

# VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

Serving the Residents of the Nyack School District

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Stay up-to-date! Visit [valleycottagelibrary.org](http://valleycottagelibrary.org) for new programs & updates.

## Summer Reading: Oceans of Possibilities, June 18 - August 13

### Children's Summer Reading Club

Join the Valley Cottage Library's Summer Reading Club! Daily reading habits help children retain information they have learned. Registration and daily reading recording starts JUNE 18. Pick up Reading Logs at the library or print from online. The Club is open for infants to children entering 5th grade.

Read books at home & keep track of your reading on your reading log. Younger non-readers can record books read to them, or Early Literacy Activities that they do together with an adult. Every 10 days that children read or do an Early Literacy Activity, earns their choice of one prize.

For more details, to register, and to print logs, go to [www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids](http://www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids), or visit the Children's Room.

### Teens Summer Reading

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

### Adult Summer Reading

There's an ocean of possibilities for adults, too! Submit book reviews from June 18 to August 13 to dive into the grand prize drawing for a new Kindle e-reader! Book bingo is back with a chance to win a Zero Waste Kit to help keep our oceans clean.

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB KICKOFF:

# Oceans Rock!\*

Monday, June 20 at 6:30pm

**Ages 3 and up.** Join an under-the-sea adventure to explore the ocean world as children learn about and touch museum-quality sea creature specimens and ancient fossils. They'll see huge shark jaws, giant crab plaques, giant shells, coral, sea stars, sponges and more... Then they'll do a fossil dig and bring home genuine fossils and shells. Fascinating for the whole family!

\*Registering for this program automatically registers you for the Summer Reading Club. Pick up your reading log and receive full instructions on the day of this program.

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Masks are recommended in the library.

## Author Talk Series

Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

July 7 at 9:00pm

Alka Joshi, *The Henna Artist*



July 14 at 12:00pm

David Allen, *Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress Free Productivity*



August 3 at 12:00pm

Dr. Marcia Chatelain, *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America*



August 9 at 9:00pm

Liz Moore, *Long Bright River*



August 22 at 9:00pm

Michele Harper, *The Beauty in Breaking*



August 25 at 12:00pm

Liz Wiseman, *Impact Players: How to Take the Lead, Play Bigger and Multiply Your Impact*



September 8 at 2:00pm

Dr. Michele Borba, *Raising Thrivers: Parenting Tips & Tools to Help Kids Thrive in an Uncertain World*



September 20 at 2:00pm

Author Talk with Simon Winchester



September 29 at 9:00pm

Hernan Diaz, *Trust*



# Online Scholar-led Book Discussions

Thursday evenings at 7pm

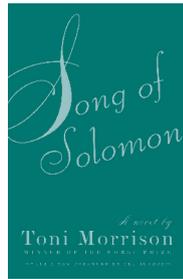
July 21 

## SONG OF SOLOMON by Toni Morrison

Discussion led by Eve Dunbar, Associate Professor of English at Vassar College.

Milkman Dead was born shortly after a neighborhood eccentric hurled himself off a rooftop in a vain attempt at flight. For the rest of his life he, too, will be trying to fly. As Morrison follows Milkman from his rustbelt city to the place of his family's origins, she introduces an entire cast of strivers and seeresses, liars and assassins, the inhabitants of a fully realized Black world.

This is a virtual program in partnership with Nyack Library. Registration is required to receive a Zoom link to the discussion.



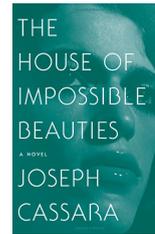
August 11 

## THE HOUSE OF IMPOSSIBLE BEAUTIES by Joseph Cassara

Discussion led by Vara Neverow, Professor of English and Women's Studies at Southern Connecticut State University.

It's 1980 in New York City, and nowhere is the city's glamour and energy better reflected than in the burgeoning Harlem ball scene, where seventeen-year-old Angel first comes into her own. Burned by her traumatic past, Angel is new to the drag world, new to ball culture, and has a yearning inside of her to help create family for those without.

Told in a voice that brims with wit, rage, tenderness, and fierce yearning, *The House of Impossible Beauties* is a tragic story of love, family, and the dynamism of the human spirit.



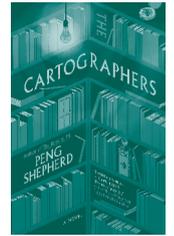
September 15 

## THE CARTOGRAPHERS by Peng Shepherd

Discussion led by Camille Serchuk, Professor of Art History, Southern Connecticut State University.

