Serving the Residents of the Nyack School District

FOCUS Newsletter - Summer 2024

Valley Cottage Library
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Stay up-to-date! Visit valleycottagelibrary.org for new programs & updates or to sign up for our weekly email newsletter.

V = VIRTUAL PROGRAM  H = HYBRID PROGRAM
Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.
Sign Language interpretation may be available for select programs upon request.

NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps
Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00pm
With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one Preparedness kit.

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GOVERNOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY.

On the Trail Book Club
Select Thursdays at 8:30am
at Congers Lake Memorial Park, 61 Gilchrest Road, Congers
New Book Club! Put on your walking shoes and join us On the Trail. Get your steps in while discussing fascinating true tales. Bring water & a friend!

July 18: Fuzz by Mary Roach
August 15: Islands of Abandonment by Cal Flyn
September 12: Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Sustainability Spotlight
Visit valleycottagelibrary.org/sustainability for more information and updates on our efforts toward sustainability.

Plastic Bag & Film Recycling
Don't trash your plastic bags, bring them to VCL to be recycled! Drop off your plastic bags and film in the collection box in the Library's vestibule. Plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.
As part of the NexTrex Recycling Challenge, we're collecting plastic produce bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap and more. For a full listing of acceptable plastic, visit our web site.

Food Scraps Composting Bags Pick-up
Town of Clarkstown residents, pick up your food scraps composting bags at the Library! Bags can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Clarkstown residents must first register for the composting program at the Clarkstown Town Hall or Highway Department. For more information on the food scraps composting program, visit: www.clarkstown.gov.
Save These September Dates!

**Banned Books Trading Cards Reception**
Wednesday, September 4, 6:00-8:00pm
Celebrate the right to read with the Valley Cottage Library’s Banned Books Week reveal of our 2024 Banned Books Trading Cards. The original works from the trading card decks will be on display in our gallery. Trading card decks from both 2023 and 2024 will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Banned Books Read-a-Thon**
Wednesday, September 25, 2:00-7:00pm
For Banned Books Week we are opening the mic up to those who would like to read from their favorite banned or challenged book. Stay tuned for details and sign-up sheet to come when we get closer to the event. The event will be broken up into different age groups/genres as follows:
- 2:00-3:00pm Adult Classics
- 3:00-4:00pm Books in the News
- 4:00-5:00pm Anything Goes
- 5:00-6:00pm Children’s Storytime — bring your kids!
- 6:00-7:00pm Books for Teens

**Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses**
Saturday, September 21 & Sunday, September 22, 12:00-3:00pm
Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries are happy to announce a special event we will be hosting called Nyack and Valley Cottage Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses!!! This two-day event will take place at the Valley Cottage Library on Saturday, September 21 and at the Nyack Library on Sunday, September 22. Both days will run from 12-3pm. There will be vendors, music, food, and more all provided by local BIPOC-owned businesses. Stay tuned for details!

**Thursdays at 7:00pm**
**September 12: A Psalm for the Wild-Built by Becky Chambers**
Led by Dr. Ricky Werner, Associate Professor of English at Westchester Community College. Centuries before, robots of Panga gained self-awareness, laid down their tools, wandered, and masse into the wilderness, never to be seen again. They faded into myth and urban legend. Now the life of the tea monk who tells this story is upended by the arrival of a robot, there to honor the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question of “what do people need?” is answered. But the answer to that question depends on who you ask, and how. They will need to ask it a lot. Chambers’ series asks: in a world where people have what they want, does having more matter?

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

**Women and Money Roundtable**
Wednesday, July 17, August 14, & September 18 at 1:00pm
This monthly discussion group, started in the spring of 2016, offers an opportunity to learn more in a comfortable setting with other women. The topics will vary every month to stay as current as possible. This is open to women of all levels of financial knowledge.

**Center for Safety and Change Outreach and Information**
Select Tuesdays, 3:00-5:30pm
July 2, August 6, September 3
The Center for Safety & Change will be available in the Library’s Gallery to give information and answer questions. Center for Safety & Change provides critical services and support to women and all victims and survivors of gender-based violence and other crimes while working toward justice by creating social change.

Stop by this information table to learn more, or visit: centersafetyandchange.org
**Adult Summer Reading**

**Adventure Begins at Your Library**

Valley Cottage Library's adult summer reading program runs from June 17 to August 15.

