



# FINE PRINT

Newsletter  
of the  
New City Library  
Spring 2021



## Earth Day/Arbor Day Giveaway!

Watch for an announcement of the April date of this library tradition! This year we will be distributing larch seedlings. If you love the look of an evergreen tree and the brilliant color of a deciduous tree, you can get both with larches. These needled conifers look like evergreens in spring and summer, but in the fall the needles turn golden yellow and drop to the ground.

### *Lately I've been running on faith.* — Eric Clapton

These times certainly have been a test of faith: faith in government, faith in science, faith in our fellow man. It might be tempting to take a “wake me up when it’s all over” approach, but here at the New City Library, we’re taking this time as an opportunity to plan and prepare for a brighter and better future for our community. We have spent the last year keeping the faith in our purpose, our mission, and in our patrons.

For years now, we have been working on a plan to improve and expand the services and space we offer you in response to the feedback you’ve given us through strategic planning surveys, master plan focus groups, and continual informal communication via comment forms and conversations with staff.

Last December, the library board selected architectural firm VMDO to design and implement a renovation for the library that will accommodate the changing needs of today’s library patrons. Their work has now begun. Sometime soon, we will have a schematic representation to share with you. We will also develop a webpage to keep you updated on our progress.

The top priorities in this project are the addition of a children’s meeting space, enlargement of the existing meeting room, and increasing the amount of meeting rooms for patron use.

### *A library implies an act of faith.* — Victor Hugo

In Victor Hugo’s time, it was considered an act of faith to build a library as a warehouse of books; it anticipated the usefulness of a centralized, community-based collection of culture and knowledge that generations to come would treasure. Today, we put our faith in the certainty of the public library as a centralized, community-based place where neighbors and strangers are themselves collections of culture and knowledge, meant to be developed and shared to further enrich not only the individual’s life, but the life of the community in which they live.

The library board has demonstrated prudent fiscal management and is sensitive to the concerns of taxpayers. The project will be funded with existing capital resources and financing that will be within the operating budget. We will also be seeking grants and pursuing fundraising as supplemental resources.

The staff and board are grateful for your support and the faith you have placed in us over the years. We are working hard to ensure you can maintain that faith by delivering to you a library that not only meets your needs, but exceeds your expectations.

— Marianne Gallagher, Director

### *I've gotta have faith, faith, faith.* — George Michael

#### 2021 AARP Tax Aide

Due to COVID-19, AARP is not offering in-person tax help this year. However, you can still seek their free assistance by calling [888-AARP-now](tel:888-AARP-now) or visiting [www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide). Help sessions will take place remotely! Please be sure to have access to the internet, a telephone and an email address in order to participate.

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

All of these programs 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 that you are interested in to register. Or, go directly to the calendar at [newcity.librarycalendar.com](http://newcity.librarycalendar.com).

## Adult Programming

# MARCH

### **CRAFT: Colored Pencil & Crayon** **Tuesday, March 2, 7 PM**

Create a beautiful and colorful spiral abstract in this interactive workshop with art teacher Elizabeth Lauri.

### **Women Artists in Paris:** **A Quiet Revolution**

**Thursdays, March 4 & 11, 2 PM**

Between 1850 and the early 20th century, Paris was the center of the art world, and women artists from all over the world were drawn there. Art historian Janet Cohen Mandel introduces these determined women who played a pivotal role in the emergence of both Impressionism and Symbolism during this two-part program. *Registering for the first program automatically enrolls you for the second.*

### **Grizzly Bear and Wolf Research** **Wednesday, March 10, 2 PM**

Joey Bee, environmentalist and scientist, will discuss his research on critical grizzly bear habitats in the Beartooth Mountain Range outside of Yellowstone National Park. He will also talk about tracking the summer movement of wolves in the Boundary Waters in Minnesota.

### **CONCERT:** **Celebrating Women Composers** **Thursday, March 11, 7 PM**

Carolyn Enger performs piano pieces from the classical period up to the present, featuring the music of Fanny Mendelssohn, Caroline Shaw, and more.

