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The Board of Trustees and Staff of Valley Cottage Library wish our wonderful community Happy Holidays and a healthy, joyful New Year!

V = VIRTUAL PROGRAM **H** = HYBRID PROGRAM

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Film Screening: That Kid

Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30pm

THAT KID tells the story of a young, gifted Black boy from Nyack Plaza named James. All of his elders do their darndest to help him prepare for life in a system that is predicated on his exploitation rather than designed for his success.

In our culture, a person or community's monetary wealth is frequently mistaken for their real value as human beings.

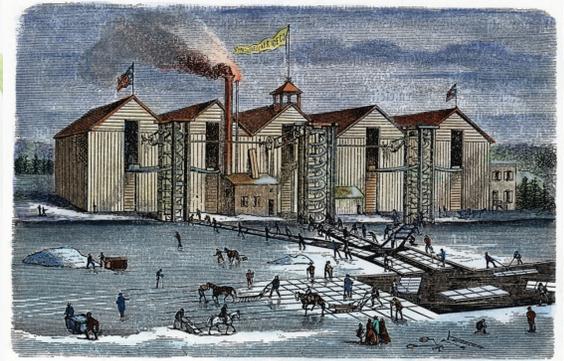
Many people probably think about the residents of Nyack Plaza in terms of what they don't have. Ashley Dawson's fictional debut THAT KID shows us something else, on both sides of the camera. It is a community creation embodying the kind of value which cannot be bought with money (or entirely displaced through eminent domain, either!).

After the film, stay for a discussion with filmmakers Ashley Dawson and Brooklyn Demme.

Writer, Director, Executive Producer: Ashley Dawson, Producer, Cinematographer, Editor: Brooklyn Demme,

Co-Producer: Norris Spotted War Turtle Branham

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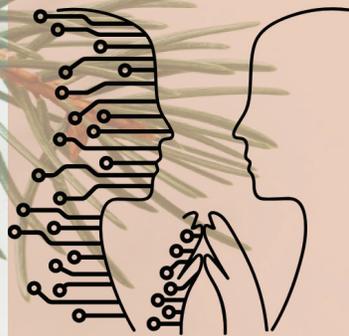


Timothy Englert: History of Knickerbocker Ice Festival at Rockland Lake

Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm

Timothy Englert's fascination with ice began when he decided to make a log bench for the ruins of the Knickerbocker Ice Houses, thus creating the Knickerbocker Bench, found along trails throughout the Hudson Valley and beyond.

He co-founded the Knickerbocker Ice Festival at Rockland Lake with the late Valley Cottage resident and ice sculptor Robert Patalano, in whose memory the festival will return on the weekend of January 22nd-24th, with teams of ice sculptors creating huge sculptures along the banks of the lake. He will discuss the genesis of the ice industry at Rockland Lake, and of the global impact that it had for close to 50 years. He will also discuss the mission of The Kinship of Ice, a charity that he and Mr. Patalano created last year to preserve, interpret, and celebrate the unique ice history of Rockland Lake. Registration required.



The Good, the Bad, and the Scary of AI

Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30pm

A discussion on morals, values, and ethics associated with AI and its ramifications on society as well as a discussion on the scams, deepfakes, job displacement, and intellectual property implications of AI. Registration required.

Presented by Eddi Khaytman, Web Developer and AI consultant.

TECH TUESDAYS

2:00-4:00pm

We are now offering a drop-in technology assistance program! Beginning in January, drop into the Glass Room Tuesdays between 2:00-4:00pm for assistance with personal tech devices. We will do our best to assist you in 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.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Tech Tuesday will not be offered February 10.



ADULT PROGRAMS



= VIRTUAL PROGRAM



= HYBRID PROGRAM

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Health & Wellness

Yoga with Gisele Brown

Thursdays, January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 11:00am

A mixed level class that is inviting to anyone with focus on alignment and breath to ease you toward a sense of ease and relaxation. Please bring your own mat and props. Registration is required. Please note that registration is separate for each session.

T'ai Chi Chih

Wednesdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 11:00am

T'ai Chi Chih® is a moving meditation consisting of 19 gentle and easy-to-learn movements and 1 pose. The discipline is based on four ancient principles of wellness, wisdom, peace of mind, and longevity. You will experience a sense of calmness, peace, positive energy, and improved health.

- ◇ Equipment is not required.
- ◇ Wear comfortable clothing and footwear.
- ◇ Classes can be modified for seated participants.