Register for summer reading via the library calendar or submit your first book review and we'll sign you up! Each review submitted earns you a chance to win the grand prize—New York State Parks gift card! Book bingo is back as well; submit your completed bingo card for a chance to win a DIY Miniature Library Kit and a stack of new and forthcoming books to fill your home library!

**Cookbook Club**

Cookbook Club - part book club and part potluck. Select a recipe and bring a batch to the event to share with other participants. Have dinner with us and your neighbors while learning how to cook something new. Registration is required and is done in person at the Reference Desk beginning roughly one month before the event.

**The Book and Pub Club**

Select Tuesdays of every month at 7:00pm at Prohibition River, 82 Main St. in Nyack

The Book and Pub Club meets for librarian-led book discussions over food and drinks. For participants 21+.

**July 16:** *Lucky Red* by Claudia Cravens

A thoroughly modern reimagining of the Western genre, *Lucky Red* is a masterfully crafted, propulsive tale of adventure, loyalty, desire, and love.

**August 20:** *The Last Animal* by Ramona Ausubel

The Last Animal takes readers on a wild, entertaining, and refreshingly different kind of journey, one that explores the possibilities and perils of the human imagination on a changing planet, what it’s like to be a woman in a field dominated by men, and how a wondrous discovery can best be enjoyed with family, even teenagers.

**September 17:** *Julia* by Sandra Newman

An imaginative, feminist, and brilliantly relevant-to-today retelling of Orwell's 1984, from the point of view of Winston Smith's lover, Julia, by critically acclaimed novelist Sandra Newman.

**Shelf Indulgence Book Club**

Select Tuesdays every month at 2:00pm (on hiatus for July & August)

New month, new genre! Join us in person OR via Zoom to indulge in a good book while exploring different genres of literature.

**September 10:** *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Genre: War stories

From the celebrated author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds* comes Kristin Hannah's *The Women*—at once an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided.
Family Programs

Take and Make Crafts
Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup! Send a picture of your completed craft to vclkids@rcis.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Monthly Scavenger Hunt
Ages 12 and under. Win a prize each month for finding the shape of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Community Adventure Game
July 1-31
Find our friend Elmo's selfies around the Children's Room, taken around Valley Cottage. Get a ballot to guess where each picture was taken, then submit it in our ballot box. At the end of the month, we'll pick one winner from the correct ballots to win a prize! No registration.

Music with Mr. Kurt
Monday, July 15 at 6:00pm
All ages. Join 'Mr. Kurt' Gallagher in making music with his guitar and other fun instruments; moving, stomping and singing some silly tunes.

Kindness Crafts
July 15 – August 15
Ages 3 and up with adult(s). There is a new children's room at the Rockland County Department of Social Services building and they need help decorating their walls! Drop in the Children's Room and together let's create a paper chain of kindness that will put a smile on the children's faces!!! No registration.

Family Carnival
Saturday, July 20 from 10am-1pm
All ages. It's the summer, let's have a Carnival!!! We will have mini golf, ring tossing, bowling, darts, a GIANT Connect 4™ and many more fun activities.

Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure
Monday, July 22 at 6:30pm
Entering Grades K-5. Science and stories collide in this all new, interactive STEM show from our entertaining friends at Talewise. Join us on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! The audience will help the performer act out the adventure, using events in the story to explore several exciting science concepts including air pressure, energy transfer, physical vs. chemical changes, and more!

Early Literacy Adventure: We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Friday, July 26 at 11:30am
Ages 2-5 years. Parents and children will go on a station-based, fun-filled bear hunt, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills.

Play-Doh™ Math Club
Monday, July 29 at 10:30am
Entering Grades K-2: Thursday, August 8 at 4:15pm
Entering Grades 3-5: Thursday, June 27 at 4:15pm
[Note: we will get a bit messy so use Sharpie™ markers! What summer adventures can you go on?]

Family BINGO
Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30pm
Ages 5 and up with adult(s). Bring your family to a night of BINGO and win some prizes!

Family Adventure Scavenger Hunt
August 1-31
Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Enjoy a family adventure by doing a scavenger hunt together throughout the library and when it's completed come to the Children's Room to choose a superhero sticker! No registration.

Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head™
August 1-31
Ages 2 and up with adult(s). Come and play with our Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head™ felt board! No registration.