Nell Young's greatest passion is cartography. Her father, Dr. Daniel Young, is a legend in the field and Nell's personal hero. But she hasn't seen or spoken to him ever since he cruelly fired her and destroyed her reputation after an argument over an old, cheap gas station highway map.

Nell Young's father is found dead in his office at the New York Public Library, with a seemingly worthless map hidden in his desk, Nell can't resist investigating. To her surprise, she soon discovers that the map is incredibly valuable and exceedingly rare. In fact, she may now have the only copy left in existence.



## Social Security:

### Keys to Enhancing Your Benefits

Monday, June 27 at 6pm

Daniel Levitt of Cetera Investors will share keys to enhancing Social Security Benefits, such as:

- Keys to help you understand the basics of Social Security, including when to consider taking benefits
- Keys that take a deeper dive into Social Security, such as working in retirement

Social Security continues to play an important role in a retirement strategy. Are you taking full advantage of what social security offers?



## Bailes Latinos Dance Class

3 Thursday sessions:

September 15, 22, and 29 at 6:00pm

### Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Bailes Latinos features three weekly sessions of fitness dance classes that will feature dance moves from the Merengue (Dominican Republic), Samba (Brazil), Mambo and Cha-Cha (Cuba) with dance instructor and choreographer Dr. Debra Weiss. Learn to dance and get fit at the same time!

No previous experience necessary. Wear athletic shoes or sneakers and bring a mat or towel. All ages welcome. Registration is required.



## Wellness Weeklies

### Yarn Therapy

Wednesdays at 11:30am

Meet us in the Community Room OR meet with us virtually! Bring your projects to work on and talk about. Help yourself to our collection of donated yarns, patterns, needles, and hooks. If you would like to join in virtually, please contact Caroline at [cpape@rcls.org](mailto:cpape@rcls.org) for the Zoom link.

### 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. Chinese self-massage, Qigong, breathing and listening to peaceful meditative music effortlessly lead you to be calmer and quieter. All of these simple tools are forms of mindfulness meditation. Carole Brill, our instructor, has been practicing meditation for more than 50 years.

## Special Saturday Concert

### Doug Munro and La Pompe Attack

Saturday, September 10 at 1:30pm

Lead by guitarist Doug Munro, La Pompe Attack presents an exciting updated interpretation of the hot swing sound of Django Reinhardt coupled with Doug's own unique and highly entertaining style of playing. The concerts for the 2022 season will feature material from La Pompe Attack's latest recording "Putt Lake Toodleloo". Joined by a group of virtuosic performers including saxophonist Albert Rivera, guitarist Ben Wood and bassist Michael Goetz, La Pompe Attack always delivers an exciting show guaranteed to wow any audience! **Registration is required.**



# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, August 25 @ 7 PM

We've dusted off our research gear and are once again foraging deep in the information forest of our stacks for trivia provisions! Join Sean and Anya for an in-person trivia night!



## Adult (ish)

A Meetup for 20- to 30-somethings!

### Switch Game Night

Thursday, June 23 at 7:00pm

Now switching to the BIG SCREEN! Come play your favorite Nintendo Switch games with Sean and Megan for an hour in our recently leveled up Community Room.



### Paint 'n Pour

Thursday, July 28 @ 7 PM

You pour the paint; we'll pour the drinks (art-inspired mocktails). Join Anya and Megan to watch and learn Acrylic Pouring 101 on Creativebug and make your own one-of-a-kind canvas. All supplies provided. Space is limited to 10 participants. Registration required.



## ARTISANS WANTED!

for our  
Holiday Craft Fair

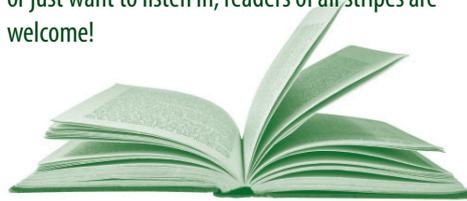
Saturday  
December 3  
10am-4pm

Email [cpape@rcls.org](mailto:cpape@rcls.org)  
for details. No phone calls please.

### Adult (ish) BYO Book Club

Tuesday, August 9 @ 7 PM

Instead of reading a predetermined title, join Megan and Anya to talk about what you're currently reading and get suggestions for new titles to try. Whether you can't wait to talk about your new favorite read or just want to listen in, readers of all stripes are welcome!



This printed newsletter contains only a sampling of our programming. Visit our website calendar at [valleycottagelibrary.org](http://valleycottagelibrary.org) or sign up for our email updates to see new additions to our programs.



