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Summer Reading: Tails and Tales, June 21 - August 14

Children's Summer Reading Club

Join the Valley Cottage Library's Summer Reading Club! Daily reading habits help children retain information they have learned. Registration and daily reading recording starts JUNE 21. Pick up Reading Logs at the library or print from online. The Club is open to all children from infants to children entering 5th grade.

Read books at home & keep track of your reading on your reading log. Younger non-readers can record books read to them, or Early Literacy Activities that they do together with an adult. Children will earn one book buck for each day they read or do an Early Literacy Activity.

Everyone will bring their reading/activity logs to the library to win prizes.

Teens Summer Reading

You can earn prizes just for reading! Register online through the link on the Quaranteens page or visit the library in person. The program is open to anyone entering grades 6-12 in September. Nyack School District participants will earn extra credit for school in the fall!

This printed newsletter contains only a sampling of our programming.

Visit our website calendar at valleycottagelibrary.org

or sign up for our email updates to see new additions to our summer programs.

Adult Summer Reading

Submit your reviews on our online Summer Reading LibGuide (guides.rcls.org/summerreading21) throughout the summer to be entered into a drawing to win a new Kindle Fire and a portable hammock! Book Bingo is back as well. The ending date, August 14th) to participate, or submit your first review and we'll register you!

= VIRTUAL PROGRAM *Online Book Discussions*

Register on the library's website calendar where registration is required and to receive the Zoom link the day of virtual programs.

VIRTUAL BOOK AND PUB Select Tuesdays at 7pm

Book and Pub: held at the hip new gastropub conveniently located in your living room! Join us via Zoom for our monthly hour-long discussions.

July 27: *Convenience Store Woman* by Sayaka Murata - Keiko Furukura had always been considered a strange child, and her parents always worried how she would get on in the real world, so when she takes on a job in a convenience store while at university, they are delighted for her. However, eighteen years later, at age 36, she is still in the same job, has never had a boyfriend, and has only a few friends. She feels comfortable in her life, but is aware that she is not living up to society's expectations and causing her family to worry about her. . .

August 24: *Freshwater* by Akwaeke Emezi - Ada begins her life in the south of Nigeria as a troubled baby and a source of deep concern to her family. Her parents, Saul and Saachi, successfully prayed her into existence, but as she grows into a volatile and splintered child, it becomes clear that something went terribly awry. When Ada comes of age and moves to America for college, the group of selves within her grows in power and agency. A traumatic assault leads to a crystallization of her alternate selves: Asūghara and Saint Vincent. As Ada fades into the background of her own mind and these selves—now protective, now hedonistic—move into control, Ada's life spirals in a dark and dangerous direction.

September 21: *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu - After stumbling into the spotlight, Willis Wu finds himself launched into a wider world than he's ever known, discovering not only the secret history of Chinatown, but the buried legacy of his own family. Infinitely inventive and deeply personal, exploring the themes of pop culture, assimilation, and immigration—*Interior Chinatown* is Charles Yu's most moving, daring, and masterful novel yet.



Online Scholar-led Book Discussions Thursdays at 7pm

Summer Book-to-Movie Series: Read the book, watch the movie, join the discussion.

July 15 IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK

by James Baldwin
Film starring Kiki Layne, Stephan James, Regina King
Discussion led by Dr. Vara Neverow
Told through the eyes of Tish, a nineteen-year-old girl, in love with Fonny, a young sculptor who is the father of her child, Baldwin's story mixes the sweet and the sad. Tish and Fonny have pledged to get married, but Fonny is falsely accused of a terrible crime and imprisoned. Their families set out to clear his name, and as they face an uncertain future, the young lovers experience a kaleidoscope of emotions—affection, despair, and hope.

August 19 HAMLET

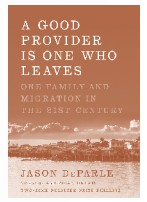
by William Shakespeare
Film starring David Tennant and Patrick Stewart
Discussion led by Dr. David Turk
Hamlet is Shakespeare's most popular, and most puzzling, play. It follows the form of a "revenge tragedy," in which the hero, Hamlet, seeks vengeance against his father's murderer, his uncle Claudius, now the king of Denmark. Much of its fascination, however, lies in its uncertainties.



