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FOCUS Newsletter - Winter 2024

Valley Cottage Library
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CURIOSITY • INSPIRATION • CONNECTION

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

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.

I Have a Dream Day
featuring Live Portrait Painting of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Medjine Antoine
Monday, January 15, 12-3pm
Celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Library

Cider and cookies will be served

Richard Skipper Celebrates the 60th Anniversary of Hello, Dolly!
Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00pm

For almost 20 years Richard Skipper has chronicled the history of Hello, Dolly! and all of the women (and a few good men!) who played this iconic role.

Now in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Hello Dolly! opening on Broadway on January 16th 1964, Richard is celebrating these iconic players in a musical celebration chronicling the history, who these women are and the show that played (and continues to do so) against an ever-changing world landscape told through songs, video clips and questions from the audience. This is an interactive feel good show that will have audiences clamoring for more!

From the Source Book Club
Lavender House with author, Lev AC Rosen
Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm
Introducing the From the Source Book Club where we discuss the book and then meet the author. Often described as Knives Out with a queer historical twist.

Lavender House, 1952: the family seat of recently deceased matriarch Irene Lamontaine, head of the famous Lamontaine soap empire. Irene's recipes for her signature scents are a well-guarded secret—but it's not the only one behind these gates. This estate offers a unique freedom, where none of the residents or staff hide who they are. But to keep their secret, they've needed to keep others out. And now they're worried they're keeping a murderer in.

Everyone Welcome!
A vivid reimagining of the woman who inspired Hester Prynne, the tragic heroine of Nathaniel Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter*, and a journey into the enduring legacy of New England’s witchcraft trials.

**Music Makers**  
**Friday, January 26 at 1:00pm**  
Music Makers have been in existence for over thirty years. Composed of seniors who volunteer their time to bring the joy of music and the pleasure of comedy to many hundreds of adults both in senior facilities and to the general public. Our performers are members of R.S.V.P. of Rockland Community College and are volunteers who put their unique talents to work to make a difference in their community.

**Art in Public Spaces Workshops**  
**Wednesday, January 31 at 3:30pm**  
Participants will learn about the history of Rockland County’s Public Art Program and view many of the 30 different pieces of art throughout the county. They will be given the chance to paint or create with clay their own public art pieces.  
Presented by Rockland County Art in Public Places.  
**Teens Program: Monday, January 29 at 3:30pm**

**Black History Month Joint-Library Book Discussion.**  
**Virtual discussion with Nyack Library & Valley Cottage Library**  
**Master Slave Husband Wife:** An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom  
by Ilyon Woo  
**Thursday, February 29 at 6:30pm**  
The Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries are joining forces in celebration of Black History Month. Join us to discuss *Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom* by Ilyon Woo.  
The remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled White man and William posing as “his” slave.  
In 1848, a year of international democratic revolt, a young, enslaved couple, Ellen and William Craft, achieved one of the boldest feats of self-emancipation in American history. Posing as master and slave, while sustained by their love as husband and wife, they made their escape together across more than 1,000 miles, riding out in the open on steamboats, carriages, and trains that took them from bondage in Georgia to the free states of the North.  
With three epic journeys compressed into one monumental bid for freedom, *Master Slave Husband Wife* is an American love story—one that would challenge the nation’s core precepts of life, liberty, and justice for all—one that challenges us even now.

**NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps**  
**Wednesday, March 6 at 2:00pm**  
The Citizen Preparedness Corps is an Emergency Preparedness program initiated back in 2014 to provide residents the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible. New York National Guard Service Members, working with experts from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and local Emergency Management personnel, are holding classes across the state. The program was designed by DHSES and covers a broad range of emergency preparedness topics like developing a family emergency plan, what to do in the case of an active shooter situation, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system.

**Women and Money Roundtable**  
**Wednesday, December 13, January 10, & February 14 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.

This program is brought to you through a partnership between the Valley Cottage Library, Scarsdale Library, Brookfield Library, Darien Library, Fairfield Public Library, New Canaan Library, Bronxville Public Library, Purchase Free Library, and the Rye Free Reading Room.

