

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.

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Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses



Two Days, Two Libraries!

Saturday, October 3 at Valley Cottage Library, 10-3:00pm

Sunday, October 4 at Nyack Library, 10:00-3:00pm

Join us for our third year celebrating BIPOC businesses, creating a stronger relationship between libraries and our communities.

Food Trucks ♦ Baked Goods ♦ Music ♦ Face Painting
Children's Activities ♦ Health & Wellness ♦ Community Information ♦ Jewelry ♦ Art ♦ Crafts ♦ and more!

Banned Books Trading Cards Project Art Reception

Saturday, September 19, 1:00-3:00pm

Celebrate the right to read with the Valley Cottage Library's 2026 Banned Books Trading Cards Project. Meet the artists and see their original works on display in the Gallery. Trading card decks will be available for purchase.

Light refreshments will be provided.



THE GREAT GIVE BACK

The Great Give Back is a community service initiative for libraries and their patrons.



Children's Clothing Swap

Saturday, October 17, 11:00am-3:00pm

Come find something new-to-you at our Children's Clothing Swap!

How it works:

Drop off your unwanted children's clothing, in all sizes, from October 12-16. We'll be collecting children's clothes, shoes, coats, winter wear and Halloween costumes. Clothing must be in good condition, clean, no odors, rips, holes or stains. Return on Saturday, October 17, 11:00am-3:00pm to "shop" for free for what your family needs. You do not need to donate something to take something. We'll have fun activities to entertain children while you shop.

Collection for St. Paul's Food Cupboard in Valley Cottage

October 5-19

Help the Food Cupboard create Thanksgiving food baskets for families by donating holiday food items like boxed stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams/sweet potatoes, and canned vegetables. Donations of non-perishable, non-expired items can be placed in the collection box by the Circulation Desk.



Give a Kid a Book

Between October 1 and November 1

The Children's Room will collect new, unused books for the Library Association of Rockland County's Youth Services. Books will be given as gifts to children through local charities during the holidays.



ADULT PROGRAMS



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Latin Dance Class with Janet Serrao

6 sessions: Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & November 5 at 11:00am

Get your heart pumping and your feet moving dancing to Latin rhythms and more.

Register for each session separately.

Painting Class: A Taste of Autumn

Friday, October 2 at 1:00pm

Imagine the shine of a freshly picked apple, the rich reds and greens, and that first crisp bite of the season. This guided painting event invites you to celebrate one of October's simplest pleasures through art. Your canvas will already be drawn, so you can enjoy the painting without worrying about getting the shapes right. Your instructor, Claudia Marulanda will guide you through the process. No painting experience is needed. You will leave with a finished seasonal artwork and the satisfying feeling of having created a little piece of fall for yourself. Space is limited - please register.

10 Warning Signs for Alzheimer's

Thursday, October 8 at 12:30pm

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking, and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.

Join us to learn how to recognize common signs of the disease; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

Maturely Motivated Players present Relative-ly Speaking

Saturday, November 7 at 1:00pm

Relative-ly Speaking celebrates family - nature's reality show - with its quirks and comforts. It's the only place where you can be completely weird and still be considered normal. Join us for light-hearted readings that will bring a smile, chuckle, and recognition of a relative or two. Registration required.



Walking the Path Within - One Step at a Time

Thursday, November 5 at 6:30pm

Explore the winding world of labyrinths in this engaging presentation about their history, symbolism, and modern-day uses for relaxation, mindfulness, and well-being. A fun and thought-provoking journey into an ancient practice that still resonates today. Presented by Alphasign & The Labyrinth Society.

Marvelous Mosses: Their biology, history, propagation, and uses

Friday, November 6, 12:30-3:00pm

Known for her interesting presentations, Susan Petro will introduce us to mosses. Mosses have a long and often surprising history. Mosses provide the essential component of peat bogs with their unique plant communities, play a prominent role in Japanese gardens, and their high absorbency and antiseptic properties were commonly used as a wound dressing right through World War I. This presentation will examine these and other fascinating aspects of the truly marvelous mosses.