Shelf Indulgence Book Club

Tuesday, September 14 at 2 pm

New month, new genre! Join Anya the second Tuesday of every month (monthly meetings shelved for summer) via Zoom to indulge in a good book while exploring different genres of literature. In September, we'll go back to school with non-fiction pick *A Good Provider Is One Who Leaves* by Jason DeParle. Online registration required.



ONLINE ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all online programs. Visit valleycottagelibrary.org and navigate to the events calendar to register. Registrants will receive an email with the Zoom link on the day of the program.

Game Night

Select Thursdays at 6pm:
June 24, July 22, and August 19

Calling all 20-to-30 somethings! Banish boredom with our grown up game night, hosted via Zoom on select Thursdays during the summer. We'll bring the fun if you bring an extra device (smartphone/tablet) to use as your controller. Register on the library calendar to receive the Zoom link the day of the program.

VIRTUAL VCWRITES

First Thursday of every month at 7pm

July 1, August 5, and September 2 

A monthly writing workshop Zooming to a computer near you on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. Are you working on a novel, short story, memoir, or piecing together the perfect poem? Come share it with us and receive some constructive critiques from the rest of the group. Email Sean at vdsean@gmail.com to receive submission guidelines and the Zoom link.

 = VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Virtual Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 21 at 6pm

We are reaching for the forgotten books on the bottom shelves, combing through filing cabinets, and calling George Boole for a few advanced search tips, all to prepare for our sixth trivia night! Register on the library calendar to receive the Zoom link on the day of the program.

JUST DESSERTS COOKSHOP

Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30pm

Join Marcia Rappaport, a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and learn to bake and prepare 2 delicious fruit-rich desserts: Cherry-Almond Clafoutis and Blueberry Chia Seed Pudding. Expand your knowledge of new foods and flavors while adapting healthy cooking and eating habits. We'll discuss some of the health benefits of the ingredients.

TEEN CORNER

All upcoming programs and other offerings are displayed on the quaranteens web page: valleycottagelibrary.org/quaranteens

READ & BEAD (IN-PERSON)

Read a book and come discuss it while making a simple take-home craft related to our reading.
Grades 6-8: Saturday, July 10th at 11am (*Amber & Clay* by Laura Amy Schlitz)
Grades 9-12: Saturday, July 10th at 12:30pm (*The Cost of Knowing* by Brittany Morris)

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
June 22, July 6, July 20, August 3
Grades 7-12. Join our campaign! Players of all levels welcome. Facilitating this event will be Next Gen Gaming, a non-profit organization devoted to fostering and growing game clubs and game-based learning across the tri-state area and beyond.

CREATIVE WRITING CAMP

Wednesdays at 3pm July 7, 14, 21, 28
Grades 5-8. Join local author Eileen Moscovitz-Palma for an all new four-week creative writing adventure.

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHTS

Wednesdays, July 7 & August 4, 7-8pm
What do you know? Come join our virtual trivia night on Zoom. Bring paper, something to write with, and your brain!


TEEN GRAB BAG

Not sure what you want to read these days? Fill out the short form on the Quaranteens page to receive a custom-built grab bag of library materials just for you! You will be notified when your bag is ready to pick up.

 @VCL_QUARANTEENS on Instagram.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Summer Programs will run from June 15 through Sept. 15. Registration for Virtual Programs will open on June 1. Registration for in-person programming is open to Nyack School District patrons only and will begin one week before each program date. Registration is free and required for all programs (unless noted otherwise) and group size is limited. Register online at valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700 during library hours. Please notify us of cancellations in order to allow more children to attend our programs. Registration for our Fall Programs, Sept. 15 through Dec. 31, will start on Sept. 8.

All programs are in person in the library unless marked  for virtual Zoom programs, or 'at home' for take away activities. For programs in the library, strict Covid measures will be followed. Everyone will wear a mask and keep 6 feet apart, and windows will be open. All Virtual program registrants will receive a Zoom link on the day of the program.

