



FINE PRINT

Newsletter
of the
New City Library
Spring 2024

FAMILY PROGRAM

Mush!

Monday, March 25, 7 PM

What does it feel like to ride the runners behind a team of dogs, steering a loaded sled across the vast Alaskan tundra? How do you care for a team of Alaskan huskies? Find out from writer and musher Karen Land! Land will share her sled, mushing gear and Arctic clothing. She will also introduce her beloved sled dog Noggin at this family-oriented program.

Registration starts March 1.



Becoming *Your* Community Place

Several years ago, the board of trustees, the administration and the staff of the library saw the need to repurpose the space that was laid out over 45 years previously. At that time libraries were temples of silence, reference collections felled forests of trees, and the internet had yet to be realized as a significant mode of information transfer and social connection.

Although the age of computers has brought great and sometimes disruptive change to us all, the public library will always occupy an important place in a democratic society and its community. We welcome all. No matter your political stripe, your religious background, your educational attainment, your socioeconomic place, or your age, there is a place for you here. A place to work, a place to learn, a place to reflect, a place to come together.

We hope you like what we've done with the place.

There are many thanks that are owed for getting us where we are, including our board of trustees both past and present that fully supported the project, the library staff who worked to provide consistent service through many changes, VMDO Architects, Consigli Construction, PCSB Bank and Safe Harbour Insurance. We are also grateful to Assemblymember Kenneth Zebrowski, Senator Bill Weber, Town Supervisor George Hoehmann, and former Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick for their unwavering support of public libraries.

The library will always be a work in progress if it is to remain an essential place in this community. To that end, the board and staff of the New City Library look forward to working with our patrons to ensure that the library continues to thrive in the future, no matter what that future brings us.

Our thanks to you, most of all, for your support.

— Marianne Gallagher, Director



FAMILY EVENT

The Great North American Eclipse

Monday, April 8, 2 – 4 PM

Watch this rare celestial event with family, friends and neighbors on the library lawn. If the weather doesn't cooperate — or you just prefer to be indoors — we will also have the eclipse streaming live on the big screen in our meeting room.

We will provide safety glasses for viewing the eclipse, limited to one pair per family while supplies last.

PLANT GIVEAWAY

Arbor/Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 27
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Celebrate the new season by adding a native witch hazel plant to your landscape. This plant can be grown as a large shrub or a small tree. It has fragrant yellow flowers that bloom October through December and is deer resistant. While supplies last, teen volunteers will be distributing them under the front portico.

A New City or West Nyack library card will be required.



Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies
Each week at 2 PM

Watch a specially selected film on the big screen in our new meeting room! The themes for this quarter are:

March: Best Actress Winners

April: Travel Abroad

May: On the Water

MARCH

General Arthur Gregg:
A History of Blacks in the Military
Thursday, March 7, 7 PM

Educator Ernest Gregg will share the story of his relative, the first African American in the U.S. Army to reach the rank of Lieutenant General.

Avoiding Financial Scams
Tuesday, March 19, 2 PM

Learn about scams that target the elderly and strategies for prevention from the county District Attorney's Office.

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Find out about dog sled racing from Karen Land and her dog Noggin. See program details on front page.

Failure as a Teaching Tool (Zoom)
Thursday, March 28, 7 PM

Learn how to use failure to foster deep learning and critical thinking skills with life coach Natasha Nurse.

APRIL

The Genius of Berry Gordy & Motown Records
Wednesday, April 3, 2 PM

Explore the life and work of the founder of the Motown label with presenter Jeff Sherer.

Solar Eclipse Viewing
Monday, April 8, 2 – 4 PM

Experience this rare and exciting event @ your library! See details on front page.

Flight of the Mind: Birds in Art History
Tuesday, April 9, 2 PM

Starting with the Renaissance and moving through modern art and cinema, art historian Cliff Tisdell explains how our avian friends have had an enormous impact on art.

Small Space Gardening
Tuesday, April 9, 7 PM

Anthony Bracco of Bracco Farms in Pine Island, NY will give in-depth information on fertilizers, natural pesticide control and creating a small functional garden.