Presented in partnership with The Garden Club of Nyack. Registration is required.

Blood Drive

Monday, November 9, 1:00-7:00pm

Come support the NYBC during Veterans Day week. Donate and get a free t shirt!

Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, November 21, 10:00am-4:30pm

This 6-hour course is open to ALL NYS licensed drivers. Participants are eligible to receive a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums and reduce up to 4 points. Preregistration is required.

Please visit the library to pay and register.

A check for \$35 made payable to Ian Prastien is required to attend class.

Class starts promptly at 10:00am.

MONTHLIES

Center for Safety and Change Outreach and Information

Wednesdays, October 21, November 18, December 2, 3:00-5:30pm

Center for Safety & Change provides 24 x 7 FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services to support victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes while working toward justice by creating social change.

Stop by this information table to learn more. Or visit: <https://www.centerforsafetyandchange.org/>

Job Club

Fridays, 10:30am-12:30pm

October 9: Networking

November 13: Coping with Job Loss

The Job Club, hosted by the NYS Department of Labor, is a supportive community program designed to assist job seekers in their employment journey. We offer workshops, peer support, resources, and career development to empower participants with the tools and confidence needed to secure meaningful employment and navigate the job market.

Women and Money Roundtable: How to Make Sense of Today's Markets

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

October 14, November 4, December 9

Women often wish they were more informed about finances as they relate to their family and themselves. 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.



WEEKLIES

Yarn Therapy

Tuesdays, 11:30am-1:30pm

If you like to knit or crochet, join our "therapy" sessions. Bring your yarn and tools. Come in to knit, crochet, and socialize. Bring friends or meet new people. Yarn donations are greatly appreciated.

More Than Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm

Gather for Mah Jongg with your own equipment or explore our expansive board game collection. No registration is required. No instruction is provided. Open to beginners and advanced. All are welcome to attend.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Thursday, November 12 at 7:00pm

Join Katie and Ashley for the the cookbook club – part book club and part potluck. Register and make a copy of your recipe at the reference desk. Registration will open approximately one month before the meeting. Bring one batch of that recipe to the event and share it with other participants. Have dinner with us and your neighbors while learning how to cook something new.

New York Times Easy Weeknight Dinners
and **Good Housekeeping's The Best-Ever Cookie Book**

This month we will be cooking through two books.

Best of all, all the *New York Times* recipes will be easily available through the library's access to the digital *New York Times*! Visit valleycottagelibrary.org and scroll down to click on the *New York Times* logo.



Board Game Night

Select Thursdays at 7:00pm

October 29 and November 19

Come play a game from our Board Game Collection or bring a favorite game of your own. Bring friends and make more!



THE BOOK AND PUB CLUB

Select Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Join librarians Katie and Analisa at Burger Loft, 82 Main St. in Nyack, for book discussions over food and drinks. For participants 21+.

October 20: *Witchcraft for Wayward Girls* by Grady Hendrix

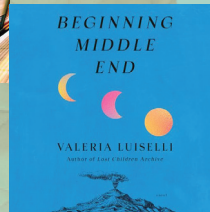
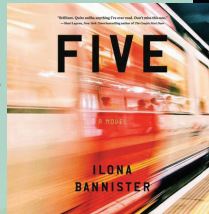
In *Witchcraft for Wayward Girls*, the author of *How to Sell a Haunted House* and *The Final Girl Support Group* delivers another searing, completely original novel and further cements his status as a "horror master" (NPR).

November 17: *Five* by Ilona Bannister

Five looks at some of the most complicated issues of contemporary life: motherhood, disability, addiction. Every stranger has a story. And in Ilona Bannister's skillful hands, five people's stories come together to create an unforgettable novel.

December 15: *Beginning Middle End* by Valeria Luiselli

From the beloved, award-winning author of the modern classics *Lost Children Archive* and *Tell Me How It Ends* comes her most powerful and page-turning novel yet: the tale of a mother and a daughter starting over, searching for a new story.