Family Programs

Sidewalk Chalk Challenge

June 21-August 14

Pick up a Sidewalk Chalk Challenge card and chalk in the Children's Room. Complete the activities on the card on your driveway or sidewalk at home! Send a picture of your completed chalk art creations to vlckids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media! No registration. One per family while supplies last.
Take and Make Crafts
Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup for children to do at home on their own anytime! Stop by the back door to the Children's Room to pick up, and send a picture of your completed craft to vlckids@rcls.org for a prize and to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Crafts available Monday – Saturday, during library hours, while supplies last.)

Virtual Book Clubs

Family Book Club for Grades K-5

Hey families! Read the book club book together at home. Each week Ms. Danielle will email participants an activity and trivia question. Email your answers then come to the library to receive a special prize. A reading schedule will be emailed to all participants the week before the program begins. The books are available on Overdrive and Hoopla.

Starting Tuesday, July 6: *Ribsy*, by Beverly Cleary.

Virtual Reading Adventures for Children entering Grades 1-3

Select Mondays at 4:30pm: June 28, July 19.
Join Ms. Danielle for virtual Monday Book Club! Each month Ms. Danielle will read a picture book on Zoom, then we will discuss it, and do a small craft.

Virtual Reading Adventures for Children entering Grades 4-6

Select days at 4:30pm
Join Ms. Danielle for a virtual book club! Read the assigned book before the day of the book club. We will discuss the book and make a small craft. Books will be available on Hoopla or Overdrive, or by placing a hold and picking up curbside.
July 6: *The Chicken Squad*, by Doreen Cronin.
July 26: *Socks*, by Beverly Cleary.

Programs for Age 6 and Younger

Bouncing Babies

Select Fridays at 10:30am: July 16, 23, Aug. 20, 27

Ages 2 mos.-12 mos. w/adult. In-person movement, rhymes & music at the library. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each session.

Intrepid Toddlers

Select Thursdays at 11am: July 1, July 15, July 29, Aug. 12

Ages 13-24 mos. w/adult. Join Ms. Elizabeth for storytime at the library with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each session.

Creature Features

Monday, June 28 at 1pm; Tuesday, July 20 at 10:30am; and Wednesday, July 28 at 4:30pm

Ages 2-6 years. Join Ms. Melinda at the library for a book and some zany animal activities! Register separately for each program.

Virtual Toddlers with Ms. Elizabeth

Thursdays, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 5

Ages 13-24 months. Receive an email with a link to Ms. Elizabeth's pre-recorded storytime and more! Register separately for each program.

Virtual Zoom Escape Room: Escape from the Ranch - Pony Party

Tuesday, June 15 at 5pm

Ages 3-6 years. Can you answer the riddles and puzzles to solve our mysteries? This program is unique with fun themed clues and puzzles that focus on early learning skills.

Zoo Zoo Zoom in the Wild!

Ages 2-6 years. Join Ms. Melinda for an exciting virtual Zoom program full of books, games, songs, puzzles, and more! We will explore several types of animals while introducing basic early reading skills in a fun way for children and families. Additional online resources will be available. Register separately for each session.

Wednesday, June 23 at 4:30pm: Wild Cats

Tuesday, Aug 17 at 10:30am: It's a Jungle Out There

Virtual Craft Program for Ages 3-6

Select Tuesdays at 4:30pm: June 29, July 13, July 27

Ages 3-6 years. Pick up craft materials from the Children's Room the week before the program and then join Ms. Danielle to listen to a story and make a craft. Register separately for each program.


Let's Pretend! Virtual Fun

Ages 2-6 years. Bring your imaginations as we play games, do show-and-tell, and have fun! Register separately for each session.

Monday, July 12 at 11am: Virtual Pet Show- Show off your favorite stuffed pet!

Wednesday, August 25 at 4:30pm: Animal Charades- Act out an animal and we'll all guess!