### **The Colorful History of the** **Little Black Dress** **Monday, March 15, 2 PM**

Versatile, dependable, and affordable, the Little Black Dress, or “LBD,” has become the fashion equivalent of a Model T Ford. Historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores how Chanel helped dissociate black from mourning, how Audrey Hepburn helped establish the LBD, and how it’s been reinvented by everyone from Betty Boop to Prada.



### **VIRTUAL TOURS:** **THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART** **WEDNESDAYS, 2 PM**

With historian and educator Marisa Horowitz-Jaffe

#### **March 3** **History & Highlights**

Uncover the history of this institution through vintage photos and behind-the-scenes stories. View many of its most famous works of art and artifacts.

#### **March 17** **The Egyptian Galleries**

Explore the spectacular galleries of ancient Egyptian art covering over 3,000 years of history. Visit one of the smallest pieces in the collection, William the Hippo, as well as the largest work of art in the entire museum — the Egyptian Temple of Dendur. Hear the story and see the pictures of how an authentic Egyptian temple made its way to New York City.

#### **March 24** **The Greek & Roman Galleries**

Learn about the history of this section of the museum and how the space has been transformed over the decades. See colossal statues of youthful gods, as well as busts of men who prefer to show their wrinkles and war injuries proudly. Visit the bedroom from Pompeii that was frozen in time.

### **Cooking for 1 or 2** **Tuesday, March 16, 2 PM**

It can be tricky when cooking for one (or even two) to make the most of your ingredients and your time. Join Chef Liz Barbour of The Creative Feast for this fun and delicious cooking demonstration. Liz will help you fill your pantry with quick-cooking, small-batch ingredients that will be cost effective, healthy, and easy to prepare.

## DNA Detectives

Tuesday, March 23, 7 PM

Author Tom Riley explores how genealogists revolutionize criminology by using DNA and genetics. Learn how they are cracking cold cases, freeing innocent people and bringing justice to families. A brief meeting of the county genealogy society will precede the program.

## CRAFT: Drawing Birds

Wednesday, March 31, 7 PM

Artist Barbara Freiberg will guide you through the process of bringing our feathered friends to life on the page.

Participants will learn how to draw a bird on a tree branch, which

can be colored in with colored pencils, watercolor pencils, markers or watercolor paint.



# APRIL

## Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, April 6 – May 11, 11 AM

In this six-week class, led by Rochelle Spooner, participants will learn to still the mind and stretch the body.



## Artists' Gardens in New England

Tuesday, April 6, 7 PM

Some of our most beloved painters, sculptors and authors were inspired by the gardens they created. Visit the private havens of Edith Wharton, Julian Alden Weir, Childe Hassam, Daniel Chester French, Emily Dickinson, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Celia Thaxter and others with landscape designer and author Jana Milbocker.

## Knitting Circle

Tuesdays, 7 PM

March 16, April 13, May 18

Grab your latest project and share your love of yarn work with other like-minded crafters. All levels welcome!

## How Trade Drove Jewish History

Wednesday, April 7, 2 PM

Contrary to popular belief, it was not only persecution that drove the narrative of Jewish history. Trade played a major role. Explore how Jews become renowned for their long-distance trading skills with journalist and author Andrée Aelion Brooks.

## Writing for Your Life

Mondays, April 12 – May 2, 2 PM

The last year has been particularly memorable for many of us. Capture those memories for future generations or write about other significant times in your life during this four-week workshop with author Howard Whitehouse.

## Determining Your

## Decluttering Personality Traits

Wednesday, April 14, 7 PM

Author and organizer Jamie Novak will help you determine your clutter personality traits, then give you organizing tips based on your type. This program will set you up for a clutter-free spring.

## What's Been Done: Using Someone Else's Genealogy Research

Tuesday, April 20, 7 PM

Whether you are new to genealogy or you've been working on your family history for years, incorporating the research of others can be tricky. Genealogist Thomas MacEntee will talk about strategies to successfully include this information with your own. A brief meeting of the county genealogy society will precede the program.

## From Streaming TV to the Oscars:

## How Netflix Is Disrupting the Entertainment Industry

Wednesday, April 21, 2 PM

From its start as a DVD-by-mail rental service, Netflix has systematically changed the rules of the media business. With an ever-increasing budget of over \$15 billion per year, service to 190 countries, and 150 million subscribers, learn how Netflix is primed to become the dominant source of leisure-time entertainment throughout the world with educator Brian Rose.



