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Newsletter of the New City Library
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Your Library, By the Numbers

Every year at this time, public libraries throughout New York State must submit annual reports to the Department of Education's Division of Library Development in Albany. These reports are a statistical compilation of measurements of budgets, staffing, collection size, attendance, program events, and general usage of the library. While it's not high on the list of my favorite tasks as director, when completed, it can provide a wealth of information on how we're doing and the direction in which we are heading. The data from our 2018 Annual Report really drives home the fact that the New City Library continues to grow in its role as an essential community learning and meeting place.

Take a look at this growth compared to last year:

- Total program attendance is up 19%
- Summer reading program attendance is up 75%
- Early literacy program attendance is up 50%
- Digital literacy program attendance is up 35%
- Use of meeting rooms by outside groups is up 21%

In contrast, the total circulation of physical items is down 5% from last year. This is a number that has been in decline since 2012 and the one that naysayers will point to when they argue that public libraries are no longer necessary. However, "electronic use," the measure of usage of our databases, ebooks, and streaming media, grew by 18.5% and continues on an upward trajectory.

These statistics paint a clear picture of what our library should look like now and for the foreseeable future. When we opened for business in 1980, a massive card catalog occupied the main floor, the reference collection required over ten stacks of shelving, and the worldwide web was just a twinkle in Tim Berners-Lee's eye. What must have been an impressive edifice then is not serving our community well now.

Last year we embarked on a master planning process to learn how we could adapt the existing facilities to accommodate the changing needs of our patrons. We heard from you exactly what the numbers are telling us: we need more space dedicated to people. If you're a parent who has attended a children's program in our basement storytime room, if you're a teen who has had to sit on our floors because all of the study tables are taken at exam time, or if you're someone who has been turned away from our popular concerts because of our limited meeting room capacity, you know what I'm talking about.

The board of trustees and the administration of the library are moving forward with their careful consideration and exploration of cost-effective solutions to our space problems. In the meantime, our staff remains committed to providing our patrons the same level of exceptional service that keeps our numbers climbing!

— Marianne Gallagher, Director



Earth Day/Arbor Day Giveaway Saturday, April 27, 12 – 3 PM

The first 100 New City/West Nyack families to show their library cards will receive an Eastern Red Cedar seedling.

Thanks to its tolerance of heat, salt, range of soils and other adverse conditions, this evergreen can adapt to just about any setting.

One would look great in your yard!

By Hook or by Needle! Yarn Bombing at the Library

A warm and fuzzy type of graffiti, yarn bombing has taken off across the world. Creative spirits have decorated public spaces from the famous Wall Street bull to the common parking meter with festive fiber arts.

To participate, knit or crochet a 6" by 12" strip in any yarn you'd like and bring it to the adult reference desk. If you prefer to create with friends, join one of our knitting/crochet groups that meet on Mondays 1 – 3 PM or the first and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 PM.

Come spring, we will piece the the strips together to cover our concrete orbs in the parking lot in a colorful riot to celebrate the return of warm weather (hopefully!). If you have questions, you can write to: newcityyarnbombing@gmail.com.



The Knit-In Sit-In Monday, April 8, 12 – 4 PM

Sit, knit, and join a community art project! Join us under the big windows across from the reference desk to knit and crochet strips for our yarn bombing project. Meet other crafters, including members of our long-standing knit and crochet groups while working together on our biggest craft project yet!



This season, get outdoors with your library!

Find something that peaks your interest? Look for program descriptions inside the newsletter.

ADULTS

Hikes & History: Kennedy Dells & Rockland in the Movies
Saturday, March 30, 9:45 AM
Registration begins March 15 at ext. 123.

Hikes & History:
Doodletown: A Lost Community
Saturday, May 11, 9:45 AM
Registration begins April 26 at ext. 123. .

Hikes & History: Fort Montgomery
Saturday, May 25, 9:45 AM
Registration begins May 10 at ext. 123. .

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Sunday, May 26, 2 PM

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CHILDREN

Garden Rockers Club
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Open to families of dirt lovers of all ages!

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Currently registering.

