



# FINE PRINT

Newsletter  
of the  
New City Library  
Winter 2020/21

## BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 9 AM–9 PM (Snow Date: Dec. 16)

**The annual combined New City/West Nyack Library Budget Vote will be held concurrently with the New City Library Trustee Election on Wednesday, Dec. 9.**

*The budget vote is administered by the school district.* To check your registration status, register to vote or obtain an absentee budget ballot, please contact the CCSD clerk weekdays from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM at 639-6455. The last day to register to vote or to request a mailed absentee budget ballot is Wednesday, Dec. 2. The last day to obtain an absentee budget ballot in person is Tuesday, Dec. 8.

*The trustee election is administered by the library.* Applications for absentee trustee ballots will be available until 4:45 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Please contact Administrative Assistant Kelly Corrado at 634-4997, ext. 112 or [kcorrado@newcitylibrary.org](mailto:kcorrado@newcitylibrary.org) for further information.

Copies of the proposed budgets and information about the candidates for trustee are available on the library's website and in the library.

### 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.

**The annual budget hearing will be held remotely on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 PM.**

Visit the New City or West Nyack library website for the link to attend.

### WINTER READING



Start the new year with an easy win! Read three books that line up on your tic-tac-toe board straight across, up and down or diagonally! Boards can be downloaded from our website or picked up at the reference desk starting on **Jan. 2**. Bring your completed game back to the reference desk or email it to [vreynolds@newcitylibrary.org](mailto:vreynolds@newcitylibrary.org) to earn a prize. (One per participant.)

A Gallup poll conducted at the end of 2019 revealed that visiting a public library was the most popular cultural activity that year, ahead of movies, sporting events, museums, and the like. Then came 2020. Visiting the library was out of the question. So we brought the library to you: by expanding our digital collections, offering online programs and performances, and assisting with reference and research virtually. We also revitalized and expanded our YouTube channel to feature a variety of experiences for all ages. When our standard operating procedure was turned on its head, our staff was hard at work throughout the shut down finding ways to serve the community safely. As a result, when we were finally cleared to open, the New City Library was among the very first in the county to do so.

On Dec. 9, we ask you to consider that when it comes time to vote on our annual budget. We are asking for a moderate 2 percent increase. For most households that's less than a \$10 increase in your annual library taxes. Your continued support allows us to maintain and improve the level of service you expect and deserve. Copies of the budget are available in the library and on the website. Thank you for voting.

— Marianne Gallagher, Director

### What's My Next Book or Movie?

Our librarians can help answer that question! Go to our website and select the **eLibrary** tab. You will be given the option of two forms — one for books and one for movies. Fill them out and we will select titles especially for you and prepare them for check out, notifying you when your materials are ready for pick up.

Visit our website at [newcitylibrary.org](http://newcitylibrary.org) for winter programs and activities

All of the programs on this page will be held online. To register for a program, go to our website at [newcitylibrary.org](http://newcitylibrary.org) and select the Events tab. This will take you to our calendar. Click on the program you are interested in to register. Or, go directly to the calendar at [newcity.librarycalendar.com](http://newcity.librarycalendar.com).

## ADULT PROGRAMS

Don't go into hibernation mode this winter! There is so much to do, learn and enjoy. Visit our website for a variety of options that may not keep you warm but will keep you engaged and entertained.

The arrival of cold weather brings memories of foods that offer comfort as well as nutrition. Historian Leslie Goddard's fun, illustrated lecture **Betty Crocker & Her Cookbook That Changed How America Cooks** on **Monday, Dec. 7, at 2 PM** will give you a taste of how an invented homemaker became our country's most famous and trusted kitchen advisor. Or, take a more active approach and participate in a cook-along with local gluten-free baker and blogger Danielle Addimandi. During **Winter Cooking with Danielle** on **Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 5 PM** you can learn hands-on how to prepare easy recipes — including those that consider dietary restrictions — that you can add to your go-to meal plans for the new year.

And while we are on the subject of the new year, why not resolve to try a new skill in 2021? Create a three-dimensional design to the sounds of music with art teacher and singer Marilyn Benkler. During **Realism & the Love of Art with Music** on **Monday, Jan. 11 at 2 PM**, you can learn this unique approach to artistic expression. You could also opt to learn a more traditional craft at our **Learn to Knit** classes on **Tuesdays, Jan. 19 – Feb. 9 at 7 PM**. Librarian Veronica Reynolds will guide you through the basic stitches and techniques so you can make your own scarf.