## 1971: Fifty Years Later Thursday, April 22, 2 PM

1971 was a busy year! The Vietnam War and its protests continued. The Pentagon Papers by Daniel Ellsberg were released, detailing crucial decisions made by the White House that were kept away from the public. Ping-Pong diplomacy began as the relationship between the United States and China started to thaw. Learn and reminisce about all this and more with history lecturer Evan Weiner.



## Go, Van Gogh, Go! Thursday, April 29, 2 PM

Vincent Van Gogh produced more than 2,000 works of art in his last decade. Van Gogh wrote to his brother Theo that, as he had no children, he viewed his paintings as his progeny. Explore some of these “brilliant children,” especially those at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, with art historian Michael Norris.

# MAY

## Color Theory Tuesday, May 4, 2 PM

Learn the basics of color and color relationships with Marcie Cooperman, a professor at Parsons School of Design. Use this skill set in your artwork and creative endeavors, as well as in your day-to-day life.

## Picasso in Occupied Paris Wednesday, May 5, 2 PM

How did Picasso, a known anti-fascist, not only survive but manage to produce art in Paris under the watch of the Nazis? Why did he stay in France at great personal risk? Artist Cliff Tisdell answers all these questions and more about a fascinating artist working during a dark time.

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## Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities Monday, May 10, 2 PM

Venezia: Queen of the Adriatic, La Serenissima, mercantile and maritime Republic of 1,000 years, a vast museum, a triumph of human will over nature, luxury and pleasure capital of Europe, a mecca of extraordinary personalities and zenith of all Grand Tours. Author Carla Gambescia examines why, even today, Venice remains an enigma.

## A New Light on Tiffany Tuesday, May 11, 2 PM

Explore the New York Historical Society's collection of Tiffany lamps — one of the world's largest and most encyclopedic — and the intricate techniques that created them with this interactive presentation. View masterpieces of this elegant American art form and hear the personal stories of head designer Clara Driscoll and her team of “Tiffany Girls,” whose contributions were nearly forgotten by history.

## Baking with Natural Sugar Alternatives Thursday, May 13, 7 PM

Blogger and local baker Danielle Addamandi demonstrates the best ways to bake with maple syrup, honey, coconut sugar and others — so you can still treat yourself to those sweet desserts and savory snacks while staying healthy. Recipes will be made available to class registrants.

## Miami Beach Art Deco Wednesday, May 19, 2 PM

Learn about the key features of Miami's Art Deco scene and its most famous architects with Ronnit Vasserman, founder of the Art Connect Group. Then explore the iconic buildings located on Lincoln Road, Washington Avenue, Collins Avenue and of course, Ocean Drive. Find out about the people responsible for saving these architectural gems from the wrecking ball.

## Persevering on Mars Tuesday, May 25, 2 PM

On Feb. 18, NASA landed its newest roving science laboratory, Perseverance, on the surface of Mars. Dr. Charles Holmes, NASA consultant, explains this latest step in NASA's endeavor to explore our planetary neighbor and search for possible signs of past microbial life.

# Your Virtual Reference Desk

## Webinars: Online Tools @ Your Disposal Wednesdays, 10 AM

### March 3: [LinkedIn Learning](#)

Learn business, creative, and technology skills to achieve your personal and professional goals.

### April 7: [Tutor.com](#)

On-demand and scheduled tutoring for students.

### May 12: [eBooks from Libby by Overdrive and Hoopla](#)

Find out how to download books to your devices.

## What's New and What We're Reading Fridays, 4 PM

Hear about the books that our librarians are recommending!

### March 5

[Spotlight on New Fiction with Nancy Moskowitz](#)

### May 7

[Spotlight on Young Adult Books with Mary Phillips](#)

# TEENS (Grades 7 & up)

All programs are virtual. Register online to receive your Zoom link.

## Youth Board Meetings

**Mondays, March 8, April 5, May 24, 4 PM**

Earn community service hours simply by attending! Other community service possibilities will be discussed, as well as plans for upcoming programs.