S.T.E.A.M. Programs

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)  = VIRTUAL PROGRAM

FUN WITH TANGRAMS

Ages 5 and up. What is a Tangram? A Chinese geometric puzzle consisting of a square cut into seven pieces that can be arranged to make various other shapes. Every month the Children's Room will have a new tangram project ready for pickup for children to do at home on their own anytime! Stop by the back door terrace of the Children's Room to pick up, and send a picture of your completed tangram to vlckids@rcls.org by the end of that month for a prize and to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Crafts available all month while supplies last.)

MONTHLY LEGO® CHALLENGE!

June and July

Ages 5 and up. Are you up for a monthly LEGO® challenge? Register anytime to receive an email with the challenge of the month. Create at your own pace at home and share a picture of your results with us to vlckids@rcls.org by the end of that month. Check our YouTube and Facebook to see everyone's creations! Register separately for each program.

WEEKLY LEGO® CHALLENGE!

Weekly in August

Ages 5 and up. Are you up for a weekly LEGO® challenge? Register to receive an email with the challenge of the week. Create at your own pace at home and share a picture of your results with us to vlckids@rcls.org by the end of that week. Check our YouTube and Facebook to see everyone's creations! Register separately for each program.

LET'S BE DRAMATIC: DUCK FOR PRESIDENT

Wednesday, July 7 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 3-6. Come to the library and try your hand at acting in the amusing play adaptation of this entertaining picture book by Doreen Cronin. We'll choose parts, create simple costumes, and read the play together in a fun performance for our adults. Please register each child separately.

CHILDREN'S CRAFT PROGRAM FOR AGES 7-10

Select Wednesdays at 4:30pm: July 14, Aug. 11

Ages 7-10. Join Ms. Meredith at the library to make a cool craft! Register separately for each session.

LEGO® DOTS!

Friday, July 30 at 3:30pm

Ages 6-10. Let's have a cupcake party with LEGO® DOTS at the library! Decorate your own adorable cupcake then take it home!

STORYTELLING GAME

Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 4:30pm

Ages 5 and up. Join Ms. Meredith at the library as we get our imaginations going! Everyone will contribute to our Mad Libs® stories and then we'll make up one of our own stories as well. Be prepared to laugh!

MARSHMALLOW ENGINEERING

Monday, August 16 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 1-6. Can you build a skyscraper from marshmallows and toothpicks? Let's create our most imaginative buildings and have fun learning some basic engineering principles along the way, in person in the library. Buildings will be displayed temporarily in the library.

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S BINGO

Select Thursdays: 5pm- June 17, 4:30pm - July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29

Ages 5 and up. Join Ms. Danielle for Virtual BINGO! Everyone who registers will receive an email with a link to the BINGO card and the Zoom meeting. Register separately for each session.

LET'S DO LETTERBOXING!

Monday, Aug. 2: 4pm - Entering Grades K-3, 5pm - Entering Grades 4-6

Join Ms. Alexis to learn about letterboxing! You will learn all about this worldwide scavenger hunt and make your own personal stamp so that you can start a letterboxing adventure of your own. You might even get a few clues to help you find your first letterbox! A Zoom meeting link will be sent before the program.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten:

This program promotes reading at home to newborns, infants, toddlers, and children up to Kindergarten. The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten. Sign up in the Children's Room to get more information and your first reading record, or print it from our website.

IN OUR GALLERY JULY 1-31 NYACK ART COLLECTIVE

This will be our first gallery exhibit since March 2020 and we are so happy to present the Nyack Art Collective! Visit the library during operating hours to see their work. More exhibits will be scheduled, so stay tuned!

Updates may be found online on our Art Gallery page. If interested in exhibiting, contact Caroline Siecke-Pape at cpape@rcls.org

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet June 16, July 21, and August 18 at 7:30pm on the online conferencing platform Zoom. The public is invited. The link to the meeting will be published on the library's website shortly before the meeting starts. Visit valleycottagelibrary.org to confirm the dates in the event of a schedule change.

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July 5 in observance of Independence Day

September 6 for Labor Day

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