Join T'ai Chi Chih® and enhance your health and wellness without stress or tension. Please note that registration is for the entire series.

Healthy Eating on a Budget

Saturdays, February 21 & March 21 at 2:00pm

Learn practical, sustainable tips to eat healthy, save money, and reduce food waste — without sacrificing flavor or convenience. In this interactive workshop, Registered Dietitian Patricia



Pauyo shares simple strategies for meal planning and cooking balanced meals on a budget. Perfect for anyone looking to make healthy eating more affordable and realistic. Patricia Pauyo is a Haitian-American registered dietitian and the founder of Pathway Nutrition, a virtual private practice dedicated to helping busy professionals prioritize their health through culturally relevant nutrition strategies, mindset work, and sustainable habit change.

Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, January 10, 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.

Painting Class: Winter Night Landscape

Friday, January 16 at 1:00pm

Capture the quiet beauty of a snowy evening in this creative painting workshop.

With a pre-drawn canvas to guide you, you'll find it easy to relax, enjoy the process, and let your creativity flow.

No experience needed. Supplies provided. Just bring yourself and leave with a painting that makes you smile. Registration required.



SNAP Application Help and Information

Friday, January 23, 10:00am – 1:30pm in the Gallery

SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, helps millions of New Yorkers buy the food they need to stay healthy. Jillian O'Donohoe, NOEP Coordinator



at CCCSR, will be available to explain how the program works, how eligibility is determined, and what the process of applying is like. She will be available to assess individuals' and families' eligibility and schedule appointments to go through the application process with anyone interested.

New Year, New Cheese

Thursday, February 5 at 6:30pm

New year, new habits and one very delicious resolution:

try new cheese. This guided tasting invites you to expand your palate and discover styles you may not have reached for before. Guests will sample five artisan cheeses, learning what makes each one special and how to enjoy them at home with confidence.

The class is led by Jessica Kesselman, ACS CCP, Scott & Joe's Educator-in-Residence. Jessica is a Certified Cheese Professional by the American Cheese Society and brings years of experience as a cheese educator, beginning her career behind the counter at Murray's Cheese and later teaching and leading tastings for audiences of all levels. Her approach is warm, informative, and welcoming to beginners and enthusiasts alike.

No prior cheese knowledge required, just curiosity and an appetite for something new. Registration is required.

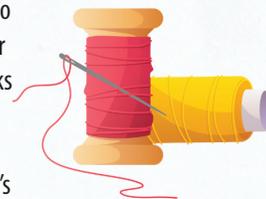


Mending Workshop

Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm

Are you tired of throwing away clothes that have small holes or other damage? Learn how to repair them instead! Join us to learn some basic repairs for holes, rips and tears to your favorite clothing while also learning how to make art out of these imperfections.

Heather Yarrington started learning how to sew at age 3 and never stopped. Heather works on personal projects, assists with the New York Renaissance Faire's costume department, attends FIT's Precollege and Continuing Education programs, and owns a custom clothing business. Registration required.



MONTHLIES

Job Club

Fridays, January 9, February 13, March 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm

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.

Center for Safety and Change Outreach and Information

Mondays, January 12, February 9, & March 16, 3:00-5:30pm

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: centerforsafetyandchange.org



COOKBOOK CLUB

Join Katie and Ashley for 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.

The Complete Modern Pantry **by America's Test Kitchen**

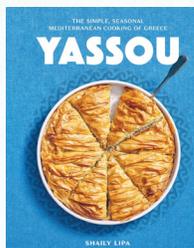
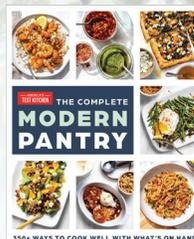
Monday, January 26 at 7:00pm

Flexibility should be in every cook's arsenal—sometimes you can't always get to the supermarket. This invaluable cooking resource from America's Test Kitchen shows cooks how to make use of their pantry by thinking in categories. The recipe is the blueprint—you focus on what the ingredients do, not just what they are.

Yassou by Shaily Lipa

Monday, March 2 at 7:00pm

Greek food, born of the land where sun meets sea, is built on the delicious, healthy pillars of abundant fresh vegetables and fish, olive oil, whole grains, legumes, artisanal cheeses, and fruit—accompanied by an occasional glass of wine. This food's everlasting appeal is captured in the recipes and gorgeous photographs of *Yassou*, inspired by the spirit of the word used to greet a loved one or a friend, perhaps when inviting them to share a bite.



