

FOCUS Newsletter - Summer 2025

VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

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

V = VIRTUAL PROGRAM H = HYBRID PROGRAM

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Sign Language interpretation may be available for select programs upon request.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB

Kickoff with Charlie and the Bubble Factory!

Monday, June 30 at 6:00pm

All ages

Let's unleash the power of bubbles to celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Club! Charlie's Bubble Show will present an unforgettable magical experience for the whole family!

Note: we will get a bit messy and wet so please wear old clothes or bring a raincoat.

Color Our World : Colorea Nuestro Mundo **June 30–August 9**

Join the Valley Cottage Library's Summer Reading Club! Registration and daily reading recording starts JUNE 30. Pick up reading logs at the library or print from online. The Club is open to all children from infants to children entering 5th grade.

Keep track of your reading on your reading log. Younger non-readers can record books, be read to, or do early literacy activities with an adult. For every 10 days that children read or do an Early Literacy Activity, they will earn their choice of one prize, which they can collect at the Children's Desk.

For more details, to register, and to print logs, go to www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, or visit the Children's Room.

SOMETHING EXCITING IS GOING ON!

With a lot of dreaming, a dose of dust, and a bit of noise, the library has transformed spaces into something incredible.

With the expected soft opening of these spaces in early summer, we hope you will stop in to see our newly expanded and fully enclosed Teen Space; and the unveiling of three small study rooms perfect for online meetings!

The Teen Space features:

- Interactive studying technology including a Vibe Board
- A Gaming TV
- Flexible furniture to adapt the space to user's needs
- Expanded bookshelves
- Fully enclosed footprint

The three small study rooms feature:

- Sound-reducing sheetrock and insulation to minimize ambient noise
- Space for 1-3 users to work independently or collaboratively
- Whiteboard for notetaking or working out complicated math problems
- Clean, plain background wall perfect for online meetings

NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps

Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00pm

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

Each family that attends will receive one Preparedness kit.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE: Visit here to register (or scan QR code above): www.prepare.ny.gov (scroll down to July to see the Valley Cottage Library listing)

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GOVERNOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD



ADULT PROGRAMS



= VIRTUAL PROGRAM



= HYBRID PROGRAM

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Scholar Led Book Discussions

Thursdays at 7:00pm

August 7: *The Time of the Child* by Niall Williams

Led by Tom Burns, former chair of Nyack High School's English Department.

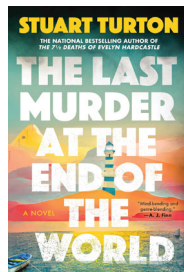
Set over the course of one December in the same village as Williams' beloved *This Is Happiness*, *Time of the Child* is a tender return to Faha for readers who know its charms, and a heartwarming welcome to new readers entering for the very first time.



September 11: *The Last Murder at the End of the World* by Stuart Turton

Led by local author, Mary Anna Evans. Solve the murder to save what's left of the world.

From the bestselling author of *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* and *The Devil and the Dark Water* comes an inventive, high-concept murder mystery: an ingenious puzzle, an extraordinary backdrop, and an audacious solution.



Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, July 26, 10:00am – 4:00pm

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.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Women and Money Roundtable

Wednesdays, July 16, August 13, and September 10 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.



Center for Safety and Change Outreach and Information

Tuesdays, July 22, August 19, and September 30, 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

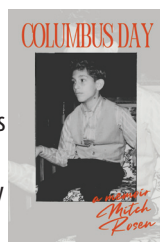


Author Event: Mitch Rosen: *Columbus Day*

Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00pm

Columbus Day: A Story of Survival and Resilience follows the journey of a seven-year-old boy whose life was upended in the summer of 1965

This is not only a story of a mother's betrayal but also a powerful testament to a child's extraordinary resilience. Despite the horrors within the walls of an institution, he refuses to succumb to despair. He finds the strength to overcome the chaos and subsequently thrive.



Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Richard Skipper



(but were afraid to ask)

Thursday, August 14 at 7:00pm

A one-of-a-kind, unscripted evening shaped entirely by questions from the audience. Richard Skipper blends personal stories, theatrical history, music, and spontaneity to create a joyful, interactive experience that's never the same twice. With Musical Director Dan Pardo and Direction by James Beaman, this show invites audiences into a dynamic celebration of truth, legacy, and connection.

ON THE TRAIL BOOK CLUB

Select Thursdays at 8:30am

Put on your walking shoes and join us "On the Trail" at Congers Memorial Park, 8 Gilchrist Rd, Congers, NY 10920. Get your steps in while discussing fascinating true tales. Bring water & a friend! Rain dates will be scheduled, if needed. Decisions will be posted one day prior to the scheduled event.

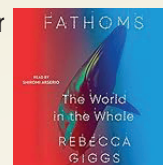
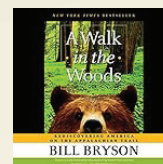
July 10: *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson
Bryson introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way—and a couple of bears. Already a classic, *A Walk in the Woods* will make you long for the great outdoors (or at least a comfortable chair to sit and read in)

August 7: *Fathoms: The World in the Whale* by Rebecca Giggs

With the immediacy of Rachel Carson and the lush prose of Annie Dillard, Giggs gives us a "masterly" (*The New Yorker*) exploration of the natural world even as she addresses what it means to write about nature at a time of environmental crisis.