**Still Life Studio**  
**Thursdays, January 18, February 22, and March 21 at 2:00pm**

Bring your favorite art supplies and join us for open art-making time with Katie and Caroline. We will set up a wacky and interesting still life for you to draw or paint however you prefer. There will be no formal instruction, but we will be available for pointers.  
While most media is allowed, we ask that you use materials that are not too messy. No oil paint allowed.
Cookbook Club
Thursday, February 15 at 7:00pm
Join Katie and Ashley for the 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.

Gatherings: Casual Fancy Meals to Share by America’s Test Kitchen
It’s time to get excited about entertaining again. The cooks of America’s Test Kitchen are shaking up the notion of what a dinner party is all about, stepping away from the test kitchen to reveal their favorite ways to entertain friends and family and sharing an all-new collection of personal recipes. After all, professional cooks want to chill out when hosting at home, just like everyone else.

THE BOOK AND PUB CLUB
Select Tuesdays of every month at 7:00pm
The Book and Pub Club meets in local bars and restaurants for librarian-led book discussions over food and drinks. For participants 21+.
January 23: The Rachel Incident by Caroline O’Donoghue
at Prohibition River, 82 Main St. in Nyack
February 20: Legends & Lattes by Travis Baldree
at The Henry, 100 Main St. in Nyack
March 19: Yellowface by R.F. Kuang
at Sangria’s Mexicana Restaurant, 97 S Route 303 in Congers

Puzzle Exchange
Take a puzzle and/or leave a puzzle! NEW!
Now accepting donations, from December 15 to January 15, for our new Puzzle Exchange.
If you have a few recently completed puzzles in new or like-new condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to the information desk.
After January 15, we will accept one puzzle donation per patron per month.
Donations are not required to take a puzzle, so come partake in this cozy winter activity!

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, 2-4:00pm
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.

Tools for Relaxation and Mindfulness Meditation
Thursdays at 11:00am
Learn easy and gentle practices for deep relaxation that you can incorporate into your daily life. Carole Brill, our instructor, has been practicing meditation for more than 50 years. Registration is required to receive a Zoom link. In collaborative partnership with Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library.

Tech Help
Need help with a library database or app? Trying to troubleshoot a software issue on a laptop, smartphone, or tablet? Call to schedule an appointment (ask for Sean) with our adult librarians today or email vclref@rcls.org. (Tech help appointments are available for Valley Cottage and Nyack patrons only.)

下周开馆

班级游戏之夜

选择每月的其他星期四

7:00pm，1月18日和3月28日

来玩我们的桌游收藏，或者把你最喜欢的游戏带来。带上朋友，吸引更多的人！

换游戏之夜：WarioWare：Move It！

星期三，2月14日，7:00pm

如果没有计划，就在这个星期三来吧！吃披萨并探索WarioWare：Move It！的奇怪迷你游戏！

VCWrites

每月第一个星期四，7:00pm

加入我们的图书管理员，肖恩的每月写作工作坊。参与者通过电子邮件分享他们的作品两周前的会议，然后在每月的会议上得到反馈。有关提交指南和更多信息，请通过电邮 s.antonucci@rcls.org.与Sean联系。

书架上的情趣

书籍俱乐部

选择每月的星期二

下午3-4pm

加入阿尼亚和梅根进行“Book and Pub Club” - 一边享受图书讨论，一边享受美食与饮料。21+参与者。

2月20日：Legends & Lattes by Travis Baldree

在The Henry, 100 Main St. in Nyack

3月19日：Yellowface by R.F. Kuang

在Sangria’s Mexicana Restaurant, 97 S Route 303 in Congers

编织治疗

周二，11:30am

如果你喜欢编织或钩针，请参加我们的“疗法”会。带你的线和工具。来编织，钩针，社交。带朋友或认识新朋友。线的捐赠非常感谢。

Tech Help

需要帮助使用图书馆数据库或应用吗？尝试解决软件问题？在笔记本电脑、智能手机或平板电脑上吗？请打电话预约（询问Sean），我们可以使用我们的成人图书馆员进行今天的预约或通过电邮 vclref@rcls.org.联系。（技术帮助预约仅适用于谷城和Nyack的会员。）
**Family Programs**

**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.

**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 vclkids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. While supplies last.

**I Have a Dream Day**  
Monday, Jan. 15 starting at noon.  
Celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Library. Live painting of an MLK portrait will be done by Marie Medjine Antoine. Children can decorate an MLK peace heart in the Children's Room. Cider and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome!