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies • Every Week at 2 PM

March

Individual Career Counseling Wednesday, March 6, 5 – 7 PM

Thursday, March 28, 1 – 3 PM

Thursday, April 11, 6 – 8 PM

Wednesday, May 1, 11 AM – 1 PM

Counselor Eileen Grimm will offer individualized advice during private 30-minute sessions. **Currently registering. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

A History of the NY/NJ Trail Conference and the Conservation Corps Monday, March 18, 7 PM

Conservation Corps Manager Geoff Hamilton will present an illustrated history on the NYNJTC and Conservation Corps, which have maintained park trails in the area since the 1920s.

CONCERT: 30 Years of Rock & Roll Sunday, March 24, 2 PM

Howard Brock performs songs of the '50s, '60s and '70s while sharing history of the music and the groups who sang them. **Registration is required, starting March 7. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Defensive Driving Monday, March 25, 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 March 11. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Planning for Retirement Monday, March 25, 7 PM

Learn about the social, emotional and psychological aspects of transitioning out of the work world with career and retirement coach Carol Beltrand.

The Rockland County Office of the Aging will have an informational table in the library lobby to complement this program.

Fred Astaire, An American Icon Wednesday, March 27 2 PM

With illustrations and film footage, lecturer Marty Schneit explores the 70-year performing career of one of the 20th century's greatest creative artists.



AARP Tax Aide • Tuesdays & Saturdays March 2 – April 13, 10 AM – 1 PM

Volunteer tax professionals will assist you with your 2018 tax returns.

Preference is given to those 60 and older.

CREATIVE CLASSES

Create a Wrap Bangle Wednesday, March 13, 2 PM

This easy paper project starts with a simple bangle and transforms with beautiful paper, a craft knife and decoupage. **Registration is required, starting March 4. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Marbleizing Paper Wednesday, March 20, 2 PM

Discover how to turn plain paper into colorful, marble stationery or a unique piece of art. All materials supplied. **Registration is required, starting March 6. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

The Thrill of Action on Paper Wednesday, May 1, 1 PM

Mimic the process of movement and action with colorful paper cuttings. Form creative patterns with artist and teacher Marilyn Benkler. **Registration is required, starting April 17. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Genealogical Society of Rockland County

The Rockland County Genealogical Society's Favorite Websites Tuesday, March 26, 7 PM

Find out about new and updated websites.

Mapping Genealogy with Google Earth Tuesday, April 23, 7 PM

Rockland Room Librarian Joe Barbieri shows how this free mapping tool can be applied to your research.

GSRC Round Table: Getting Started/Hitting A Wall Tuesday, May 28, 7 PM

At this annual GSRC event, panel members will be on hand to present the essentials needed to research: census, cemetery, and vital records. Free handouts!

All genealogy programs are open to the public. A brief meeting of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County will precede each program.

April



HIKES & HISTORY

Call 634-4997, ext. 123 to register. Come in to sign the activity waiver and receive the instructions on where to meet for each hike.

Kennedy Dells & Rockland in the Movies

Saturday, March 30, 9:45 AM

Learn about Rockland's involvement with the early movie industry and its connection to movie mogul Adolph Zukor. An easy hike, with some rugged terrain and changes in elevation. **Registration begins March 15.**

Doodletown: A Lost Community

Saturday, May 11, 9:45 AM

Hike through the now vanished community of Doodletown. There will be an extra parking fee. A long hike that crosses rugged terrain with changes in elevation. **Registration begins April 26.**

Fort Montgomery

Saturday, May 25, 9:45 AM

Explore a Revolutionary War battle site. There will be a \$3 per person fee to cover our site guide. A moderate hike that crosses rugged terrain with changes in elevation. **Registration begins May 10.**

CELTIC SATURDAYS

All About Kilts & Tartan

Saturday, April 27, 2 PM
Find out how kilts evolved in Scotland and examine several different kinds of kilts and swatches of tartan. Professional kiltmaker Bonnie Heather Greene will talk about her craft and share information about the clans.

CONCERT: Slateford Creek: The Celtic Voyage

Saturday, May 18, 2 PM
Husband and wife team Jeff and Jan Ausfahl entertain with tales and tunes of Ireland and Scotland. **Registration is required, starting May 6. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Heart Disease Prevention

Tuesday, April 2, 7 PM
Board-certified cardiologist Amala Chirumamilla will teach ways to prevent heart disease, how to recognize a heart attack and what to do in an emergency.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, April 3 – May 1, 10 AM

In this five-week class, led by Rochelle Spooner, participants will learn to still the mind and stretch the body. **Registration is required, starting March 20. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Between Light & Darkness: Scandinavian Painting

Wednesday, April 3, 7 PM
Scandinavian painters are often overlooked in America. However, there are many contemporary Scandinavian painters doing compelling work. Artist Cliff Tisdell will explore the paintings of Karin Mamma Andersson, Anna Bjerger and others.