Beyond the Book: A Biography Club

Select Tuesdays at 2:30pm

The Beyond the Book Club is a biographies and memoirs club where we will explore the stories of fascinating people, the lives they led, and the art they created. This quarter, we are reading about actors! This will be led by our librarian, Analisa. For more information, email Analisa at acaso@rcls.org.

October 13: *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey

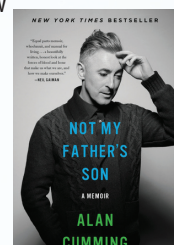
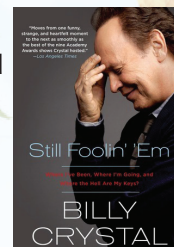
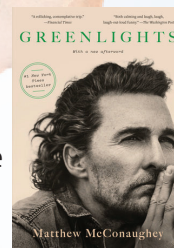
"I've been in this life for fifty years, been trying to work out its riddle for forty-two, and been keeping diaries of clues to that riddle for the last thirty-five. Notes about successes and failures, joys and sorrows, things that made me marvel, and things that made me laugh out loud. How to be fair. How to have less stress. How to have fun. How to hurt people less. How to get hurt less. How to be a good man. How to have meaning in life. How to be more me."

November 12: *Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys?* by Billy Crystal

Hilarious and heartfelt observations on aging from one of America's favorite comedians, now that he's 65, and a look back at a remarkable career. As wise and poignant as they are funny, Crystal's reflections are an unforgettable look at an extraordinary life well lived.

October 13: *Not My Father's Son* by Alan Cumming

In his unique and engaging voice, the acclaimed actor of stage and screen shares the emotional story of his complicated relationship with his father and the deeply buried family secrets that shaped his life and career.



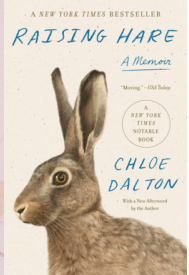
ON THE TRAIL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 1 at 8:30am

Put on your walking shoes and join us On the Trail at **Congers Memorial Park, 8 Gilchrist Rd, Congers, NY**. Get your steps in while discussing fascinating true tales. This will be our last discussion of the season! A rain date will be scheduled, if needed. A decision will be posted one day prior to the scheduled event.

***Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton**

A moving and fascinating meditation on freedom, trust, loss, and our relationship with the natural world, explored through the story of one woman's unlikely friendship with a wild hare.



TECH TUESDAY

Select Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00pm

October 6, November 3, & December 1

Come by for technology assistance! We will provide specific assistance with personal tech devices and do our best to help you with using apps, software, and devices. This is intended for quick questions and fixes; staff is NOT able to diagnose computer problems or generate content for a user.

Please register for this program and let us know what kind of assistance you might need, such as the device or specific app you need help with.

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM FALL PROGRAMS 2026

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 valkids@rcls.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 for finding the shape of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Tiny Explorers Library Quest

Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-7 years. For Library Card Month, we'll read *Leilong the Library Bus* by Julia Liu, illustrated by Bei Lynn; then we'll create a library-themed craft and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the library's book drop area with the help of our friends in the Circulation Department.

Grandparents' Storytime

Friday, September 25 at 11:00am

All ages. Come for a special story time with stories, songs, and a craft.

Wiggling Words

Monday, October 5 at 4:30pm

Ages 4-7 years. The letters of the alphabet can be confusing. Come and read *Wiggling Words* by Kate Rolfe and make an art project using alphabet letter stamps.

Family Magic Show!

Monday, October 12 at 10:30am

Ages 3 and up. Magician Jonathan Blair's interactive comedy magic show features incredible illusions, hilarious juggling, and coins that appear from out-of-thin-air, ending in a big finale with his famous Chinese linking rings!

September is Library Card Month! If your child signs up for a library card in September, visit the Children's Room Desk for a special prize.

Saturday Crafts

Saturday, October 17: Halloween Ghosts

Saturday, November 21: Thanksgiving Garland
10:00am-4:00pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in anytime on the days above and have fun making a holiday craft! No registration.