## VCWRITES

First Thursday of every month at 7pm **H**  
July 7, August 4, and September 1

Join our librarian, Sean, for a monthly writing workshop. Participants share their work via email two weeks before the meeting, and then receive feedback at the monthly sessions. For submission guidelines and more information, please email Sean at [s.antonucci@rcls.org](mailto:s.antonucci@rcls.org)

## Read with Pride Collection

Read with Pride throughout June—to celebrate Pride Month, we are providing unrestricted access (no holds necessary!) via Libby to banned and challenged (e)books featuring LGBTQIA+ characters.

## creativebug®

Calling all crafters! Whether you are an experienced knitter or a novice painter, our newest digital resource, Creativebug, has a tutorial for you! Learn a new craft or further develop your techniques today with Creativebug and your Valley Cottage Library card.

## MOVIE MATINEES

Mondays at 1:00pm

July 11

West Side Story

PG-13 | 2021 | 2h 36min

July 25

Summer of Soul

PG-13 | 2021 | 1h 58min

August 8

The Farewell

PG | 2019 | 1h 40min

August 22

The French Dispatch

R | 2021 | 1h 47min

September 12

I'm Your Man

R | 2021 | 1h 48min

September 26

Kurt Vonnegut:  
Unstuck in Time

Not Rated | 2021 | 2h 7min



# THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Registration for programs June 17 through September 17 will start on June 6 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins June 18. Registration is required for all programs (unless noted otherwise). Register online at [www.valleycottageibrary.org/kids](http://www.valleycottageibrary.org/kids), in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.



## Family Programs

### Take and Make Crafts

Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup to do at home anytime! Email a picture of your completed craft to [vclkids@rcls.org](mailto:vclkids@rcls.org) to have it posted on our social media. No registration. *Crafts available during library hours, while supplies last.*

### Monthly Scavenger Hunt

**Ages 12 and under.** Win a prize each month for finding the seasonal shape (dolphins, crabs, etc.) of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

### Family Fishy Fun Storytime

**Tuesdays at 10:30am (two 3-week sessions)**

**Session 1: June 28 – July 12**

**Session 2: July 26 – August 9**

**Ages 2 and up.** Bring the whole family for storytime with great books, games, movement and songs!

### Captain HurriCain's Underwater Adventure Magic Show

**Thursday, June 30 at 6:00pm**

**Ages 3 and up.** Jolly, seafaring Captain Ron 'HurriCain' takes children on an imaginary trip to the bottom of the ocean where they will explore a Magical Underwater Library! You will laugh while helping Ron perform magic tricks involving pirates, mermaids, and a sea monster or two.

### Movies with Oceans of Possibilities!

**Ages 3 and up.** No registration.

**Luca** Monday, July 11 at 6:30pm. (PG) 95 min.

**Finding Nemo** Tuesday, August 16 at 1:00pm. (G) 100 min.

**Moana** Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30pm. (PG) 107 min.

### Family Video Game Night

**Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30pm**

**Age 4 and up with family.** GAME ON! Play video games on our giant screen. While you're waiting your turn, enjoy some pizza on our patio! (Please notify staff of food allergies beforehand).

### Saturday Stories on the Patio

**Select Saturdays at 9:30am:**

**July 16 & August 27**

**Ages 2 and up.** It's Storytime on the patio outside the Children's Room before the library opens! Listen to fun stories, songs, and activities, and then be the first ones in the library when it opens.

### Celebrate African Dance!

**Monday, July 18 at 6pm**

**All Ages.** Join Chiku Awali for a joyous interactive celebration of West African music, dance, storytelling and jembe drumming!

### Pirates: Lost at Sea

**Monday, August 1 at 6:30pm**

**Ages 3 and up.** Set sail with our Talewise friends on an action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and repair their ship before all hope is lost . . . at sea! Explore the incredible science behind clouds, physical and chemical changes, and air pressure with the help of volunteers from the audience.

### Hip Hop Nursery Rhymes with Chad & Elise

**Thursday, August 11 at 6:00pm**

**All ages.** Join Chad & Elise for all your favorite songs with a modern twist. They use beatboxing, drumming, piano and guitar to make fresh sounds that'll make the whole family dance along!

### Color Wheel

**August 15 – 20 all day**

**Ages 2 and up with adult(s).** Find a picture in our magazines, cut it out, and glue it on the correct color section on our collaborative color wheel in the Children's Room. Piece by piece, we'll create a colorful work of original art together! No registration.