West Africa on the East Coast

Wednesday, April 3, 2 PM
Explore the cultural tapestry of West Africa through centuries of art with Dr. Mike Norris. View sculpture, metalwork and ivories from a variety of area museums.

CONCERT: A Musical Salute to Patti Page & Doris Day

Sunday, April 7, 2 PM
Diane Cypkin sings the hits of these songbirds of the 1950s and shares their personal stories to bring their music and era to life. **Registration is required, starting March 25. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Gluten-Free Product Guide

Tuesday, April 9, 7 PM
Blogger Danielle Addimandi returns to share her favorite tried-and-true, gluten-free products used to prepare delicious family meals. Samples will be served.

Reading Shakespeare: *Hamlet*

Wednesday, April 10, 2 PM
Tackle this fascinating masterwork with librarian Veronica Reynolds. Supplemented with clips from famous versions of the plays, dramatic readings, and historical background, this talk will take you through the plot and pathos of the world's most famous fictional Dane.

Technology @ Your Library

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

eBooks and Digital Library

Tuesday, March 5, 2 PM

Monday, April 8, 10 AM

Friday, May 3, 11 AM

Drop in anytime during this two-hour session for help with downloading eBooks, digital magazines, digital audiobooks, streaming video and accessing digital content from your library. **No registration needed.**

Social Qs: Facebook FAQ

Wednesday, March 6, 3 PM

Our many Facebook workshops have taught us one thing: we all have lots of questions! Come to this hands-on class for beginner and intermediate Facebook users to learn the answers to our most frequently asked Facebook questions. We encourage you to bring your own questions as well.

Introduction to Microsoft Office Word

Monday, March 11, 7 PM

3D Design for Beginners

Tuesday, March 12, 7 – 8 PM

Tuesday, April 16, 2 – 3 PM

Tuesday, May 7, 7 – 8 PM

Use Tinkercad to learn the basics.

New City Codes: Python

Thursdays, April 4 – May 30

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Interested in learning a programming language? Stop by to get a feel for Python in our coding club!

Introduction to Google Drive

Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM

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

Introduction to Circuitry

Tuesday, April 23, 2 – 3 PM

Learn the beginnings of circuitry using Tinkercad.

Introduction to

Microsoft Office PowerPoint

Monday, April 29, 7 PM

iPads for Beginners

Wednesdays, May 1 – 22

11 AM – 12:30 PM

This four-week, hands-on workshop for beginners will teach you the basics of using your iPad. From receiving email to sending photos, we've got you covered. *Attendees must be able to attend all four classes and bring their own iPad.*

Register online or call

634-4997, ext. 139

starting April 17.



Introduction to Microsoft Office Excel

Tuesday, May 13, 7 PM

Maker Space Open Hours

Wednesdays, March 6 – May 29, 6 – 8 PM

Come try our 3D printer, take a self-guided coding course, tinker with circuits in our mini-maker space, or come share your maker space work with fellow makers.

No registration needed.

Celebrate National Library Week! April 7 – 13

Jews of the Jungles (and Cities) in Brazil Sunday, April 14, 2 PM

Descendants of Moroccan Jewish traders, the earliest of Brazil's Jewish population arrived in 1810 from Fez, Tangier, Casablanca, Salé, Rabat, and Marrakesh. In 1824 they organized the first synagogue, Eshel Avraham, in Belém, Brazil, at the mouth of the Amazon River. Where are these communities today and how do they fare? Find out with author Irene Shaland. **Registration is required, starting April 1. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Using Ancestry.com at the Library Monday, April 15, 7 PM

Rockland Room Librarian Joe Barbieri will demonstrate the basics of Ancestry.com for genealogy research. Ancestry.com is free to use at the library.