The Halloween Show

Saturday, October 24 at 11:00am

All ages. Wear your costume as we get in the spirit for Halloween! Tom Gardner of the Uncle Brothers will entertain with his fun brand of danceable music. It will be fun for the whole family!

Fun Family Storytime

Tuesday, October 27* and

Monday, December 7 at 6:30pm

Ages 2 and up with adult(s). PJs are optional! Bring your favorite snuggly friend and the whole family for this fun storytime. Register separately for each program.

* October 27 features a glow-in-the dark storytime!

Celebrate Election Day!

Tuesday, November 3 all day

All ages. Vote for your favorite book character! Be part of the democratic process and get a voting sticker. No registration.

Drop-In Bookmark Making

Saturday, November 7 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

All Ages. Get ready to celebrate Children's Book Week by making your own personalized bookmark.

School Closing Craft

Wednesday, November 11 all day

Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Drop in all day to create a cool fall craft. No registration.

Friends & Feelings Storytime

Saturday, November 14 at 11:30am

Ages 3-12 years. Patrice Douglas, LCSW will lead a workshop using interactive read-alouds and discussion. Children will gain skills such as emotional awareness, empathy, and self-regulation in a fun, friendly, and engaging environment.

Food-Free Gingerbread House*

Tuesday, December 8 at 5:30pm

Ages 2-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, food-free 3-D gingerbread house and a gingerbread house sticker sheet to take home! Great for families who need to avoid a gingerbread food-based craft.

Make a Gingerbread House*

Thursday, December 10 at 5:30pm

OR Saturday, December 12 at 11:00am.

Ages 3-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, edible gingerbread work of art as a family to take home!

* **Registration starts December 1 for the Gingerbread House programs. Please register for only one Gingerbread program.**

Amelia Bedelia Easy Reader Book Club

Monday, December 14 at 4:30pm

Ages 4-7 years. Calling all new and emerging readers! Let's read *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish, illustrated by Fritz Siebel together and then have fun with themed literacy activities surrounding everyone's favorite funny, literal-minded housekeeper.

Celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh at 100!

Wednesday, December 23 – Sunday, January 3

Ages 3 and up. Drop in to color your favorite character from the 100 Acre Wood to celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh's 100th birthday! Characters will be displayed in the Children's Room for the month of January. No registration.

Book Lover's Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, December 23 – Sunday, January 3

Ages 12 and under. Win a star sticker for finding some favorite book covers and answering the clues hidden around the Children's Room during winter break! No registration.

Noon Year's Eve Silent Disco

Thursday, December 31 at 11:00am

Ages 10 and under. Put on your shiniest shoes and dance the day away! Celebrate Noon Year's Eve with a silent disco and balloon drop.

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN: BOOK CLUBS

Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

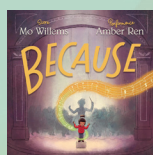
Picture Book Worms:

Book Clubs for Grades K-3

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

October 1: *Because* by Mo Willems, illustrated by Amber Ren. We will read this beautiful story about the beauty of music. Then we will make a Mosaic Music Note!

November 5: *Zonia's Rain Forest* by Juana Martinez-Neal. We will join Zonia in the Amazon rainforest and create our own rainforest animal.



Fun Fiction:

Book Club for Grades 2-4

Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30pm

Horrible Harry at

Halloween by Suzy Kline, illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz. Let's find out Harry's big costume reveal then do some fun activity sheets.



Graphic Novel Nation:

Book Club for Grades 3-6

Thursday, November 12 at 4:15pm

Sidekicks by Dan Santat.

Who doesn't want to be a superhero? Or at least a sidekick! We will read about Captain Amazing's new sidekick and create a superhero of our own.



Registration begins on September 9 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins September 16. Registration is required unless noted otherwise. Register online at www.valleycottage library.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am to 1:00pm

September 14 – December 28

Ages 5 and under. Meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Autumn Baby Tales

Fridays at 10:30am

September 25 – December 4

(No program October 30 & November 27).

