, Feb. 21, 3 PM**

Be in a dragon parade, have some snacks and make crafts.

**Limited registration begins Feb. 15.**

### **Invent with littleBits • Grades: 3 & up**

**Fridays, 4:30 – 5:15 PM**

**Jan. 26; Feb. 16, 23**

littleBits, electronic circuits that are held together by magnets, can be used to build a variety of cool items and teach the building blocks of coding. **Register online beginning Jan. 16.** *Please note: If you registered for a previous session, you will be put on the waiting list so others can participate.*



### **Crafts (Too many to list here!)**

Come into the library and pick up a flyer, check our website or sign up for our weekly e-newsletter for information on our winter craft programs.

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### WINTER HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Christmas: Sunday, Dec. 24 & Monday, Dec. 25**

**New Year: Sunday, Dec. 31 & Monday, Jan. 1**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 15**

**Presidents Day: Monday, Feb. 19**

The New City Library Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of every month. The public is welcome.

## Budget Vote & Trustee Election:

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 • 9 AM – 9 PM (Snow date: Dec. 20)**

### Budget Vote

Registered voters residing in the Clarkstown Central School District may vote on the combined New City/West Nyack Library proposed fiscal-year-2019 budget.

If you have not voted in an annual or special election in the last four calendar years, please register at the District Clerk's office weekdays from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM through Dec. 6. Call 639-6455 for further registration information.

Proposition A on the budget ballot is the annual budget referendum. The New City Library board has proposed a 1.7% tax levy increase. This modest increase reflects our commitment to controlling spending while still offering superior library service.

Proposition B is a one-time capital resolution for facilities improvement at the West Nyack Library. All budget information is available at our library and on our website.

**The budget hearing will be at the New City Library on Tuesday, Nov.21, at 7 PM.**

### Trustee Election

Three positions on our nine-member board are open due to the completion of first or second three-year terms of the incumbents. Registered voters residing in the service area of the library are eligible to vote. Candidates' information is available at the library or on our website. The trustee election is held in a room separate from the budget vote.

### WHERE TO VOTE?

Areas 1, 2 and 3 of the school district vote at New City Library, and Area 4 votes at West Nyack Library.

If you are unsure where to vote, visit <https://tinyurl.com/rocklandpoll>.