Defensive Driving
Wednesday, April 10, 10 AM – 4 PM

Diane Odierno Mendez offers this New York Safety Council class. Cost is \$35, to be paid directly to the instructor on the day of the class. Bring your lunch, we'll provide tea and coffee. *Preference will be given to New City and West Nyack Library cardholders.* **Register online or call 845-634-4997, ext. 139 starting March 27.**

Exciting Discoveries in Art History (Zoom)
Thursday, April 11, 7 PM

Art historian Mallory Mortillaro will offer some background of important misplaced works of art, the artists, and how pieces get to be lost and then found.

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body
Monday, April 15, 2 PM

The Alzheimer's Association shares current information about diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement.

Emergency Preparedness
Wednesday, April 17, 7 PM

Find out about making a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY-Alert with the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps.

The Hindenburg Disaster —
Accident or Sabotage?
Thursday, April 25, 7 PM

Was there more to the original story? James Calaski, a detective with the Glen Rock Police Department will discuss this disaster and the following investigation.

Witches in Lore: Embracing Female Strength & Wisdom (Zoom)
Tuesday, April 30, 7 PM

Immerse yourself in Northern European and Slavic folklore as educator and photographer Joanna Madloch tells the stories that present witches not just as mystical figures but as symbols of feminine power.

Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by planting something green! Witch hazel plants will be given to New City and West Nyack library card holders on **Saturday, April 27.** See program details on front page.

GET CREATIVE!

Register online or call 845-634-4997, ext. 139 starting two weeks before each program.

Dragonfly Whisks

Tuesday, March 5, 2 PM

Repurpose a common household item to make an adorable decoration.

Bob Ross-ish: Distant Mountains

Wednesday, March 20, 7 PM

Follow this retro artist to paint a pretty nature scene on a small canvas.

Painting Workshop: Cherry Blossoms

Tuesday, March 26, 7 PM

This acrylic painting class will be led by artist Claudia Marulanda. All materials will be provided, along with a pre-sketched canvas to guide you along the way.

You Rock! Inspirational Stones

Tuesday, April 16, 2 PM

Use flat, smooth stones and paint pens to showcase words of encouragement and empowerment.

Glass Vases

Wednesday, May 15, 2 PM

Paint a colorful holder for your spring flowers.

MAY

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, May 1 – June 5, 10 AM

Learn to still the mind and stretch the body with yoga instructor Rochelle Spooner. **Register online or call 845-634-4997, ext. 139 starting April 17.**

In Search of a Jewish Story in China (Zoom)

Monday, May 6, 7 PM

Travel writer Irene Shaland takes us on a fascinating trip through 2,000 years of history to explain why the Jewish population in China nearly disappeared.

Remember When:

Growing Up in the '50s, '60s & '70s

Wednesday, May 8, 2 PM

Revisit the past with Mitch Rosen! Recall memorable events, television shows, toys, favorite candy and more.

Star-Spangled Mystery

Tuesday, May 14, 2 PM

Why, of all the contenders, did *The Star-Spangled Banner* become our national anthem? Find out the answer on this musical tour with author and performer Marc Ferris.

Gluten-Free Shopping

Tuesday, May 14, 7 PM

Get tips on the best gluten-free products from Danielle Addimandi, a gluten-free baker with her own small business.

Speed Puzzling!

Tuesday, May 21, 7 PM

Teams of up to four players will try to complete identical 500-piece jigsaw puzzles. (Please register all members at sign up if possible.) All ages are welcome!

Celebrating Women: Before, After &

During the Revolutionary War

Wednesday, May 22, 2 PM

Explore the lives of our country's early First Ladies, as well as the challenges of being a colonial woman, with historian Joel Farkas.

Zoom programs can be watched live from the comfort of your home or on the library's big screen in our new meeting room! For home viewing, register online to receive your link.

CONCERTS

Register online or call 845-634-4997, ext. 139 starting two weeks before each event.

Miss Maybell and the Jazz Age Artistes

Sunday, March 10, 2 PM

Hear the development of American syncopated pop music with historic songs from ragtime to jazz.

Swedish Meatballs

Sunday, April 28, 2 PM

Foot-stomping, "squeezing and pleasing" international music featuring an accordion and lots of energy!

Mitchell's Mellow Madness

Sunday, May 5, 2 PM

Treat yourself to some fun and happiness in the form of music, including Latin, jazz and swing!