Ages 2-17 mos. w/adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30am

September 22 – December 1

(No program October 27, November 3 & 17)

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 Fall Storytime

Wednesdays, September 23 – December 2 at

4:30pm (no program October 28, November 11 & 25)

Thursdays, September 24 – December 3 at 10:30am

(no program October 29, November 12 & 26)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Ages 3-5. Great books, games, songs and crafts!

Parents and siblings are welcome to enter for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for each week.

Little Luminaries Drop-In Open Play

Monday, September 28 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Ages 3-5 years. Ready to glow? Come test-drive our brand-new light boxes, powered by an awesome Orange & Rockland STEM Grant. (@ORUConnect) Drop-in and get hands-on with our blocks, cubes, letters, numbers, and more! No registration.

Play to Learn

Ages 3-5. Join us for autumn adventures! We'll read the book and participate in some fun math, literacy, and crafty activities.

Friday, October 2 at 11:00am: *Mouse's First Fall* by Lauren Thompson, illustrated by Buket Erdogan.

Monday, November 9 at 10:30am: *Ten in the Bed* by Jane Cabrera.

Tuesday, December 1 at 4:30pm: *Baking Day at Grandma's* by Anika Denise, illustrated by Christopher Denise.

Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, October 3 at 11:30am

Ages 2-5 years. Come and join us for stories, songs and movement in both Spanish and English!

Zumbini Time With Tina

Mondays, October 19, 26 & November 2 at 4:30pm

Ages 5 and under. Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development, best for children ages 0-5 with adult participation. Register separately for each week.

Early Literacy Adventure: *LMNO Peas* by Keith Baker

Friday, October 30 at 10:30am

Ages 2½ - 5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, *LMNO Peas* by Keith Baker, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills, including ABCs, 123s, colors and shapes.

Chicka Chicka 1,2,3

Friday, November 13 at 11:00am

Ages 3-5 years. Have fun with math activities centered on the book, *Chicka Chicka 1,2,3* by Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson, illustrated by Lois Ehlert.

Little Luminaries Club

Tuesday, November 17 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-5 years. Step into a world of color, creation, and discovery with our brand-new light boxes, powered by an awesome Orange & Rockland STEM Grant (@ORUConnect). Explore science, math, and literacy as part of a station-based adventure with our new blocks, cubes, mats, and so much more!

Boogie Woogie Babies

Mondays, December 7-21 at 10:30am

Ages 6 months - 5 years. A Baby and Me dance class that consists of singing, working on fine motor skills, and dancing. These classes are a fun interactive way for children and their adults to socialize, learn, and be active! Register separately for each week.

Winter Holiday Sing Along with Miss Jen

Tuesday, December 15 at 10:30am

Ages 5 and under. Come and sing some seasonal holiday songs with Miss Jen!

S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, MATH)

PAPER STRIP APPLE CRAFT

Tuesday, September 22 at 4:30pm

Grades 2-5. Join us to read *Picking Apples and Pumpkins* by Amy and Richard Hutchings. We will create and decorate colorful apples out of paper to take home.

STEM QUEST

Tuesdays, September 29 – November 3

at 4:30pm (6 week series)

Grades 3-6. Join the Clarkstown High School North Robotics Team for a STEM program that introduces engineering through fun, interactive challenges. Register separately for each week.

READ TO KAYA THE DOG

Monday, October 12 at 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, or 6:15pm

Grades 2-5. Kaya, a gentle, friendly therapy dog, loves stories and provides calm, nonjudgmental listening, helping children build confidence and have fun with reading!

MOVEMENT BINGO + SUGAR SKULL ART

Monday, October 26 at 5:30pm

Grades 2-5. Join Ms. LaToya for a fun game of movement BINGO, then decorate a sugar skull in the Mexican tradition for Día de los Muertos! [Note: we will get messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

HAUNTED HOUSES

Thursday, October 29 at 4:15pm

Grades K-3. We will have fun coloring and stickering 3-D haunted houses!