## Baby-sitting Workshop

**Fridays, March 12, 19 & 26, 4 – 6 PM**

This three-session workshop teaches safety, child care, first aid and rescue, plus life and business skills.

Attendance at all sessions is required to receive a certificate. **A workbook and other materials needed will be ready for pickup starting on March 9. Limited to New City and West Nyack library card holders.**

## Embroidery Club

**Fridays, April 9, 16 & 23, 4 – 6 PM**

Learn some of the many creative ways to make flowers and leaves. **Materials will be ready for pickup starting on April 6.**

## Quilling Jewelry

**Monday, May 3, 4 – 6 PM**

Learn this paper craft and make a piece of jewelry. Makes a great Mother's Day gift! **You will receive an email when materials are available for pickup.**

## Paint Party Returns

**Saturday, May 22, 1 – 4 PM**

Paint a colorful field of poppies or create your own picture. **You will receive an email when materials are available for pickup.** Participation is limited by supply, so please let us know if you have your own materials. Kit will include canvas, brushes and paint.

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

## Book Discussions

**Mondays, 4 – 5 PM**

Ask for books at the circulation desk!

**March 15: *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor**

In the aftermath of violence, a young man and woman share a dream. **Copies available March 1.**

**April 12: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor**  
Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench. **Copies available March 22.**

**May 17: *Not So Pure and Simple* by Lamar Giles**  
High school junior Del Rainey unwittingly joins a purity pledge class at church, hoping to get closer to his long-term crush. **Copies available April 19.**

## Watch for Our Annual

## Tree Wrap Volunteer Opportunity

Need volunteer hours? In late April you can help prepare seedlings for our Earth Day/Arbor Day tree giveaway.

# CHILDREN

Due to COVID-19 regulations, there will be no indoor, in-person programming this spring. *We are* open for browsing though!

To keep our patrons and staff safe, we limit patron occupancy in the children's room. We allow two family members in for 30 minutes per day. We encourage you to make your selections quickly. All staff and patrons must wear a face mask correctly, including children ages 2 and up. If you feel that your child will not keep their mask in place during a library visit, then please take advantage of our curbside pickup service. If you'd like our staff to pick out materials based on your child's interests, fill out a "Surprise Bag" form, located under the children's tab on the library's website (one request per week, please!).

If you'd like to listen to some stories, take a virtual hike, learn about famous people or animals, try a simple recipe or practice a few rhymes, check out our YouTube channel (accessed easily through our website). Don't forget to check out Tumblebooks, TumbleMath, Hoopla, Overdrive, Libby and Muzzy for more online learning. We also have a subscription to Tutor.com which offers one-on-one tutoring on a variety of subjects — free with your library card!

## **FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

### **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** **Ages: 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. Register at the children's desk and start reading today!

### **Take and Make Crafts** **Ages: 3 – 6**

Beginning each Monday, supplies for a new craft item will be available for pickup in the children's room. You may also need to add some of your own supplies, such as a glue stick, scissors, magic markers or crayons.

## **SCAVENGER HUNTS**

Families can seek and find objects related to the month's theme in front of the library. Objects move to a new spot once a week, usually on Mondays. Pick up a location scorecard at the children's desk!



### **March: Leprechaun**

Children can earn a prize for listing where the leprechauns were found and what book each is reading.

### **May: Star Wars**

Children can earn a prize for listing where the Star Wars pictures are found.

## **Story Walks**

Read a book as you take a walk together! A children's book will be mounted page by page along a walking path at **Zukor Park beginning April 27!**

### **Imagination Station • Ages: 3 – 6** **Tuesdays, March 2 – May 25, 10:30 AM**

Enjoy a different theme and craft activity each week. **Register online for each session**, then pick up the craft supplies. After registering, you will receive a link to the online program.