If needlecraft doesn't offer enough of a challenge, why not become an explorer or a time traveller? In February you

have the opportunity to examine the evolution of communication technology with journalist Alan Pierce. **The History of Communication** on **Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 2 PM** will take you from its earliest breakthroughs of the past to a glimpse of what can be expected in the near future. Need to add some fun? Revisit your past and show off your memory during **Trivia Night: Pop Culture of the '50s & '60s** on **Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 7 PM**. Want to add some international flair? Join travel writer Irene Shaland for **Jewish Mosaic of Singapore** on **Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 PM** to discover little known facts about this deeply rooted culture and community.

If you are missing our Sunday concerts, we are offering two this season. From the comfort of your home you can attend **Celebrating Beethoven at 250!** performed by pianist Carolyn Enger on **Dec. 13 at 2 PM** or **Roots of Black Music in America** with musical troubadour Karlus Trapp on **Feb. 7 at 2 PM**.

Whether you are looking for a song to tap along to, a talent to develop or something new to uncover, the library can help. This small sampling of our winter offerings is meant only to whet your appetite for the extended menu that is available on our website. Log on and make a plan to stay active until spring rolls around again!

Want to get a list of upcoming programs delivered straight to your inbox each week? Sign up for our electronic newsletter at [www.newcitylibrary.org](http://www.newcitylibrary.org). You will find the sign up option under the **Events** tab. (A monthly paper listing of programs is also available at the library.)

## Your Virtual Reference Desk

### Webinars: Online Tools @ Your Disposal 2nd Wednesday monthly, 10 AM

**Dec. 9 – Ancestry Library Edition: The Basics of Genealogy at Home**

**Jan. 13 – Readers Advisory Resources: Discovering What to Read Next**

**Feb. 10 – Job Help Databases: Kickstart Your Job Search**

### What's New & What We're Reading 1st Friday monthly, 4 PM

**Dec. 4 – What We're Watching & Playing /What's New in Films and Video Games with Librarian Matthew Aull**

**Jan. 8 – Our Favorite Books of 2020 & Most Anticipated Books of 2021**

**Feb. 5 – Mysteries with Librarian Nancy Moskowitz**

Register for any of our programs on our website or at [newcity.librarycalendar.com](http://newcity.librarycalendar.com).

# TEENS

## Entering grades 7 & up

All programs will take place online. Register at [newcity.librarycalendar.com](http://newcity.librarycalendar.com) to receive your Zoom link.

### Stitching Snowflakes

**Mondays, Dec. 7 & 14, 7 PM**

The first session will be a review of basic embroidery stitches. At the second session, there will be a demonstration of the special floss used and we will transfer the pattern. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to pick up your supply kit — please let us know if you already have a hoop and needle. **Registration starts Dec. 1.**

### Candle Making Contest

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 3 PM**

This workshop will get you started with simple instructions and a demonstration. No wax melting necessary. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to pick up your supply kit. Feel free to add your own materials to the design. **Registration starts Dec. 7.**

### Baby-Sitting Workshops

**Wednesdays, Jan. 13, 20 & 27, 6 – 8 PM**

This three-session course covers safety, childcare, first aid and rescue, as well as life and business skills. **Registration starts Jan. 4 for young teens with a New City or West Nyack library card.** Attendance at all classes required for the certificate.

### SATURDAY PAINT PARTIES

Follow along or create your own scene!

**Cardinal in the Snow: Jan. 16, 1 – 4 PM**

**Registration starts Jan. 4.**

**Castles & Dragons: Feb. 20, 1 – 4 PM**

**Registration starts Feb. 8.**

Once you have registered, you will be contacted to pick up your supply kit. Participation is limited by supply, so please let us know if you have your own supplies. Wear old clothes, cover your work surface and have a hairdryer on hand to speed up drying times.

*(Brushes must be returned ASAP after program.)*

### Chocolate Just for Teens!

**Saturday Feb. 13, 2 PM**

Make and decorate chocolate clusters and chocolate covered pretzels. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to pick up your supply kit. Access to a microwave or cook top will be needed. **Registration starts Feb. 1.**

# CHILDREN

**Virtual excitement is coming your way this winter!**

Whether you visit our YouTube channel for stories, crafts or recipes; attend an online play; interact on screen with us during programs; come by to pick up craft supplies or books and movies; you will find that there is much to do!