Board Game Night

Select Thursdays every month at 7pm

January 29, February 26, March 26

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 Megan in local bars and restaurants for book discussions over food and drinks. For participants 21+.

January 20: *Twist* by Colum McCann at **The Burger Loft, 3 N Broadway, Nyack**

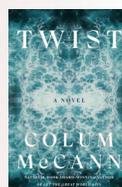
Resoundingly simple and turbulent at the same time, *Twist* is a meditation on the nature of narrative and truth from one of the great storytellers of our times.

February 17: *The Dark Maestro* by Brendan Slocumb at **Prohibition River, 82 Main St, Nyack**

A propulsive and moving story about sacrifice, loyalty, and the indomitable human spirit, *The Dark Maestro* is Brendan Slocumb at the height of his powers.

March 24: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid at **The Burger Loft, 3 N Broadway, Nyack**

Fast-paced, thrilling, and emotional, *Atmosphere* is Taylor Jenkins Reid at her best: transporting readers to iconic times and places, creating complex protagonists, and telling a passionate and soaring story about the transformative power of love—this time among the stars.



VCWRITES

First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
February 5 and March 5

Join our librarian, Analisa, for a monthly writing workshop. Participants share their work via email one week before the meeting, and then receive feedback at the monthly sessions. For submission guidelines and more information, please email Analisa at acaso@rcls.org.

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 artists, the lives they led, and the art they created. This quarter, we will continue reading about the lives of cooks, chefs, and food professionals. This will be led by librarian Analisa. For more information, email Analisa at acaso@rcls.org

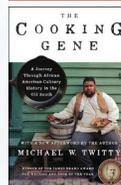
January 13: *Taste: My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci

Written with Stanley's signature wry humor, *Taste* is for fans of Bill Buford, Gabrielle Hamilton, and Ruth Reichl—and anyone who knows the power of a home-cooked meal.

February 10: *The Cooking Gene: A Journey through African-American Culinary History in the Old South* by Michael W. Twitty

A James Beard Award-winning memoir of Southern cuisine and food culture tracing one man's ancestry through food, from Africa to America and from slavery to freedom.

March 10: *Finding Freedom: A Cook's Story Remaking a Life from Scratch* by Erin French
Erin reveals the passion and courage needed to invent oneself anew, and the poignant, timeless connections between food and generosity, renewal and freedom.



WEEKLIES

Yarn Therapy

Tuesdays at 11:30am

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, 1-3:00pm**

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.

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CHILDREN'S ROOM WINTER PROGRAMS 2026

Family Programs

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.

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! Send a picture of your completed craft to vlkids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Snowman in Disguise

January

Ages 3 and up. Drop in to decorate a paper snowman by cutting, coloring and gluing a new 'disguise' costume for your snowman. Snowmen will be temporarily displayed to cheer up the Children's Room, then will be returned to children in late March.

Winter Crafts at the Library

Ages 3 and up with adult(s).

January 11-18: Decorate a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day peace heart to hang at home.

February 7-14: Create a Valentine for the one you love. Drop in all day – no registration.

 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.

The Tiny Engineers Club

Saturdays, January 17 & February 21 at 11:30am

Ages 3-7 years. Have fun while developing math, science and fine motor skills! We'll build and play with our new Magna-Tiles®, obtained through an Orange & Rockland STEM Grant. (@ORUConnect) Please register separately for each program.

Homeschool Hangout

**Fridays, January 30 & March 6
11:00am – 12:00pm**

All ages. Come for a social hour to meet other homeschooling families and share ideas and resources. There will be games and art activities for the children to do as they socialize. Register separately for each program.

Valentine Love Bugs

Saturday, January 31, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in to cut, color and glue together an adorable Love Bug for Valentine's Day! No registration.

Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color

Saturday, February 7 at 11:00am

All ages. Let's celebrate 'Take Your Child to the Library Day' as Science Heroes turn science into a fun adventure! Through interactive stories and hands-on experiments with physical and chemical changes, the laws of motion, air pressure, and more, children will be excited about science and the scientists who color our world with art!

LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00pm

Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups and siblings on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and then it will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

Bilingual Family Storytime

Thursday, February 12 at 6:00pm

Ages 2 and up. Bring your favorite snuggly friend and join us for stories, songs and movement in both Spanish and English!