Fun Family Adventure Tales
Monday, August 5 at 6:30pm
Ages 2 and up with adult(s). Wear your PJs and bring your favorite snuggly friend for this fun Family Storytime.

LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style
Monday, August 12 at 6:30pm
Entering Grades K-5. Build with LEGO™ bricks with your family on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and it will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime
Mondays from 10:00am-1:00pm
June 17 – September 9 (Closed on September 2)
Ages 5 and under. It's playtime in the Storytime Room, no matter what the weather brings! A great chance to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Bouncing Babies
Fridays at 10:30am
June 21 – August 16
(no program June 28, July 5, July 19.
August 2 will be at 1:00pm due to late opening)
Ages 2 mos.-17 mos. w/adult. Weekly movement, rhymes, & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Toddler Trails & Tales
Tuesdays at 10:30am
June 25 – August 6 (no program July 16)
Ages 18-35 mos. w/adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

PreK Pirates - Weekly storytimes for ages 3-5
Wednesdays, June 26 – August 14 at 4:30pm
(no program July 3, July 10)
OR Thursdays, June 27 – August 8 at 10:30am
(no program July 4)
Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.
Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents & siblings are welcome to enter for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for each week.

Bach to Rock
Mondays, June 24, July 1 and July 8 at 10:30am
Ages 3-5 years with adult. Children will enjoy developing musical skills in this stimulating and dynamic music and movement class, ending with an exploratory “instrument petting zoo” experience. Register separately for each week.

Spanish Together
Wednesdays, July 17, 24, 31 at 11:00am
Ages 3-5 years with adult. Join Señora Joyce for fun and family-friendly programs, utilizing an interactive approach to teach conversational Spanish and basic vocabulary through a variety of songs and hands-on activities. Register separately for each week.

Passport to Adventure
Tuesday, July 16 at 4:30pm
Entering Grades 1-4.
We'll create our own passport, share our passports and special places with the group. We'll create fun pages about these places, and then a night of BINGO and win some prizes!

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Ages 3-5 years. Let's have fun using Play-Doh™ to make some favorite summer things, then we'll share them with the group. We'll also use Play-Doh™ to make patterns and pieces to do some simple math.

Frog Olympics
Monday, August 5 at 10:30am
Ages 3-5 years. We'll read The Frog Olympics by Brian Moses and Amy Huband, play some Olympic games, and do a craft.

The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten. Stop by the Children's Room any time to sign up, get more information, and your first reading record.
PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Children Entering Grades 1-3
Select Thursdays at 4:15pm
July 25: Mapping Sam by Joyce Hesselberth. Maps are amazing because they are everywhere! We'll read about how maps can help us in our everyday lives and then we will create our own map collage.
August 15: What Can You Do With a Rock? by Pat Zietlow Miller and illustrated by Katie Kath. We can do so many cool things with rocks. Let's read, discuss this book and decorate rocks!

Fun Fiction Book Club for Children Entering Grades 3-5
Thursday, July 18 at 4:15pm
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We will discuss the classic novel, do some fun activity sheets AND invent our very own sweet.

Graphic Novel Book Club with a Creation for Children Entering Grades 3-5
Thursday, August 1 at 4:15pm
Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark, The Graphic Novel by Mary Pope Osborne and illustrated by Kelly and Nichole Matthews. Let's dive into the adventure of the Magic Tree House series and create our own magic tree house!

S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS

ADVENTURE BAGS
Tuesday, June 25 at 4:00pm
Grades 1-4. Decorate a cloth bag with fun designs using Sharpie™ markers! What summer adventures can you go on with your new bag? [Note: we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

BOTLEY® THE CODING ROBOT
Entering Grades 3-5: Thursday, June 27 at 4:15pm
Entering Grades 2-3: Thursday, August 8 at 4:15pm
Let's have fun with Botley® by learning screen-free simple coding and play a game or two!

SNACKS AROUND THE WORLD
Tuesday, July 2 at 5:00pm
Entering Grades 2-6. Let's go on a snack adventure! Join Michelle Barry, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist at ShopRite, to make (and eat) snacks from different cultures around the world. [Please inform the library of any food allergies when registering.]

LEGOS™ CHALLENGE
Monday, July 8 at 5:00pm
Entering Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks! Share your creation with the group and then LEGO™ will be displayed temporarily in the library.