Remember those old prescription glasses you stuck in the junk drawer? Donate them @ your library! Just drop them off in the collection box in our cafe and we will send them to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center to be cleaned and sorted. From there they are distributed worldwide for free to those in need.

LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

DNA Testing Companies for Genealogy (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 26, 7 PM

Professional genealogist Eric Migdal will join us live via Zoom to discuss the pros, cons and features of the four major DNA testing companies. **View this program in the library on our big screen or from home.**

Using FamilySearch for Genealogy Monday, April 1, 10 AM

FamilySearch.org is a great place to start your genealogical research. Examine some of the most commonly used features with Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri.

Registration starts March 4.

Historical Newspapers Tuesday, April 23, 7 PM

Find out how to search, save and even help edit Hudson Valley newspapers from the 19th century to modern times. **(In-person as well broadcast live via Zoom.)**

Old Rockland County Place Names Tuesday, May 28, 7 PM

Can you place Oblenis' Corners, New Antrim or Waldberg on a map of Rockland? Explore some old place names in the county. **(In-person as well broadcast live via Zoom.)**

Hikes & History

Fort Montgomery Saturday, April 20, 10 AM

Explore this Revolutionary War site which was lost to the British on Oct. 6, 1777. Staff from the fort will lead a site tour, then we'll explore nearby Popolopen Creek with trail guide Peter Reiner. **Call 845-634-4997, ext. 123 to register starting April 8.**

All Aboard! Thiells and Mount Ivy Saturday May 11, 10 AM

Take the path with trail guide Jack Bloom at the Samuel J. Fisher Mt. Ivy Environmental Park and learn how railroads helped shape the county. Also, find out a little about the nearby Happy Valley School as we walk. **Call 845-634-4997, ext. 123 to register starting April 29.**

Buttermilk Falls Saturday, June 1, 10 AM

Nature artist John Henry Hill painted Buttermilk Falls in 1863 declaring it was "The most elaborately literal study from nature I ever made." Learn more about the talented Hill family of West Nyack on this hike with local history librarian Joe Barbieri. **Call 845-634-4997, ext. 123 to register starting May 20.**

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY HELP SESSIONS

Register online starting one week prior to class.

Create Space Open Hours Start April 5! Fridays, 2 – 4 PM

4th Saturday each month, 2:30 – 4:30 PM

A chance to ask questions, share your work or get help with your designs for the 3D printer or vinyl cutter.

Google Drive

Wednesday, March 13, 7 PM

Explore this Microsoft Office alternative in a hands-on class. *(Must have a Gmail or Drive account.)*

3D Printing

Monday, March 18, 10 AM

Thursday, April 11, 3 PM

Tuesday, May 7, 3 PM

See how our printer works and how to design 3D products.

Coding

Wednesday, March 20, 3 PM

Tuesday, April 23, 3 PM

Monday, May 20, 10 AM

Learn how coding can be applied to your life or job!

Tutor.com

Monday, March 25, 3 PM

Discover the key to free online tutoring via your library.

Vinyl Cutting

Thursday, April 4, 10 AM

Monday, May 13, 3 PM

Explore our equipment and learn how you can access it.

eBooks from Your Library

Monday, April 15, 11 AM

Learn how to find, borrow and read ebooks via Libby by Overdrive and Hoopla Digital.

Check out a Chromebook, Kindle or HotSpot with your New City library card at the circulation desk!

TEENS (Grades 7 & up)

Teen Volunteer Meetings

Tuesday, March 5, 7 PM

Wednesday, April 10, 7 PM

Wednesday, May 1, 7 PM

Earn community service hours starting with this meeting! Projects will be discussed. All are welcome! **No registration required.**

PAINT PARTIES

Saturdays, 2 PM

Follow along with the day's theme or create an original! Sessions take approximately 2-3 hours. Old clothes are recommended. There will be a snack break.

March 9: Lucky Shamrock

Registration starts March 1.

April 13: Spring Birch Trees

Registration starts April 1.

May 11: Cherry Blossoms & Butterflies

Registration starts May 1.

Baby-Sitting Workshop

Wednesdays, March 13, 20 & 27, 7 PM

A three-session baby-sitting workshop for young teens that includes safety, child development and care, first aid, and life and business skills. Participants must attend all three sessions to receive a certificate. **Registration starts March 4.**

Pizza Nights!