The Unlikely Tale of Amelia Bassano Wednesday, April 24, 2 PM

Set in Tudor England, this real-life story is about the alluring and brilliant woman who became Shakespeare's Dark Lady. Author and journalist Andree Brooks examines Amelia's influence on Shakespeare's plays, and how her background from a Crypto-Jewish Venetian family of musicians infiltrated the Bard's characters. **Registration is required, starting April 10. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Sustainability & Climate Change Thursday, April 25, 7 PM

Dr. Ashwani Vasishth of Ramapo College discusses concepts from sustainability and climate change in the Anthropocene and then focuses on the question of what we can do as individuals to make a positive difference.

Sinatra on Television Tuesday, April 30, 7 PM

Floyd Lapp returns to share various television appearances of Ole Blue Eyes from the 1950s to the 1990s.

May

More Than a Meal! Tuesday, May 7, 2 PM

Find out about what Meals on Wheels has to offer, including home-delivered meals, senior activity centers, adult learning centers and adult day care. A Q & A session will follow the presentation.

CONCERT: The Gershwins, Cole Porter & Me Sunday, May 5, 2 PM

Enjoy the sounds of the musical theater of the '20s, '30s and '40s. Composer and pianist Louis Landon shares his love of Broadway as well as some of his original pieces. **Registration is required, starting April 22. Call 634-4997, ext. 139.**

Pete Seeger's Legacy in Song Wednesday, May 8, 2 PM

With traditional folk songs, songs of activism and protest, and with his own topical and timeless anthems, Pete Seeger did more than any other individual in the 20th century to get our country singing and to grow our American "songbag." Folk and Jewish music historian Robert Cohen examines the music and the man.

The Art of Storytelling Wednesday, May 15, 7 PM

Life coach Natasha Nurse returns to explore this foundation of modern day communication. Regardless of your profession, the skills covered can help you further your personal and professional goals.

Kitchen Table Politics: Conservative Women and Family Values in New York Tuesday, May 21, 7 PM

Author Stacie Taranto investigates the role that middle-class, mostly Catholic women played both in the development of conservatism in New York State and in the national shift toward a conservative politics of "family values."

Carousels Then & Now Wednesday, May 22, 2 PM

There was a time when 5,000 carousels dotted the landscape of this country; now 150 remain. Where did they go? What is the state of carousel production today? Amateur photographer, art history enthusiast, and avid researcher Mario Medici will take you on a fascinating journey from the earliest days of carousels until the present.

OUTDOOR CONCERT: The Big Band Sound Sunday, May 26, 2 PM

This 20-piece orchestra recreates the swinging sounds of the Big Band Era. Bring chairs/blankets. In the event of inclement weather, concert will be moved indoors.

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies • Every Week at 2 PM



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

"He Said, She Said" Memoirs

1st Monday monthly, 7 PM

- March 4 *Stitches* by David Small
April 1 *A Three Dog Life* by Abigail Thomas
May 6 *The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story* by Douglas Preston

Chapters

2nd Tuesday monthly, 7:15 PM

- March 12 *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*
by Phaedra Patrick
April 9 *The Good People* by Hannah Kent
May 14 *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*
by Tom Franklin

Cookbook Club

2nd Thursday monthly, 7:30 PM

- March 14 *Jacques Pepin: Heart & Soul of the Kitchen* by Jacques Pepin
April 11 *The Minimalist Kitchen*
by Melissa Coleman
May 9 *Plenty More: Vibrant Vegetable Cooking from London's Ottolenghi*
by Yotam Ottolenghi

Chronicles

3rd Tuesday monthly, 2 PM

Please note: Chronicles is moving to the afternoons!

- March 19 *Women of Privilege*
by Susan S. Gillotti
April 16 *The War Man: The True Story of a Citizen-Soldier Who Fought from Quebec to Yorktown*
by Robert A. Mayers
May 21 *Tomorrow-Land: The 1964-65 World's Fair and the Transformation of America* by Joseph Tirella

Facts

3rd Wednesday monthly, 2 PM

- March 20 *World's End* by T.C. Boyle
April 17 *Underground Railroad*
by Colson Whitehead
May 15 *Educated* by Tara Westover

In Other Worlds

Wednesdays, 7 PM

- March 20 *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* by Becky Chambers
April 17 *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
by Douglas Adams
May 15 *Have Spacesuit — Will Travel*
by Robert A. Heinlein

In Other Worlds Online!