LETS BE DRAMATIC: THE WIZARD OF OZ
Thursday, July 11 at 5:30pm
Entering Grades 3-6. Try your hand at acting in this play based on the children's book! We'll choose parts and simple costumes, and read the play together in a fun performance for our adults. Please register each child separately.

PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE
Tuesday, July 16 at 4:30pm
Entering Grades 4-6. We'll create our own passport, then we'll look through books to choose places we want to visit. We'll create fun pages about these places, and then share our passports and special places with the group.

OLYMPIC GAME FUN
Saturday, July 27 at 10:30am
Entering Grades K-3. Make, play and take away silly games from everyday objects. Go for the Gold as teams prepare for the Paris Olympics this month!

ADVENTURES IN BREAKING
Monday, July 29 at 5:30pm
Entering Grades 3-6. Did you know that breaking, aka breakdancing, will be an Olympic sport for the first time at the Summer 2024 Olympic Games? You be the judge: We'll watch and score some top-level breakers from around the world as they compete to breakdance in Paris!

HULA HOOPING FUN
Tuesday, July 30 at 5:30pm
Entering Grades 1-6. Come have a blast hula hooping! We'll learn tricks, play games, build strength, coordination and balance. Hoops will be provided.

MONSTER HUNT
Tuesday, August 6 at 5:30PM
Entering Grades 2-7. Junior Monster Hunters will follow mysterious trails, uncover hidden clues, solve baffling riddles, decode secret messages, and overcome obstacles as they track down a Monster lurking in the Children's Room, using library research skills to guide them!

SUMMER READING CLUB KICKOFF:
DINOSAURS ROCK®
Fossil Adventure
Thursday, June 20 at 6:30pm
Ages 3-10
Join us for a Jurassic journey to celebrate the start of our Summer Reading Club! See and touch life-size and genuine museum exhibit pieces up-close while learning from a DINOSAURS ROCK expert. This hands-on program is sure to be an interactive, fun, educational experience and you get to take home a real fossil!

SUMMER READING CLUB:
Adventure Begins at Your Library: La Aventura Comienza en tu Biblioteca
June 17-August 15
Join the Valley Cottage Library's Summer Reading Club! Registration starts JUNE 17. 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.
Keep track of reading in your reading log. Younger non-readers can log books read to them or Early Literacy Activities that they do together with an adult. For every 10 days of reading or Early Literacy Activities, children earn their choice of one prize to collect at the Children's Desk.
For more details go to valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, or visit the Children's Room.
Teen Corner
Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

Teen Programs are for Grades 6-12 only unless otherwise specified.

Teen Summer Reading runs from July 1st - August 9th

1. Register using the QR code
2. Read a book and submit a Mini Book Review
3. Earn raffle tickets for reading pages
Visit valleycottagelibrary.org/vclteens for more info!

**Battle of the Books Meeting**
Friday, June 30 at 4:00pm at Nyack Library
Do you love trivia, or maybe just hitting buzzers? Come join our team for Battle of the Books! This exciting competition is a college-bowl style trivia tournament about 8 books from different genres. Pizza will be served.

**Dungeons & Dragons**
Mondays at 5:30pm
July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29
Join our Adventuring party in a 7th level adventure for new and veteran D&D players alike! Led by David Shuman.

**Bucket List Journal Craft**
Tuesday, July 16 at 5:00pm
What do you want to do and where do you want to go? Come create and decorate your own personal bucket list journal and forge your own adventures.

**After Hours**

**Scavenger Hunt**
Friday, July 26 at 5:00pm
Take over the library after closing to explore, solve riddles, and compete for prizes in this library-wide scavenger hunt! Pizza will be served.

**Switch It Up**
Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00pm
Come test your skills and smash the competition!
Play a variety of Switch games on the big screen and eat pizza.

**Yoga**
Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00pm
Join certified Yoga instructor Marielle Lennon for this teen-focused practice of mindfulness, movement, and breathwork. Beginners welcome. Bring water, and feel free to bring your own mat, support blocks, or straps if you use them.

**Community Read:**

**Fahrenheit 451**
Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00pm
Have you been reading this book over the summer like everyone else? Come chat about what you’ve read so far and see what other people think. Pizza and passive crafts will be available. Teens and family members welcome.