Fun Family Storytime

Monday, March 16 at 6:00pm

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

Eyes of the Wild Animals

Friday, March 20 at 11:00am

Ages 3 and up. During the Superintendent's Conference Day, meet and touch live animals with Eyes of the Wild! Families will be educated and entertained learning about a variety of animals. This is where animals, education and fun collide!

Biscuit Easy Reader Book Club

Tuesday, March 24 at 4:30pm

Ages 4-7 years. Calling all new and emerging readers! Let's read a Biscuit adventure together and then have fun with some themed literacy activities surrounding everyone's favorite yellow puppy. Woof! Woof!

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

**Mondays, January 5 – March 30, 10:00am-1:00pm
(No program January 19 & February 16)**

Ages 5 and under. Playtime in the Storytime Room is a great way to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys, and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Winter Babies

**Fridays, January 23 – March 27, at 10:30am
(No program February 13, 20 & March 20)**

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

Toddler Tales

**Tuesdays, January 20 – March 24
at 10:30am OR 2:00pm (No program February 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 Winter Storytime

**Wednesdays, January 21 – March 25 at 4:30pm
(no program Feb. 18)**

**Thursdays, January 22 – March 26 at 10:30am
(no program Feb. 19)**

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Ages 3-5 years. Weekly storytimes including 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.

Katy and the Big Snow

Friday, January 23 at 11:00am

Ages 3-5 years. Join us for a winter wonderland adventure celebrating *Katy and the Big Snow* by Virginia Lee Burton. We'll read the book and participate in some fun math, literacy, and crafty activities.

Baby Drumhand

Mondays, February 2, February 9, March 9, & March 16 at 10:30am

Ages 5 and under with adult. Join Song and Beat for an inclusive and uniquely fun musical experience! In each program, children will visit a different PanAfrican country, discover their flag and drums, learn their songs, play, and laugh. Register separately for each week.

Early Literacy Adventure: The Mitten

Monday, March 2 at 10:30am

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



Registration begins on January 7 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 14. Registration is required unless noted otherwise. Register online at www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN: BOOK CLUBS

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

Poetry Picture Book Worms Book Clubs

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm
Grades K-3

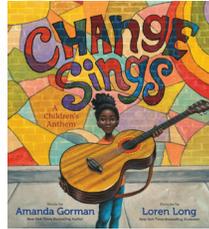
Thursday, January 29: *Something, Someday* by Amanda Gorman, illustrated by Christian Robinson.

We will read this beautiful book and learn that the small actions could end up being the biggest changes. Then we will do a paper plant craft.



Thursday, February 26: *Change Sings: A Children's Anthem* by Amanda Gorman, illustrated by Loren Long.

Everyone has the ability to make a change in the world! We will read this inspirational book and then do a guitar craft.



Graphic Novel Nation Book Club

Thursday, February 5 at 4:15pm
Grades 3-6

Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke.

We will discuss Zita's adventures then we will do a maze, a word search, and work on a Zita comic.



Biography Book Club

Thursday, March 19 at 4:15pm
Grades 2-4

Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist by Jess Keating, illustrated by Marta Álvarez Miguéns.

Let us dive into the story of Eugenie Clark and learn about the beauty of sharks. We will read the book and then we will make a shark craft.



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

YOU'VE GOT MAIL: PEN PAL PROGRAM

January 6 – March 19

Grades 2-5. Embrace the art of writing letters and connect with other children! Valley Cottage Library is partnering up with Nyack Library to bring kids from 2nd - 5th grades together as pen pals! Pen Pals will be matched with kids from different NSD elementary schools. Starting January 6th, you can pick up your very own writing kit with fun prompts and supplies! Please register online. Registration ends January 3. For Nyack School District residents only.

REVERSE COLORING

Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00pm

Grades 3-5. Try out a new way to promote mindfulness — reverse coloring. We'll provide the finished coloring; you relaxingly create your own masterpiece by adding outlines and details.

WINTER VILLAGE CRAFT

Tuesday, January 27 at 4:30pm

Grades K-3. We will read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, and then create a winter village. We will glue and cut colorful paper and use a variety of materials, including colored buttons, white cotton balls, and more!

IT'S GROUNDHOG DAY!

Monday, February 2 at 5:00pm

Grades 1-5. In honor of Groundhog Day, let's read *Smoot: A Rebellious Shadow* by Michelle Cuevas, illustrated by Sydney Smith. Then we'll talk about shadows and draw life-size silhouettes of each other.