FALL DECOUPAGE CRAFT

Tuesday, November 10 at 4:30pm

Grades 1-4. We will read *Pete the Cat: Falling for Autumn* by Kimberly and James Dean and then use Mod Podge® to decorate a leaf, pumpkin or a turkey with colored tissue paper and glitter to take home.

[Note: we will get a bit sticky and messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

LEGO™ CHALLENGE!

Monday, November 16 at 4:30pm

Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks and share your creation with the group! LEGO™ creations will be displayed temporarily in the library.

WORDLE & SNACKS

Thursday, November 19 at 4:15pm

Grades 3-6. You have six attempts to guess the word. That's right, let's play WORDLE and enjoy some snacks!

CODING WITH BOTLEY™

Monday, November 23 at 5:00pm

Grades 1-4. Let's have fun learning simple screen-free coding with Botley™ the Coding Robot, then we'll try a few games!

Registration for our Winter Programs starts on January 6 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 13.

TEEN CORNER

Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

TEEN PROGRAMS ARE FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB

Select Tuesdays at 4:00pm

September 29, October 27, & November 24

Bring your favorite books and brag about them!

Share your favorite stories and find your next amazing read. Snacks will be provided.

PAINT & PASS

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00pm

Come make some wacky collaborative art!

We will work on timed prompts to collaboratively make hilarious and unique paintings.

Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on!



SPOOKY SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, October 23

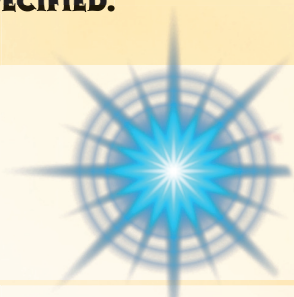
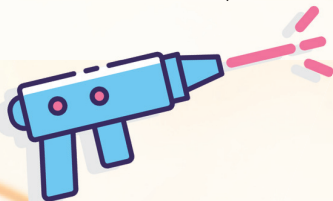
from 5:00-6:30pm

Join us for a Halloween-themed scavenger hunt after-hours! Pizza provided.

LASER TAG LOCK IN

Friday, November 20, 5:00-6:30pm

Have you ever played Capture the Flag? Have you ever played it in the library after dark with a laser? Now's your chance! Pizza will be provided.



ART FUSION

November 2, 5, 9, & 12

4:00-6:00pm

Join Art Fusion to come and make art! We will explore different styles and mediums. All skill levels are welcome. Bring your own preferred art supplies or use the library's. Program created and run by teen volunteer, Franchesca Luciano.

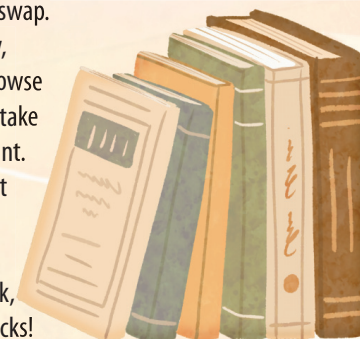


TEEN BOOK SWAP

Saturday, November 14, 12:00-2:00pm

Be grateful for a new book! Beginning on November 1, drop off any new or gently used teen books you'd like to swap.

Return on Saturday, November 14 to browse for new books and take home what you want. Stick around to chat with other book swappers, make your own bookmark, and have some snacks!



SOLSTICE SILENT DISCO

Wednesday,

December 23,

7:00-8:30pm

Wear comfy shoes and kick off winter break with a dance party at the library!



TEEN GRAB BAG

Not sure what you want to read these days? Fill out the form on the teen page of our website and have your teen librarian build a custom bag of library books just for you!



Virtual Author Talk Series

Visit valleycottagelibrary.org under the "Events" tab for more information and a complete list of speakers.