**Winter Crafts at the Library**  
Drop in all day – no registration.  
Ages 3 and up with adult(s).  
Monday, January 15: Decorate a Martin Luther King Jr. Day peace heart to hang at home.  
February 7-14: Create a Valentine for the one you love.

**Fun Family Storytime**  
Monday, January 22 at 6:00pm, Tuesday, February 20 at 5:00pm, 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.

**Celebrate ‘Take Your Child to the Library Day’ with Drumming!**  
Saturday, February 3 at 10:30am  
All ages. Join a family djembe drumming workshop with Kazi Oliver! As a master drummer, Mr. Oliver sees the drum as a powerful tool for unity and harmony. This educational and enlightening African drumming workshop will help bring authentic African rhythms and culture to life!

**LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style**  
Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30pm  
Grades K-5. Build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups and siblings on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and your project will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

**Families + Games = Fun**  
Thursday, March 14 from 6:00-8:00pm  
All ages. Bring your family to a night of board games and card games with a variety to choose from!

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**Open Playtime**  
Mondays from 10:00am-1:00pm  
January 8 - March 25  
**Ages 5 and under.** It's playtime in the Storytime Room! A great chance to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

**Winter Babies**  
Fridays at 10:30am, January 19 - March 22  
(A no program February 23, March 15)  
**Ages 2 mos.-17 mos. w/adult.** Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for every single week.

**Toddler Time**  
Tuesdays at 10:30am, January 23 - March 19  
(No program February 20)  
**Ages 18-35 mos. w/adult.** Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for every single week.

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**PreK Winter Storytimes**  
**Wednesdays at 4:30pm, January 17 - March 20**  
(No program February 21)  
**Thursdays at 10:30am, Jan. 18 - March 21**  
(No program Feb. 22)  
**Weekly storytimes for ages 3-5.** Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents & siblings welcome! Register separately for every single week.  
[Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays and register for only one weekly storytime.]

**Homeschool Hangout**  
Friday, January 26 at 1:00pm  
**Ages 3-5.** Join us to read the fractured fairy tale, **Little Red Gliding Hood** by Tara Lazar, then create a fun winter craft using Wikki Stix™. This is a great chance to meet some homeschooling friends!

**Music Together**  
**Mondays, February 5 & 12 at 10:30am**  
**Ages 5 and under with adult.** Join Catherine Rubin as she teaches the popular “Music Together” program, which builds on children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Children's musicality will blossom and flourish in this environment of live music making! Register separately for each single week.

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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.

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**Play-Doh™ Math Club**  
Thursday, February 22 at 10:30am  
**Ages 3-5 years.** Let’s have fun using Play-Doh™ to make some favorite wintry 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.

**The Missing Mitten Mystery**  
Monday, February 26 at 4:30pm  
**Ages 3-6 years.** Where, oh where has the mitten gone? In this early literacy program, children will use their knowledge of colors, shapes, letters, and numbers to problem-solve as a team and solve the mystery of the missing mitten.

**Kids’ Yoga with Tatyana**  
**Mondays, March 4, 11 & 18**  
4:30pm: ages 2-5 years with adult  
5:15pm: ages 6-9 years  
Join Tatyana for a yoga class that is specifically designed to help children stay active and simultaneously teaches them methods of relaxation. Tatyana's teaching method helps to improve focus, flexibility, strength, and coordination. This program helps to increase their confidence and positive self-image, develop body awareness, all while having fun in a non-competitive environment. Register separately for every single week.
PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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

**Picture Book Worms:**

**Book Clubs for Children for Grades K-3**
Select Days at 4:15pm

- **Thursday, January 25:** *I Am You: A Book about Ubuntu* by Refiloe Moahloli, illustrated by Zinelda McDonald. Let’s read and discuss the book and learn the meaning of Ubuntu, then we will do a kindness craft.
- **Tuesday, March 5:** *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts. We will read and discuss the book and, like Ada, use our curious minds. Have you ever wondered how clouds make rain? We will do a science experiment of our own and find out.

**Fun Fiction Book Clubs**

for Grades 2-4

- **Select Thursdays at 4:15pm**
  - **February 15:** *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Geneva B. We will discuss the adventurous novel, then we will make some Rice Krispies™ dragon treats.