READ TO KAYA THE DOG

Monday, February 9 at 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, or 6:15pm

Grades 2-5. Come and make a new friend as you read your favorite book to Kaya, a gentle and friendly therapy dog. Kaya loves stories and provides a calm, nonjudgmental listener, helping children build confidence and have fun with reading!

COZY COCOA

Tuesday, February 10 at 4:30pm

Grades 2-5. We'll read *Before Morning* by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Beth Krommes and create your own custom hot cocoa mix from scratch to take home!

MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY OLYMPICS

Friday, February 20 at 11:00am

Grades 3-6. Compete in the Library Olympics! Join us for an Olympic competition based on *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics* by Chris Grabenstein. Clue: reading the book may give you an advantage!

THE MOON MOVED IN: STEAM STORYTIME

Monday, February 23 at 5:00pm

Grades K-3. Come and read *The Moon Moved In* by Sue Soltis, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez. We'll learn about the upcoming lunar eclipse and do a moon craft.

WINTER COLLAGE CRAFT

Tuesday, March 3 at 4:30pm

Grades 1-4. We will read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett and then use Mod Podge® to decorate a mitten, a snowman or a bookmark with colored paper and glitter to take home. [Note-we will get a bit sticky and messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

PIE DAY

Thursday, March 5 at 4:15pm

Grades K-3. In honor of Pie Day (π) on March 14th, we will do some color by number sheets.

SINK OR FLOAT?

Monday, March 9 at 5pm

Grades 1-5. If the Titanic was "unsinkable," then why did it sink? Let's take a look at why the Titanic and other objects sink or float. We'll play a 'Sink or Float?' guessing game with everyday objects and then create our own boat to test out in the water.

ALL ABOUT EAGLES

Thursday, March 12 at 4:30pm

Grades K-4. How much do you know about our national bird, the eagle? Learn more about them, including how to view the new baby eaglets in California, and construct your own eagle to take home! Snacks will be served.

I SPY GAME

Thursday, March 26 at 4:15pm

Grades 3-6. You will have a list of items to search for around the Children's Room. The first three to find all the items, gets a prize!



Registration for our Spring Programs will start on March 18.

TEEN CORNER

Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

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

LASER TAG LOCK IN

Friday, January 23 from 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 provided.

WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, February 13, 5:00-6:30pm

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



BOOK LOVE

Thursday, February 19, 1:00-7:00pm

Book Love is an opportunity for people of all ages to showcase their artistry with reused book pages! Reduce, reuse, and recycle with love, and join us for an all-day drop-in event to create a unique project using a wide range of art materials. You'll have a chance for your piece to be displayed in the library. Program created and run by teen volunteer, Mireille Ferrer.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Mondays
from 5:30-8:30pm
March 2 – April 6

Join our adventuring party for new and veteran D&D players alike! Registration for Nyack School District students begins January 1. Out of district patrons can begin registering January 15. Space is limited.



TEEN BOOK CLUB

Select Tuesdays at 4:00pm

January 13th, February 10th, March 10th

Announcing a brand-new book club for teens! For the first meeting, bring your favorite recent read to chat about and learn about some new ones. Snacks provided.



PAINT & PASS

Wednesday, March 4 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!



CREATE, REPORT, SHINE!

Thursdays
from 4:25-5:25pm
April 2- April 30

Where are my future writers, celebrity journalists, photographers, editors, and entertainment gurus? Join Belinda Trotter-James, former editor-in-chief of some of your favorite teen magazines, for five interactive sessions. Embark on a journey into the world of entertainment with a chance to be featured in Code 123 Playground Magazine. Discover the essential skills required to thrive in the entertainment journalism industry.

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!



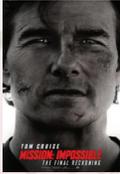
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Donate by check mailed or delivered to the library, using the QR code, or visiting our website at valleycottagelibrary.org/donate



MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES AT 1:00PM

JANUARY 5
Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning
 2025 | PG-13 | 2h 49m



JANUARY 12
Mission: Impossible
 1996 | PG-13 | 1h 50m



FEBRUARY 9
The Naked Gun
 2025 | PG-13 | 1h 25m



FEBRUARY 23
The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
 1988 | PG-13 | 1h 25m



MARCH 2
Superman (2025)
 2025 | PG-13 | 2h 9m



MARCH 9
Superman (1978)
 1978 | PG | 2h 23m



MARCH 23
The Roses
 2025 | R | 1h 45m



MARCH 30
The War of the Roses
 1989 | R | 1h 56m



Concerts

ART SONG AND
 OPERA ARIA
 APPRECIATION
 WITH MATTHEW MARANO
Sunday, January 4 at 1:30pm

This concert was originally scheduled for November 2, 2025
 This will be an immersive way of understanding, opera arias, and art songs through presentation and performance. Registration required.