### **Music & Movement • Ages: 3 – 6** **Wednesdays, March 17 – April 7, 10:30 AM**

Sing and dance along with the high energy Miss Jolie! **Register online one week before each class with your New City or West Nyack library card to receive the link to this online program.**

### **Outdoor Storytime** (Weather Permitting) **Ages: 3 – 6**

**Thursdays, April 22 & May 20, 1:30 PM**  
Bring a blanket or towel to sit on. **Register beginning April 19 for the April 22 session and May 17 for the May 20 session.**

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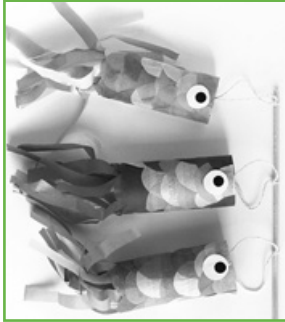
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## Carp Wind Socks • Ages: 3 – 12 Monday, May 4, 4 PM

In Japanese culture they celebrate Children's Day on May 5 by making this outdoor decoration. Join us virtually to make this craft and talk about the Japanese celebration.

**Supplies will be ready for pickup five days prior to the event. Register for your Zoom link beginning April 12.**



## Outdoor Romper Room! (Weather Permitting) Ages: Babies – young children Wednesdays, May 5 – 26, 10 AM

Sing, dance and have some fun! **Register online one week before each session with your New City or West Nyack library card. Limit one adult per child.** We appreciate your help in keeping your young ones socially distant during this program.

## FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents:

### *My Mother the Astronaut* Feb. 28 – March 7

Aquarius' mom is an astronaut and today is Take Your Child to Work Day. Aquarius can't wait to go to NASA and find out what it's like to be in space! **Register online to receive the link to the show.** You have until March 7 to view.

## Among Us • Ages: 7 & up Wednesdays, March 3 – May 26, 5:30 PM

**No session: March 31**

Play this popular game (a virtual version of Clue, set on a space station) with us on Zoom! This will allow us to hear each other, help those who are learning, and share the code so we can play



together to solve the mystery and find the Imposter! The app is free on a phone or tablet or \$5 to download on a PC through the STEAM website. If you need help downloading the app, email: [jembry@newcitylibrary.org](mailto:jembry@newcitylibrary.org) before the program.

## Find Charlie the Garden Gnome! Ages: 3 – 12

Charlie is all rested up from his travels around Clarkstown last year and is now ready for some international travel!

Beginning in March, look for Charlie pictured at some famous places around the world on our social media platforms.

Participants who correctly identify the location will win a prize! Details on how to submit answers will be posted on each social media platform.



## Tween Craft Club • Ages: 9 – 13 Tuesdays, 4:15 PM

**March 9, 23; April 6, 20; May 4, 18**

**Register online for each date and then come to the library to pick up a bag of supplies.** You will receive an email with the link to the Zoom session.

## Sewing with Felt • Grades: 5 – 8 Fridays, 4:30 PM

**March 19, April 16, May 21**

Learn some simple hand sewing techniques to make fun felt creations. **Register online to receive a Zoom link. Stop by the library before the class to pick up supplies.**



## 3rd & 4th Grade Book Club Thursdays, 6:30 PM

**March 4, April 1, May 6**

Bring a book you've recently read! Discover new titles you might like and make some friends. **New City and West Nyack library cardholders can register for their Zoom link beginning on Feb. 21, all other cardholders on Feb. 22.**

## 5th & 6th Grade Book Club Thursdays, 6:30 PM

**March 11, April 8, May 13,**

Bring the latest book that you have read for a lively discussion. **New City and West Nyack library cardholders can register for their Zoom link beginning on Feb. 25.**

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The New City Library Board of Trustees meets virtually on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM.  
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

March 1: *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago

April 5: *Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness*

by Susannah Cahalan

May 3: *Black Boy* by Richard Wright

### Chapters Online 2nd Tuesday monthly, 7 PM

March 9: *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal

April 13: *Out of Darkness, Shining Light* by Petina Gappah

May 11: *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez

### Facts Online

#### 3rd Wednesday monthly, 2 PM

March 17: *What Unites Us* by Dan Rather

April 21: *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson

May 19: *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson

### Investigating Mysteries Online 4th Monday monthly, 7 PM

March 22: *Gone to Dust* by Matt Goldman

April 26: *A Nearly Normal Family* by M.T. Edvardsson

May 24: *Forgers* by Bradford Morrow

### Rise & Read: In Person & Outside 4th Thursday monthly, 10 AM

March 25: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

April 22: *Dry* by Neal Shusterman

May 27: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

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.

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