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Author Talk Series: Veronica Roth

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00pm



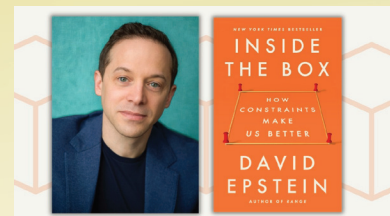
Author Talk Series: Carolyn Russo

Thursday, October 8 at 2:00pm



Author Talk Series: David Epstein

Tuesday, October 13 at 2:00pm



Don't forget! If you can't attend the livestream, you may access the recording! Visit "Author Talk Series" under the "Events" tab at valleycottagelibrary.org.

Concerts

Albert Ahlf Trio Sunday, October 11 at 1:30pm

Join us for a fun beat jazz piano trio performance with vocals consisting of classic Sinatra crooner songs/swing and some jazzed up pop and rock tunes.

Albert Ahlf - piano and vocals
Matt Dwonszyk - bass
Alex Aitken - drums



Masterwork Conversations Sunday, November 15 at 1:30pm

As the United States celebrates 250 years of independence, we feel caught up in the spirit of the times and want to celebrate with a concert of American music!

Join us and make music a part of your celebration!



Rockland Camerata Sunday, November 22 at 1:30pm

The Rockland Camerata is proud to present a selection of pieces from our upcoming event Old Wine in New Bottles, which features newer musical settings of much older poems.



BridgeMusik Holiday Concert Friday, December 11 at 4:00pm

BridgeMusik, founded in 2018 by Rockland County residents Tanya Witek and Krystof Witek, is a community-centered musical initiative that has made a profound impact on students, professional musicians, and the broader community.



Doug Munro and La Pompe Attack: A Gypsy Charlie Brown Christmas

Sunday, December 13
at 1:30pm

For a special holiday treat La Pompe Attack will be playing songs from the classic "Merry Christmas Charlie Brown" TV special as well as some of your favorite classic Holiday songs. All the songs will be performed in the hot jazz style of Django Reinhardt with Doug Munro's special swinging arrangements and unique entertaining style.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 5, 10am - 4pm

We are accepting vendor applications until Monday, November 2.

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, November 2. If accepted, the price for a space is \$30.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES AT 1:00PM

OCTOBER 5

You, Me & Tuscany

2026 | PG-13 | 1h 45m



OCTOBER 19

Mickey 17

2025 | R | 2h 17m



OCTOBER 26

Project Hail Mary

2026 | PG-13 | 2h 36m



NOVEMBER 16

Lorne: The Legend Behind Saturday Night

2026 | R | 1h 41m



NOVEMBER 23

Crime 101

2026 | R | 2h 20m



NOVEMBER 30

Mercy

2026 | PG-13 | 1h 39m



DECEMBER 14

Midwinter Break

2026 | PG-13 | 1h 30m



DECEMBER 21

Michael

2026 | PG-13 | 2h 7m



DECEMBER 28

The Sapphires

2012 | PG-13 | 1h 43m



IN OUR GALLERY

October: Judith Debiase



November: Rockland County Art in Public Places (AIPP) Celebrating 40 years!

rockland county art in public places



December: International Print Art Association (IPAA) New Wave: K-Art in NY



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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Valley Cottage Library Board of Trustees invites you to apply to become a Valley Cottage Library trustee. As a seven-member volunteer Board of Trustees, each year one or two trustees' 5-year terms end at which time the incumbent can run again and an eligible association member can also apply. An eligible association member is any registered voter residing in Valley Cottage. One seat will be open for election at the Annual Association meeting scheduled for **January 20, 2027 at 7:30pm**.

To apply, email a letter of interest and resume to vltrustees@rcs.org. Letters of interest and resumes received by October 16 will allow for the candidate to meet the Board at an upcoming Board meeting. The final deadline for letter of interest and resume submission is December 31, 2026. All candidates will be emailed an informational packet. If you need further information, please contact Christy Blanchette, Library Director.

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet October 21, November 18, and December 16 at 7:30pm. The public is invited. Visit valleycottagelibrary.org to confirm the dates in the event of a schedule or venue change.

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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:

Thanksgiving Eve - close at 1pm
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve - close at 1pm
Christmas Day

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