Our speculative fiction book group has an online forum on Goodreads (<https://bit.ly/2OFUtw6>). You don't need a Goodreads account to read the discussion, but you will need one to participate (it's free to sign up). We read the same selections as the in-person meetings. The online forum for each title will open the first Monday of that month.

Investigating Mysteries

4th Monday monthly, 7 PM

- March 25 *Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions*
by Mario Giordano
April 22 *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke
May 20 *American by Day* by Derek B. Miller

Rise & Read

4th Thursday monthly, 10 AM

- March 28 *Only Child* by Rhiannon Navin
April 25 *Misery* by Stephen King
May 23 *The Calculating Stars*
by Mary Robinette Kowal

Celebrate National Library Week! April 7 – 13
Become a Permanent Part of Your Library

You can enhance our beautiful outdoor space (to the left of the entrance) with a customized paver featuring a personalized engraving. Buy a paver to celebrate a joyous occasion, honor someone special or declare your love of the library! For more information contact Kelly Corrado at kcorrado@newcitylibrary.org or call 634-4997, ext. 112, or go to newcitylibrary.org/paver.

TEENS

Grades: Must be in 7 & up

Teen Advisory Board Meetings

All meetings: 7 – 8 PM

Tuesday, March 5; Wednesday, April 10;
Wednesday, May 1

Help plan events, find out about volunteer opportunities and earn community service hours. New members are always welcome. Snacks!

PAINT PARTIES

Shamrocks in Shades of Green

Sunday, March 10, 2 – 5 PM

Limited registration starts on March 1.

Daisy Chain Wreath

Sunday, April 28, 2 – 5 PM

Limited registration starts on April 15.

In these three-hour workshops, teens can paint their own pictures or follow the video instructions to create attractive winter scenes. Wear old clothes. Snacks!

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

All books are available at the circulation desk four weeks before the discussion.

Wednesday, March 13, 7 – 8 PM

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

A smart and charming Arthurian tale of bumbling romance and unexpected valor.

Tuesday, May 28, 7 – 8 PM

Dry by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman

Two kids go in search of their missing parents during a prolonged drought that is causing society to deteriorate.

Cake Decorating Contest

Tuesday, March 19, 7 – 8:30 PM

It's a cake decorating contest with a book-related theme! Participants are challenged to use cake as the basic building material to create a depiction of a book title, character, or scene. Cake, frosting, and food coloring are provided. Teens are invited to bring in sketches, photos, and plans for their design, as well as any special decorative materials they may need. **Limited registration begins March 11.**

Movie, Laser Tag & After Hours Games

Friday, March 29, 4:30 – 7:15 PM

Registration begins March 11.

Monday, April 22, 7 – 10 PM

Registration begins April 8.

Friday, May 17, 4:30 – 7:15 PM

Registration begins May 6.

All participants must be at least 12. Waivers, which are required to play laser tag, are available at the adult reference desk. **We will need several adult volunteers for this program.** There will be pizza and soda during the movie. **Limited enrollment.**



Earth Day/Arbor Day
Community Service Event
Thursday, April 25, 7 – 8:30 PM

Prepare seedlings for distribution to our patrons.

Wear old clothes.

Saturday, April 27, 12 – 3 PM

Hand out seedlings to patrons!

Teen Baby-Sitting Workshop

Monday, April 8; Wednesday, April 17;

Monday, April 29

All sessions: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Classes taught by a registered nurse, volunteer firefighters and a police officer. All participants must be 12 and up. A library card or proof of age must be presented at the first session. Attendance at all three sessions necessary to receive a certificate. **Limited registration starts March 25.**

Open Hours Maker Space • Wednesdays, March 6 – May 29, 6 – 8 PM

CHILDREN

Programs for Young Ones

Just Threes

Fridays, March 1 – May 31, 12:30 PM

A program designed for three-year-olds and their adults.
Registration begins Feb. 23.