Fridays, 4:30 – 5:45 PM

Pizza, soda and a little friendly competition! Prizes for top winners.

March 15: Puzzles

How many pieces can you place in a jigsaw in an hour? Play by yourself or with a partner.

Registration starts March 4.

April 5: Card Games

Play an old favorite or learn a new game. We'll have Exploding Kittens, Taco Cat, Cover Your Assets and more. **Registration starts March 25.**

May 17: Trivia

Test your knowledge of random facts. **Registration starts May 1.**

Embroidery: The Basics & Beyond

Saturday, March 16, 2 PM

Registration starts March 4.

Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM

Registration starts April 1.

Wednesday, May 8, 7 PM

Registration starts April 29.

Learn stitches, techniques and how to transfer patterns at a personalized pace. There will be a variety of projects available to work on. Beginners are always welcome. Come to one or all, whatever your schedule allows!

For parents & students!

The ACT vs. the SAT

Tuesday, March 19, 7 PM

Explore the content, structure and timing of the ACT and find out about the new digital SAT. Learn about the differences between the two tests and whether you should be taking one over the other or taking both with Hallie Lehrman from Ivy League Graduate Tutors. **No registration required.**



Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by sharing some green! Witch hazel plants will be given to Clarkstown residents on **Saturday, April 27**. Get involved by prepping the plants, handing them out, or both! **Come to the April 10 volunteer meeting to sign up to help.**

Battle of the Books

Tuesday, May 28, 7 PM

Find out which titles will be in the competition this year, what dates we'll meet to discuss them, and when and where this year's event is! All previous participants and newcomers can join the team. **Registration starts May 13.**

Create Space Open Hours Start April 5!

Get help with your designs for our 3D printer or vinyl cutter on Fridays, 2 – 4 PM & the fourth Saturday of each month, 2:30 – 4:30 PM.

CHILDREN

Unless otherwise specified, register online for ALL programs one week before the event date.

YOUNG CHILDREN

Sensory Storytime

Saturdays, March 2 & April 6, 10:30 AM

Share stories and songs selected for children with sensory processing needs. Featuring Jacob and his guitar!



Bendy Bookworm Yoga Storytime

Ages: 18 months – 5 years, w/caregiver

Monday, March 4, 11 AM

Fridays, March 15 & 29, 11 AM

Play, imagine and learn together!

Imagination Station • Ages: 3 – 6

Tuesdays, March 5 – May 28, 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories and a craft each week.

Zumbini

Ages: Birth – 5 years, w/caregiver

Wednesdays, 10 AM

March 6 – 27, May 15 – 29

Music and movement classes that have you and your little one participating together.

Mr. Kurt Concerts!

Ages: 1 & up

Mondays, 10 AM

March 11, April 1, May 13

Tuesdays, 6 PM

March 19, April 16, May 28

Sing, dance and pop bubbles with every toddler's favorite performer.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!



Studies show that reading to your infant/toddler is the best way to guarantee future school success. All you need to do is read to your child! **Register at the children's desk and start reading today.**

Patty Cake Club

Ages: Birth – 3 years, w/caregiver

Thursdays, March 7 – May 30, 10 AM

An unstructured time to have a chat and let the little ones socialize! Parents must supervise their children.

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

March 23, April 27, May 25

Practice those reading skills with certified therapy dogs! **Call to reserve your 15-minute time slot. Note: parental consent form must be signed prior to child's session.**



Romper Room

Ages: Birth – 5 years, w/caregiver

Wednesdays, April 3 – May 8, 10 OR 11 AM

Sing, dance and pop bubbles!

All Aboard Storytime @ Congers Train Station

• Ages: 3 – 6

Fridays, April 12 & May 10, 10:30 AM

Train-themed stories and fun! Please bring a cushion or carpet square. **No registration required.**



A valid New City or West Nyack library card is required to register for programs.

FUN ACTIVITIES

Dr. Seuss's Magical Birthday Party

Ages: 3 – 12

Friday, March 1, 4:30 PM

Celebrate the best-selling children's author of all time! Magician Astonishing Andrew will join the fun.