### Ocean I-Spy Game

**August 22 – 27 all day**

**Ages 2 and up with adult(s).** Play I-Spy with ocean creatures in the Children's Room! See how many you can find! No registration.

## TEEN CORNER

### NY PROJECT HOPE: TEEN SESSIONS

**Every other Tuesday beginning June 14th, 7-8pm**

Get help coping with the emotions and challenges brought on by Covid. Register to join these free, anonymous, confidential Zoom sessions for some additional support. Provided by Astor Services for Children & Families.

### TEEN YOGA WEDNESDAY

**June 22nd, 7-8pm**

Join certified Yoga instructor Mariel Lennon for this teen-focused practice of mindfulness, movement and breathwork. The program will include a guided visualization meditation.

Beginners welcome. Bring water, and feel free to bring your own mat, support blocks, or straps if you use them.

**Find more upcoming programs and other offerings on the VCL Teens web page: [valleycottageibrary.org/VCLTeens](http://valleycottageibrary.org/VCLTeens)**

### RECYCLED BOOK CRAFTS

**Tuesday, July 19th, 7-8pm**

Create cool paper crafts out of old books! Snacks provided.

### ROCKET LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

**Monday, July 25th, 7-8pm**

Video games & pizza! Bring your own Nintendo Switch, or play with the library's on our big screen.

### JOY JARS

**Saturday, August 6th, 2-3pm**

Channel your joy and save some for later by making your own jar full of positivity! Snacks provided.

### SUGGESTION BOX

Do you have a recommendation for teen materials or programs? Drop us a line in the virtual suggestion box on the teen page of our website!

## Programs for Age 5 and Younger

### Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am-1:00pm, June 20-Aug. 29 (no program July 4)

**Ages 5 and under.** It's playtime in the Storytime Room! A great chance to meet other local families while enjoying books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

### Beach Babies

Select Fridays at 10:30am, July 1, 15, 29, August 12, 19

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

### Toddler Turtles

Thursdays at 10:30am (two 3-week sessions) June 30 – July 14 and July 28 – Aug. 11

**Ages 13-35 mos. or walkers w/adult.** Join Ms. Elizabeth for storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each session.

For PreK Storytime, see "Family Fishy Fun Storytime" in the Family Programs section!

### Music Together

Wednesdays at 4:30pm: June 22, 29 & July 6 (3 weekly sessions)

**Ages 5 years and under w/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!

### Sing & Sign with Fran

Wednesdays at 10:30am: July 6, 13 & 20 (3 weekly sessions)

**Ages 4 years and under w/adult.** Sing, sign, jump, dance and march your feet with Ms. Fran! Have fun together while we move and groove to our instruments while learning simple sign language.

### Kindergarten Prep

Select Wednesdays at 4:30pm: July 27, August 3 & 10

**Ages 4-5 years entering Kindergarten this September.** Foster a love of books and learning in our exciting early literacy storytime designed to help you prepare children for Kindergarten. Please make alternate arrangements for other children.

## Programs for Elementary School Children

### Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Children entering Grades 1-3

Select Thursdays at 4:00pm in the library

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

**July 7:** *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister. We'll read the story together, then create our very own mason jar aquarium.

**August 4:** *The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S. K. Ali, illustrated by Hatem Aly. We'll read the story together, then create a boat of our own to take home!

## S.T.E.A.M. Programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

### OCEAN ANIMALS MYSTERY PICTURES

July & August

**Grades K-6.** Practice numbers and fine motor development to reveal colorful ocean chart mystery pictures! A new mystery set will be available each month to pick up. There are several levels of difficulty for Grades K-6. Pick one up at the Children's Room and email a completed picture to [vcikids@rcls.org](mailto:vcikids@rcls.org) to have it posted on our social media. No registration. Available during library hours, while supplies last.

### LEGO® DOTS NARWHAL!

Tuesday, June 21 at 5:30pm

**Grades 1-5.** Let's go on an ocean adventure with LEGO® DOTS at the library! Decorate your own adorable Bag Tag Narwhal, share it with the group, then take it home to keep.

### WINGS OF FIRE DRAGON PARTY

Wednesday, July 6 at 5:30 pm

**Entering Grades 3-6.** If you love dragons, join us in playing games, making a craft and more! Reading the Wings of Fire series not necessary.

### CORAL REEFS

Friday, July 8 at 3:30pm

**Entering Grades K-5.** Let's take a close look at colorful, stunning coral reefs. We'll create a craft inspired by these diverse ecosystems to take home.