**Choose Your Own Writing Adventure**
Wednesday, August 14 at 7pm
Embrace the spirit of adventure as we take a creative writing journey together using all sorts of prompts. Pizza will be served.

Virtual Author Talk Series
Visit valleycottagelibrary.org under the “Events” tab for more information and a complete list of speakers.

Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium

**A Visit to Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Watson**
Tuesday, July 9 at 2:00pm

**Surviving the Summer with The Last Kids on Earth and Max Brallier**
Tuesday, July 16 at 2:00pm

**Learning the Power of Poetry with Bestselling Author Elizabeth Acevedo**
Tuesday, July 23 at 2:00pm

**Graphic Novels are Life! Telling Your Own Story in a Graphic Novel with Dan Santat**
Tuesday, July 30 at 2:00pm

**Behind the Scenes at the Space Station with Jennifer Levassur**
Wednesday, August 7 at 2:00pm

**The Golden Ticket to College Admissions is Not What You Think with Author Irena Smith, PhD**
Thursday, August 15 at 2:00pm

**An Exploration of Friendship, Reckoning, and Hope with novelist Shelby Van Pelt**
Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00pm
**Monday Movie Matinees at 1:00pm**

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**Digital Resource Spotlight**

Tutor.com provides 1-to-1, on-demand, online tutoring from kindergarten through college, as well as career services. Tutors are available from 3PM-10PM, 7 days a week, barring major holidays.

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**Museum Passes**

Nyack School District residents can now visit many of the wonderful museums in NYC and NY State absolutely free simply by checking out a museum pass from either the Valley Cottage Library or the Nyack Library!

- Empire Pass
- Brooklyn Botanical Garden
- Guggenheim Museum
- Storm King Art Center
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
- FDR Presidential Museum & Library, and more!

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**Board Games**

The library has a collection of more than 100 Board Games! From Azul to Villainous, Candyland to Yahtzee. It’s a great way to try something new or reminisce with something classic and a perfect activity for a rainy summer day or balmy night. Take out up to 2 games per week!

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**Sunday Concert**

**Sunday, September 8 at 1:30pm**

**RENNÉ GUERRERO: RHAPSODY IN LOVE**

Pianist Renée Guerrero celebrates the centennial of George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* in performance and will also play his shorter solo piano works. The program will also include rarely performed piano works by his confidante and romantic partner, Kay Swift, the first successful female composer on Broadway. Songs written by Gershwin and Swift will be sung by chanteuse Artemisia LeFay. Registration is required.

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**Artisans and Craftspeople Wanted!**

for our Holiday Craft Fair

**Saturday, December 7, 10am - 4pm**

We are currently accepting applications for the Annual Holiday Craft Fair.

We are seeking artisans and craftspeople who are proficient in their craft. Items must be self-made and unique! Submit at least 10 digital photos of your work for consideration to cpape@rcls.org. No phone calls please. Submission deadline is Monday, October 2. If accepted, the price for a space is $30.
In Our Gallery

JULY:
TINA TRASTER
“AMERICAN BEAUTY”

Art Reception
Saturday, July 13, 1:00-3:00pm

AUGUST:
LORI WEISBART-POLSON
AWAKE WHILE LIVING

Art Reception
Saturday, August 3, 1:00-3:00pm

SEPTEMBER:
BANNED BOOKS TRADING CARDS PROJECT

Art Reception
Wednesday, September 4, 6:00-8:30pm

Contact Caroline Siecke-Pape at cpape@rcls.org if interested in exhibiting in the Library Gallery.

Expected public catalog outage:
Thursday, August 1 through Sunday, August 4

Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) is migrating to a new integrated library system (ILS) this summer. Our patrons will continue to have access to our digital resources (e.g., Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, Mango Languages, etc.), but will be unable sign in to place holds or manage their library accounts via the public catalog from Thursday, August 1 through Sunday, August 4. As always, staff are available to assist you during this time.

The library will open at noon on Friday, August 2 for staff training.

Valley Cottage Library
Member of the Ramapo Catskill Library System
110 Route 303, Valley Cottage, NY 10989
845-268-7700 • valleycottagelibrary.org

Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday
10am-9pm
Friday & Saturday
10am-5pm
Sunday
12-4pm*

*The library closes on Sundays beginning on the first Sunday after Nyack schools close for summer recess and reopens on Sundays following Labor Day.

Holiday Closings:
Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth
Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day
Monday, September 2 - Labor Day