- **March 21:**
  - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney. We will discuss this VERY popular book and learn how to draw Greg Heffley, as well as draw our own Diary of a Wimpy Kid book cover.

**Symmetry Drawing**

Ages 5 and up. Combine art and math as you match a drawing of half an object, then color in your whole picture! Every month new symmetry drawings will be ready for pickup to do on your own anytime. Send a picture of your completed symmetry drawings to vckids@rcls.org by the end of that month to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

**Child’s Crafts Program**

Select Tuesdays at 4:30pm

- **January 16, February 6, & March 12**
  - Grades 1-3. Join us at the library to make a fun craft together! [Note—we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.] Register separately for each session.

**STEAM + Books Trivia Game**

Thursday, January 18 at 4:15pm

- Grades 3-5. The categories are Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math, and Books! Let us have some fun with some trivia!

**LEGO™ Challenge**

Monday, January 22 at 5:00pm & Wednesday, March 27 at 4:30pm

- Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks—a different theme each time! Share your creation with the group and then LEGO™ will be displayed temporarily in the library. Register separately for each program.

**FROM SEED TO SUNFLOWER**

Monday, January 29 at 5:00pm

Grades K-3 with adult. How are plants grown from seeds? Join the Master Gardener Volunteers from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland to learn about the process of winter sowing in a plastic jug. They will take this jug home to watch it develop over the coming weeks with the help of the natural elements: sun and rain and snow! [Note—we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

**Clean Sweep! Frank Zamboni’s Ice Machine**

Friday, February 9 at 1:00pm

Grades 3-6. Join us to read about the invention of the famous Zamboni ice-resurfacing machine in *Clean Sweep! Frank Zamboni’s Ice Machine* by Monica Kulling, then create a fun winter scene using Wikki Stix™. This is a great chance to meet some homeschooling friends!

**Valentine Sweets**

Tuesday, February 13

4:30pm: Grades K-2; 5:15pm: Grades 3-5

Come decorate some delicious cupcakes and hear a special story for Valentine’s Day! [Note: Please notify staff of any allergies when registering.]

**Carnival of Characters**

Thursday, March 7 at 4:30pm

Grades 4-7. From a picture book someone read to you when you were small, to your favorite new fantasy world, to the funniest graphic novel you’ve ever read, we all have a character that we love more than any other! Come to the library dressed up as your favorite book character to celebrate World Book Day with us. We will talk about why you chose the book and why you love your character! Pizza will be served.

Registration for our Spring Programs, April 1 - June 15, will start on March 20.
**SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT**

Visit [valleycottagelibrary.org/sustainability](http://valleycottagelibrary.org/sustainability) for more information and updates on our efforts toward sustainability.

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**Plastic Bag & Film Recycling**

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

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**TEEN ART TIME**

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

- **Thursdays from 3-5pm**
- **Starting January 4th, come by the Teen Corner to check out our Teen Art Cart, relax, and enjoy some free crafting time.**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Do you love a book or video game you want to rave about? Write a review for VCL’s Teen Blog and email to khohlfeld@rcls.org. One hour of community service will be granted per accepted review.

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**Dungeons & Dragons**

**MIRESTONE KEEP**

This party is for grades 6-8 only!

**Mondays from 5:30-8:30pm**

- **January 22, January 29, February 5, February 12**

Join a group of Adventurers as they attempt to thwart the plans of an evil tyrant to overthrow Mirestone keep. A level 6 adventure for players of any experience. Led by David Shuman.

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**The Dimension of Despair**

This party is for grades 9-12 only!

**Thursdays from 5:30pm-8:30pm**

- **January 25, February 8, February 22, March 7**

Our players find themselves invited to a mysterious dinner party. Their host? The mysterious Dyrnn. All is not as it seems as the players must travel through a shifting realm of chaos to escape Dyrnn’s dark prison. A level 6 adventure for players of any experience. Led by David Shuman.

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**Call for Volunteers: Repair Coaches Needed**

Save the Date for VCL’s first Repair Café: April 6.