### MARBLE RUN CHALLENGE

Tuesday, July 19 at 5:30pm

**Entering Grades 2-5.** Try your hand at making a marble run using clay! Let your imagination go wild to create your own unique pathway using the force of gravity, test it out, and share it with the group.

### CHILDREN'S CRAFT PROGRAM

Select Thursdays at 4:30pm: July 21 & August 18

**Entering Grades 1-4.** Join Ms. Elizabeth at the library to make a fun craft together! Register separately for each session.

### Graphic Novel Nation: Book Clubs for Children entering Grades 4-6

Select Thursdays at 4:00pm in the library

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

**July 14:** *The Aquanaut: A Graphic Novel* by Dan Santat. Discuss the adventurous story, then create your very own message in a bottle.

**August 11:** *Kodi* by Jared Cullum. Discuss this moving, heartfelt story, then make a cool sea ship craft.

### FOCUS ON RECYCLING

Monday, July 25 at 5:30pm

**Entering Grades 1-5.** Be inspired by the story of one woman's quest to rein in local pollution and turn it into beautiful crafts! Then play "Recycle Rally BINGO," with a focus on how to recycle various household objects.

### OCEAN MATH FUN

Tuesday, July 26 at 5:30pm

**Entering Grades K-3.** Let's focus on sea creatures while secretly practicing math! Play an ocean animal cube game, then make a graph from the tallied results. Using the results we'll make a colorful unique fish tank glyph, and create a cool sea creature tangram to bring home.

### LET'S BE DRAMATIC: COWABUNGA BEACH SURF COMPETITION

Friday, July 29 at 3pm

**Entering Grades 3-6.** Try your hand at acting in this amusing play about surfers who need a lesson in cooperation! Choose parts, create simple costumes, and read the play together in a fun performance for our adults. Register each child separately.

### LEGO® OCEAN CHALLENGE

Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30pm

**Entering Grades K-5.** Let's get set for an ocean adventure and build something ocean-related using LEGO® pieces! Share with the group and see your LEGO® creations temporarily displayed in the library.

### SINK OR FLOAT?

Monday, August 8 at 5:30pm

**Entering Grades 1-6.** If the Titanic was "unsinkable," then why did it sink? Discover why the Titanic and other objects sink or float. We'll play a 'Sink or Float?' guessing game and then create our own boat to test out in the water.

Registration for our Fall Programs, Sept. 15 through Dec. 31, will start on Sept. 8.

# IN THE GALLERY

## JULY

Cass McVety  
Reception: July 9



Please contact  
Caroline Siecke-Pape  
at [cpape@rcls.org](mailto:cpape@rcls.org) if  
you are interested in  
exhibiting your artwork.

## AUGUST

Joyce Byrnes  
Michele Fox  
Christine Penksa

## SEPTEMBER

Elaine Schloss

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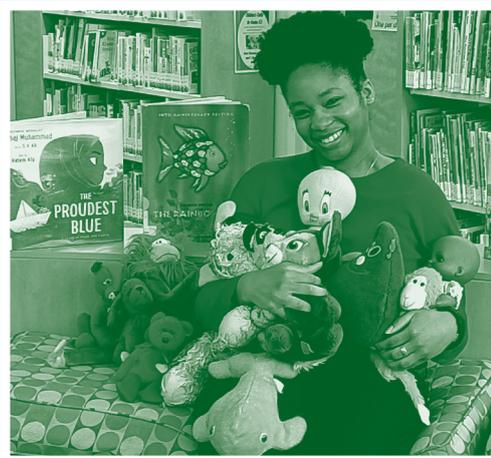
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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet  
July 20, August 17, and September 21 at 7:30pm.  
The public is invited. Visit [valleycottagelibrary.org](http://valleycottagelibrary.org)  
to confirm the dates in the event of a schedule or  
venue change.



## Welcome Ms. Carida!

As the new Head of Children's Services, Ms. Carida  
welcomes everyone with a warm smile and a passion  
for inclusion for all children and families. A fun fact  
about Ms. Carida is that she loves her stuffed animals.  
She loves them so much she couldn't even choose a  
favorite!

*Next time you are in the library bring in YOUR  
favorite stuffed animal to introduce to Ms. Carida.  
She will have a warm smile at the ready for you,  
and maybe even a prize (while supplies last).*

Welcome back families to a whole new library full of  
possibilities.

Contact Caroline Siecke-Pape at [cpape@rcls.org](mailto:cpape@rcls.org) to sign up for our weekly email newsletter.

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Sunday Closings: June 26 through September 4

## Holiday Closings:

Independence Day, Monday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday, September 5

Resident