For example, the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company will present six virtual performances this season. Each one will be available at 7 PM for seven nights. **Register online for those you will attend.**

Week of **Dec. 6: Lewis & Clark**

**Dec. 20: The Story of Ebenezer Scrooge**

**Jan. 10: Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case**

**Jan. 24: Legends & Myths from Mount Olympus**

**Feb. 7: The Caterpillar Hunter**

**Feb. 28: My Mother the Astronaut**

Miss spending the morning at the library with the little ones? We do too! So, starting next month we will bring back a bit of your routine. **Imagination Station** will be offer a regular online schedule on **Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.** (**Dec. 1, 15, 29; Jan. 12, 26; Feb. 9, 23**) **Register online and then come into the library for your craft supplies.**

Book clubs are gearing back up for the new year! They will meet virtually on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM.**

**3rd & 4th Graders: Jan. 7 & Feb. 4**

**5th & 6th Graders: Jan. 14 & Feb. 11**

Bring a book you have recently read. **Register starting Dec. 31 to receive a link to join the meeting.**

Feel like doing something a little different? Enter your preschooler – 5th grader in our **Online Pet Show** on **Dec. 3 at 4:15 PM.** Your child can show off either a real or stuffed pet! **Register online** and send a picture of your entry to [jembry@newcitylibrary.org](mailto:jembry@newcitylibrary.org). Or, sign up the family (ages 8 & up) for a **Sip 'n' Drip** session on **Feb. 18 at 6:30 PM.** Follow along at home and create a beautiful work of art! **Registration runs Jan. 15 - Feb. 1. Register all participants, then come into the library for your supplies.**

And don't forget, the tried-and-true methods of bringing the library home during the pandemic. Pick up a **Surprise Bag** full of items picked out just for your child or a **Take & Make Craft Kit** with our highlighted project of the week. Information about these features, as well as all our winter programs, can be found on our web site. Paper program brochures are also available at the library. Still have a question? Call the children's desk at 634-4997, ext. 121. Be a part of the excitement this winter with your library!

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## Postal Patron

The New City Library Board of Trustees meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM. During the pandemic these meetings take place online. The public can attend by going to the library's website and clicking on the link.

## BOOK CLUBS

All titles are available as hard copies that can be reserved online or at the library. (Most are also available electronically.)

### "He Said, She Said" Memoirs Online

1st Monday monthly, 7 PM

Dec. 7 *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?*  
by Roz Chast

Jan. 4 *Truth and Beauty: A Friendship* by Ann Patchett

Feb. 1 *Calyпсо* by David Sedaris

### Chapters Online

2nd Tuesday monthly, 7 PM

Dec. 8 *Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips

Jan. 12 *The Stationery Shop* by Marjan Kamali

Feb. 9 *Once Upon a River* by Dianne Setterfield

### Chronicles Online

2nd Monday monthly, 11 AM

Dec. 14 *A Well-Behaved Woman: A Novel of the  
Vanderbilts* by Therese Anne Fowler

Jan. 11 *Hauntings of the Hudson River Valley: An  
Investigative Journey* by Vincent T. Dacquino

Feb. 8 *Island at the Center of the World*  
by Russell Shorto

### Rise & Read In Person

4th Thursday monthly, 10 AM

Dec. 24 *The Perfect Nanny* by Leila Slimani

Jan. 28 *Please Stop Laughing at Me* by Jodee Blanco

Feb. 25 *Valentine* by Tom Savage

### Investigating Mysteries Online

4th Monday monthly, 7 PM

Dec. 28 *Trick of the Dark* by Val McDermid

Jan. 25 *Girls in Disguise* by Greer McAllister

Feb. 22 *Closed Casket* by Sophie Hannah

### Facts Online

3rd Wednesday monthly, 2 PM

December *No meeting*

Jan. 20 *The Body* by Bill Bryson

Feb. 17 *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community  
and War* by Nathaniel Philbrick

To attend an online book club meeting, register for it on our website or go directly to [newcity.librarycalendar.com](http://newcity.librarycalendar.com). A link to join the discussion will be sent to you.