Romper Room

Ages: Babies – young children

Saturdays, 10:30 AM

March 2 & April 6

Wednesdays, 9:30 or 10:30 AM

May 1 – June 5

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



Wee Ones

Mondays, 9:30 or 10:30 AM

March 4 – May 20

An interactive program for one-year-old walkers with an adult. **Registration required.**

Baby & Me

Ages: Babies

(3 – 12 months, pre-walkers) w/adult

Tuesdays, March 5 – May 21, 10 AM

Stories, playtime and songs! **No class April 23.**

Terrific Twos

Thursdays, 9:30 or 10:30 AM

March 7 – May 30

A 45-minute program for two-year-olds and their adults working together. **Registration required.**

Fab Four

Thursdays, March 7 – May 23, 1:30 PM

Preschoolers ages 4 & 5 explore stories, concepts and activities. **Adults do not need to participate but must remain in the library. Call for space availability.**

Patty Cake Club

Wednesdays, 10 AM

March 13, 27 & April 10

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.



Musical Programs

Mr. Kurt Concerts! • Ages: 1 & up

Mondays, 10 AM

March 11, April 8, May 13

Wednesdays, 6 PM

March 20, April 24, May 29

Sing and dance along with every toddler's favorite performer! **Limited to one adult per child.**

Story Programs

Imagination Station • Ages: 3 – 5

Tuesdays, 1:30 PM

March 5 – 19; April 9 – 23; May 7 – 21

A different theme and activity each week. Stories, songs, crafts, music, etc.

Sensory Storytime

Saturdays, 10 AM

March 23, April 27, May 25

Join Miss Amy for a program that thoughtfully considers the developmental needs of children on the autism spectrum. Enjoy stories, music, movement and playtime in a safe and accepting environment. This program is open to all families. **No registration required.**

Storytime with Special Guest Jacob!

Ages: 3 & up

Tuesdays, 1:30 PM

March 26, April 30, May 28

Hear some fun stories read by Mrs. B. and sing along with Jacob and his guitar!



Birth – Pre-K

Did you know that children develop most of the language and critical thinking areas of their brains in their first year of life? Studies have shown 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.

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

Book Clubs

Boys' Book Club • Grades: 3 – 6
Thursdays, 6:30 PM
March 14, April 11, May 9

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

Graphic Novel Book Club
Grades: 3 & up
Thursdays, 6:30 PM
March 21, April 25, May 16



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
March 28, April 25, May 30

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

Fun Activities



Tesla Tots • Ages: 4 – 8
Mondays, 4 PM
March 4, 18; April 1, 15; May 6, 20

Over six sessions, we will make slime, build with toothpicks and marshmallows, and explore basic science concepts, maybe even an egg drop! **Registering now for the initial session. Subsequent registrations will open after each meeting of the club!**

PAWS for Reading
Saturdays, 11 AM – 12:30 PM
March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8

Children read to certified therapy dogs. **Call to reserve your 15 minute time slot one week prior to session.**

LEGO Builders • Ages: 7 & up
Mondays, March 11, April 8, May 13, 4 PM
An exciting building challenge! **No registration.**

LEGO Junior Club • Ages: 3 – 6
Mondays, March 11, April 8, May 13, 4 PM
We'll build with Duplo bricks. **No registration.**

Chess Club • Ages: 7 & up
Fridays, March 15, April 5, May 3, 4 PM
Boards, opponents and basic instruction provided. No experience necessary. **No registration.**

Sewing for Kids • Grades: 5 – 7
Fridays, 4 – 5:30 PM
March 22, April 19, May 24

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

Garden Rockers Club • Families
Thursday, May 23, 6 PM

Garden clean-up and preparing for planting. Open to families and dirt lovers of all ages.



Special Programs

Read Across America Day
Ages: 3 & up
Friday, March 1, 4:30 PM

Celebrate children's books and share our love of reading! We'll have The Astonishing Andrew and a treat too!

Explore with littleBits • Grades: 1 – 4
Tuesdays, 4 PM
March 5, 19; April 2, 16, 30

littleBits are electronic circuits held together by magnets and can be arranged to build a variety of cool items. During this pre-coding activity for little scientists, you can make lights dim or blink -- make a buzzer machine -- power a fan -- sound like fun? **Registration required.**

Backyard Nature • Grades: 1 – 4
Thursdays, 6 PM
March 7, April 4, May 2

This outdoor program is for kids interested in learning about our local wildlife, with an emphasis on birds. We'll learn how to look through binoculars to spot our many feathered friends. Each month, we'll be walking around library property to see who might be making nests, taking care of young, singing their songs, etc., so please dress for the weather. Make sure to apply any bug spray you need before we head out, since bugs are also part of our local wildlife and might want to tag along with you! We'll get up-close and personal! And get started on your Birding Life List! Sound like fun? **Currently registering.**