Chess • Ages: 7 – 12

Fridays, April 12 & May 10, 4 PM

Boards and basic instruction will be provided.

Register online for each session.

Kids Create: Celtic Art Green Man

Ages: 7 – 12

Tuesday, March 12, 4 PM

Inspired by Celtic lore, kids will create their own works of art.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

Grades: 4 – 6

Tuesdays, 7 PM

March 12, April 9, May 7

Discuss a new title each month while enjoying some pizza! Copies of the month's book will be at the circulation desk.

Lego Builders • Ages: 6 – 12

Mondays, March 18, April 15, May 13, 4 PM

Ready to test your skills? Bring your imagination to our monthly challenge!

Kids' Film Club • Ages: 7 – 12

Friday, March 22, 4 PM

Make your own stop-motion film using a phone app. (Don't forget your phone!)

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Find out all about dog sled racing from Karen Land and her dog Noggin! See program details on front page.



National Jelly Bean Day is April 22!

Beginning April 1, take a guess at how many jelly beans are in the jar in the children's room. You could win a sweet prize! One guess per child.



Solar Eclipse Viewing

Monday, April 8, 2 – 4 PM

See this exciting event @ your library! Details can be found on front page.

Family Fun Night: Bingo!

Friday, April 19, 5 PM

Great prizes! Yummy snacks! A great event for the family! **Register beginning April 5!**

School's Out Movie

Monday, April 22, 2 PM

Title to be announced.

Off to the Races! Kentucky Derby Day

Ages: 5 – 12

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 AM

And they're off! Gallop on over to the library for a fun-filled afternoon of horsey games, activities, and crafts.

Audubon Family Nature Walk

Wednesday, May 15, 4 PM

Raindate: May 22

Meet at Kennedy Dells Park's lower lot for a fun and informative stroll led by the Rockland Audubon Society. Please note that the paths are not suitable for strollers. A liability waiver — which will be available before we set out — must be signed for each participant.

Coding4Kids

Grades: 2 – 4

Thursdays, May 16, 23 & 30, 6 PM

Learn how to code in Scratch! Bring your school issued or personal Chromebook with you. Plan to attend all three sessions, as the lessons will build upon the previous week's knowledge.

Trex Challenge Update: Recycling for Benches

Our recycling drive has been very successful! We are currently working on obtaining our third garden bench for the Park, outside the children's room. Now, for every 1,000 pounds of one-use plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, plastic mailing envelopes and bubblewrap, we earn a Trex bench. Help us by depositing your recyclables in the collection box in our cafe! Thanks to all those who have participated along the way!

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The New City Library Board of Trustees meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM.
The public is welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUBS

"He Said, She Said" Memoirs (Zoom) 1st Monday monthly, 7 PM

March 4: *The Collected Schizophrenias*

by Esmé Weijun Wang

April 8*: *Educated* by Tara Westover

*alternate date due to holiday

May 6: *As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of the Princess Bride* by Cary Elwes

Chapters (In-person & Zoom) 2nd Tuesday monthly, 7:15 PM

March 12: *Leave the World Behind* by Rumaan Alam

April 9: *Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting*

by Clare Pooley

May 14: *King of the Armadillos* by Wendy Chin-Tanner

Community Book Buzz (In-person) Fridays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 11 AM

Join us around the table as we talk about books and share a snack. Tell us your recent favorites and we'll tell you ours! No registration needed.



Facts (In-person & Zoom) 3rd Wednesday monthly, 2 PM

March 20: *Aftermath: Life in the Fallout of the Third Reich, 1945-1955* by Harald Jähner

April 17: *Knowing What We Know* by Simon Winchester

May 15: *West Like Lightning: The Brief, Legendary Ride of the Pony Express* by Jim DeFelice

Rise & Read (In-person) 3rd Thursday monthly, 10 AM

March 21: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

April 18: *Waiting for Eden* by Elliot Ackerman

May 16: *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer

Investigating Mysteries (In-person & Zoom) 4th Monday monthly, 7 PM

March 25: *Metropolis* by Philip Kerr

April 29*: *All That's Left Unsaid* by Tracey Lien

*alternate date due to holiday

May 20*: *An Event in Autumn* by Henning Mankell

*alternate date due to holiday

Register online for book clubs. You will be sent a link for Zoom meetings.