Seeking handy people to join our Spring Repair Café as Repair Coaches. Repair Coaches are friendly people who have experience in repairing items like small appliances, woodworking/carpentry, electronics, lamps, clothes and costume jewelry. Volunteer Coaches work with their fellow neighbors to help repair broken items and give a better understanding of how it works. No formal training needed, just a passion and a knack for fixing things! For more information or to volunteer as a Repair Coach, contact Ashley Maraffino: amaraffino@rcls.org or call 845-268-7700 ext. 155.

Repair Café is a community event where people can bring beloved but broken household items to be fixed for free by volunteer Repair Coaches, learning valuable repair skills and building community all while keeping items out of the landfill.
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**Virtual Author Talk Series**

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

*Embrace Love in the New Year: A Conversation with Rebecca Serle*

Wednesday, January 10 at 8:00pm

*Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster? How to Avoid the Hidden Traps in Retirement Planning Advice*

Tuesday, January 23 at 2:00pm

*The Lure and the Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition, and Modern Medicine: An Author Talk with Dr. Robert Lustig*

Tuesday, January 30 at 2:00pm

*Spice, Spirit, and Swoon: A Guaranteed Happily Ever After with Rom-Com Author Tessa Bailey*

Thursday, February 8 at 8:00pm

*Exploring Identity, Love, and Being Black in America in Fiction Writing: A Conversation with Award-Winning Author Jason Mott*

Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00pm

*Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity: An Author Talk with Kim Scott*

Wednesday, February 28 at 2:00pm

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**Sunday Concerts at 1:30pm**

**Sunday, January 14**

Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn

**Sunday, February 4**

Junwen Liang on piano

**Sunday, March 17**

Mitchell’s Mellow Madness

Deni Bonet is a singer/songwriter & virtuoso violinist playing quirky, melodic and fun folk-rock for all ages.

Hailed as “captivating” by Stroll Magazine, Dr. Junwen Liang, a native of Nanning/China, began his piano studies at the age of 9 and made his solo debut at the age of 13.

Mitchell Shedlarz, with the uber talented, world class musicians of “Mitchell’s Mellow Madness” Band, loves to perform sophisticated and beautiful, but always familiar, jazz music in an upbeat, fun and happy style.

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**Call for Volunteers: Repair Coaches Needed**

Save the Date for VCL’s first Repair Café: April 6.

Seeking handy people to join our Spring Repair Café as Repair Coaches. Repair Coaches are friendly people who have experience in repairing items like small appliances, woodworking/carpentry, electronics, lamps, clothes and costume jewelry. Volunteer Coaches work with their fellow neighbors to help repair broken items and give a better understanding of how it works. No formal training needed, just a passion and a knack for fixing things!

For more information or to volunteer as a Repair Coach, contact Ashley Maraffi no: amaraffi no@rcls.org or call 845-268-7700 ext. 155.

Repair Café is a community event where people can bring beloved but broken household items to be fixed for free by volunteer Repair Coaches, learning valuable repair skills and building community all while keeping items out of the landfill.

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**Community Service Opportunity**

Do you love a book or video game you want to rave about? Write a review for VCL’s Teen Blog and email to khohlfeld@rcls.org. One hour of community service will be granted per accepted review.

Teen Programs are for grades 6-12 only unless otherwise specified.
Valley Cottage Library

Member of the Ramapo Catskill Library System

110 Route 303, Valley Cottage, NY 10989
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Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday
10am-9pm
Friday & Saturday
10am-5pm
Sunday
12-4pm

Holiday Closings:
Christmas Eve, closed
Christmas Day, closed
New Year’s Eve, closed
New Year’s Day, closed

In Our Gallery

January: Marie Medjine Antoine
Art Reception
Sunday
January 21
1:00-3:00pm
Contact Caroline Siecke-Pape at cpape@rcls.org if interested in exhibiting in the Library Gallery.

February: Madaha Kinsey-Lamb
Art Reception
Saturday
February 3
1:00-3:00pm

March: Yo Kelly

Valley Cottage Library Association
You are invited to our annual Association meeting January 17, 2024 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, one seat is open for election; nominations will be posted on the library website following the December 31, 2023 deadline. At this meeting Association members will also vote on proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Association and approve the operating budget.

Budget Vote
The library’s budget vote will take place Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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 budget information session will take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:30pm 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 make a stop at the Library to 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 17, February 21, and March 20 at 7:30pm. The public is invited. Visit valleycottagelibrary.org to confirm the dates in the event of a schedule or venue change.

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