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

Minecraft & Computer Club

Ages: 9 & up

Tuesdays, 4 PM

March 12, 26; April 9; May 7, 14, 21

Upper elementary and middle school computer fun will start with Minecraft and the club will grow from there based on interest. **Registering now for the first session. For subsequent sessions, registration will be the week before each class.**



All Things Irish • Grades: 1 & up

Friday, March 15, 4 PM

Irish stories, crafts and — of course — music to get you ready to celebrate the Emerald Isle. There will be soda bread! **Registration begins March 1 at 11 AM.**

Princess Party • Ages: 3 & up

Tuesday, April 2, 1:30 PM

Back by royal decree! Hear royal stories, drink fancy pink punch, and have dainty snacks. All are welcome to wear their finest gowns and jewels! A craft fit for a princess will be on the Royal Agenda! **Registration begins March 15 at 11 AM.**

Star Wars Day • Grades: 3 & up

Saturday, May 4, 10 AM

Celebrate with your friends and neighbors! We'll do Star Wars crafts and have a race to destroy the Death Star! Live long and prosper — oops — wrong universe! I mean: Don't go to the Dark Side, visit the library! **Registration begins April 15.**

Family Fun Night

Friday, May 10, 5:30 – 7 PM

Join us for a game of fun family bingo!



Homework Help • Grades: K – 6

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 – 5 PM

March 5 – May 30

Teen volunteers from Clarkstown high schools will help tackle assignments. **No Homework Help when school is not in session.**

Crafts

The following is a sampling of this spring's crafts. A full list of creative programs can be found on our website or in the children's room.

Bracelet Brigade • Ages: 9 & up

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 27, 6:30 PM

Each week, the bracelet materials will vary from seed beads, to embroidery floss to colorful rubber bands. **Currently registering.**

Kids Create • Grades: 2 – 6

Fridays, 4 PM

March 8, April 26, May 17

Inspired by the work of a well-known artist, kids will create their own masterpieces. **Register for each program on the 15th of the month prior.**

String Things • Ages: 7 – 12

Wednesdays, 4 PM

March 13, April 10, May 8

Create something wonderful with common objects and colorful string. **No registration required.**



Fizzy Art • Ages: 5 – 12

Wednesday, March 20, 4:30 PM

Using baking soda, food dye and vinegar, we will work on a gorgeous project that is part art, part science and 100% fun! **Limited registration begins March 15.**

Drop-In Poetry Craft for Little Ones

Ages: 4 – 7

Wednesday, April 3, 4 PM

Celebrate Poetry Month with a poetry reading and a poetry themed craft! **No registration needed.**

Spring Flower Craft

Ages: 3 – 6, with caregiver

Wednesday, April 3, 6 PM

Create beautiful pussy willow pictures and read books about the many changes we have to look forward to in warmer weather. **No registration is required.**

Poetry Fun • Ages: 8 – 13

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM

Celebrate Poetry Month with a poetry reading and a poetry-themed craft! **No registration needed.**

Earth Day Totes • Ages: 5 – 12

Saturday, April 20, 10 AM

Decorating tote bags that are made out of recycled fabrics. **Limited registration begins April 15.**

Make a Fascinator • Grades: 3 – 6

Tuesday, May 7, 4 PM

Just in time for Mother's Day! Let's make a nice decorated headband using ribbon, beads, flowers, etc. You can wear it yourself or give it to a special lady in your life. **Registration begins April 15.**

Plant a Flower

Ages: 3 – 6, with caregiver

Wednesday, May 22, 6 PM

Paint a flower pot, plant a small flowering plant and enjoy some stories. **No registration needed.**



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Exhibits

March

On the Walls: *Art & Collage of Carol Weinberg*

Reception – Thursday, March 7, 6 – 9 PM

In the Cases: *Artwork of Blue Rock School*

April

On the Walls: *Patron Art Show*

In the Cases: *I LUG NY*

Lego creations courtesy of John Klesh

May

On the Walls & In the Cases: *The Artists of Jawonio*

SPRING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Easter

Sunday, April 21

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27



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