THE QUINTIN
 HARRIS TRIO
Sunday, January 11 at 1:30pm

Quintin Harris is best known for exhilarating trio arrangements, heartfelt ballad playing, a strong lyrical interpretation, and an aptitude for deep swing--you don't want to miss these rising stars. Registration required.



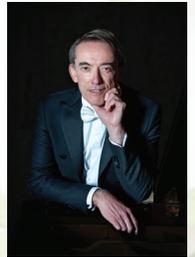
SAINT RITA
Sunday, February 15 at 1:30pm

SAINT RITA is a classical/crossover quintet (voice, violin/viola, woodwinds, double bass and guitar) of professionals, currently performing a dynamic program featuring the music of Kurt Weill and Edith Piaf. Registration required.



ANDREA TURINI
Saturday, March 7 at 1:30pm

The concert activity of pianist Andrea Turini covers forty years of public performances, focusing with particular passion on the works of major composers including Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann, Liszt, Chopin, Brahms, Debussy, Ravel, Fauré and more. Registration required.



BRIDGEMUSIK CHAMBER HOUR SERIES

Fridays, February 6 and March 27 at 4:30pm

"BridgeMusik builds on its mission of connecting professional musicians, young artists, and audiences by presenting engaging chamber music programming in community venues throughout Rockland County," said Krystof Witek, BridgeMusik Co-Artistic Director and violinist. "We're thrilled to launch this new Chamber Hour series as a way to bring world-class music directly into the heart of our local libraries and neighborhoods."

Performers include BridgeMusik artists and advanced young musicians, offering audiences a chance to hear world-class professionals side by side with the next generation of talented young artists. **Registration required.**

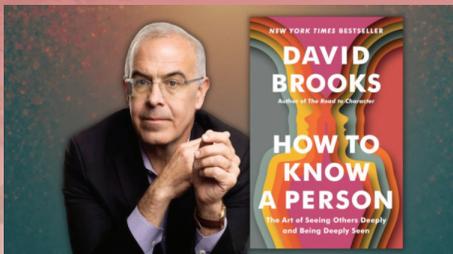
Funding for this series is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), Froning Family Foundation and individual donations.

Virtual Author Talk Series

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

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The Creative and Compassionate Art of Seeing Others Deeply with David Brooks
 Tuesday, January 13 at 2:00pm



Nature, Art, and Service as Medicine with Journalist Julia Hotz
 Tuesday, January 20 at 2:00pm



Secrets and Second Chances with Liz Moore
 Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00pm



IN OUR GALLERY

JANUARY:
TIMOTHY ENGLERT
History of the Knickerbocker Ice
Festival at Rockland Lake
Lecture on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30pm



FEBRUARY:
NYACK HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT SHOW
Art Reception: Monday, February 2, 5:00-6:00pm



MARCH: DEBRA ROGERS
Art Reception: Sunday, March 8, 1:00-3:00pm



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

VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

You are invited to our annual Association meeting scheduled for **January 21, 2026 at 7:30pm**.

As an association library, we are a not-for-profit educational corporation supported by the public and administered by a seven-member 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. At this time, two seats are open for election; nominations will be posted on the library website following the December 31, 2025 deadline. At this meeting Association members will also vote to approve the proposed operating budget.

BUDGET VOTE

The library's **budget vote** will take place **Tuesday, February 10, 2026** from 10am-9pm. The public will be asked to vote on a modest increase for both the Nyack and Valley Cottage Library's budgets. A joint budget information session will take place on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026** at 7:00pm at the Nyack Library. All eligible voters in the Nyack School District are eligible to vote. As someone invested in the Library's future we hope you'll cast your vote. If you are unsure of your poll location, please call the Valley Cottage Library at 845-268-7700 or Nyack Library at 845-358-3370 x 218.

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet January 21, February 18, and March 18 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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Christmas Eve - close at 1pm

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New Year's Eve - close at 1pm

New Year's Day, closed

January 19 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, closed

February 16 - Presidents' Day, closed

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Weather Related Closings

Closings due to inclement weather will be announced on the library's answering machine (845-268-7700) and our website valleycottagelibrary.org