September 4: *Birding to Change the World* by Trish O'Kane

A warm and compelling weave of science and social engagement, this is the story of an improbable band of bird lovers who saved their park. And it is a blueprint for muscular citizenship, powered by joy.



Adult Summer Reading Program

Color our world! Colorea nuestro mundo!

June 30 to August 9.

Register for summer reading via the library calendar (navigate to the closing date, August 9) or submit your first book review at guides.rcls.org/summerreading25 and we'll sign you up! Each review submitted earns you a chance to win the grand prize—a gift certificate for a local paint & sip event and adult coloring supplies. Book bingo is back as well; submit your completed bingo card on the LibGuide for a chance to win a paint by numbers kit.



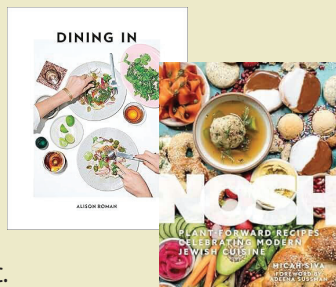
COOKBOOK CLUB

Join Katie and Ashley for the cookbook club - part book club and part potluck.

Registration is required and is done in person at the Reference Desk beginning roughly one month before the event. Register and make a copy of your recipe at the reference desk. 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.

July 17 at 7:00pm: *Dining In* by Alison Roman

Discover the cookbook featuring "drool-worthy yet decidedly unfussy food" (*Goop*) that set today's trends and is fast becoming a modern classic.



September 25 at 7:00pm: *Nosh* by Micah Siva

For those who want to connect with Jewish culinary history while following a plant-based diet, Nosh offers more than 80 recipes that can be served at shabbat, holidays, and even better, every day.

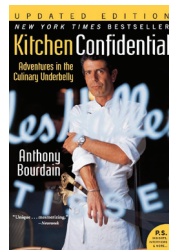
Beyond the Book: A Biography Club

Select Tuesdays every month 2:30-3:30pm

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. We will be taking a hiatus in July and August, but will be back in September with our theme of chefs/cooking professionals. This will be led by librarians Analisa and Sean. For more information, email Analisa at acaso@rcls.org.

September 9: *Kitchen Confidential* by Anthony Bourdain

Frankly confessional, addictively acerbic, and utterly unsparing, Bourdain pulls no punches in this memoir of his years in the restaurant business.



THE BOOK AND PUB CLUB

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

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

July 15: *Blue Skinned Gods* by SJ Sindu

Traveling from India to the underground rock scene of New York City, *Blue Skinned Gods* explores ethnic, gender, and sexual identities, and spans continents and faiths, in an expansive and heartfelt look at the need for belief in our globally interconnected world.

August 19: *Evenings & Weekends* by Oisín McKenna

Strikingly heartfelt, sexually charged, and disarmingly comic, Oisín McKenna's debut is a mesmerizing dive into the soul of a city and a searing look at what it takes to build a life there.

September 16: *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

A missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, a love story, a unique twist on each, Chris Whitaker has written a novel about what lurks in the shadows of obsession and the blinding light of hope.



Board Game Night

Select Thursdays every month at 7:00pm

July 31, August 21, September 18

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

Music Bingo

August 6 at 7:00pm

Gather your friends, it's time to hit rewind on your music knowledge. Listen to song clips, match them to your Bingo card, and you could win a cool prize! Registration required.



VCWRITES

First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

July 3, August 7, September 4

Join our librarian, Sean, 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 Sean at s.antonucci@rcls.org.

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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, 1:00-3:00pm

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.

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

Family Programs

Take and Make Crafts

Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup for children to do on their own anytime! Send a picture of your completed craft to vcldkids@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.

Color Our World Shape Hunt

June

Ages 12 and under. Win a star sticker for finding all the colorful shapes hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Color Our World Collaborative Art

June 23–August 29

Ages 12 and under. Drop by the Children's Desk to decorate a popsicle stick with bright colors. By the end of the Summer, stop by to see our beautiful work of collaborative art! No registration.

The Tiny Engineers Club

Tuesday, June 24 at 4:30pm

Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30am

Friday, August 1 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)

Clifford The Big Red Dog's Adventure Game

July

Ages 12 and under. Win a special paw sticker by finding Clifford The Big Red Dog's selfies around the Children's Room, taken around Valley Cottage. No registration.

Sun Hat Storytime

Wednesdays, July 2 & August 20 at 10:00am

Ages 18 months and up with adult(s). Meet us at Valley Cottage Hamlet Green Gazebo for an outdoor storytime! Bring your sunhat and a blanket or chairs. See online calendar for details and to register.

Family BINGO After Hours

Friday, July 11 at 5:00pm

Ages 5 and up with adult(s). Bring your family to a night of BINGO and win some prizes!

Fun Fest

Saturday, July 19 from 10:00am–12:00pm

All ages. Join us for a colorful festival full of Fun! We will have mini golf, bowling, ring toss, a paint station, a ball pit, chalk, a sponge's station, bubble wrap, and much more!!!

Family Math Game Night!

Thursday, July 24 from 6:00-8:00pm

Entering Grades K–5. Let's explore numbers, patterns, and shapes together through fun activities, puzzles, games, and books. Working with their family, children will use problem-solving skills, logical thinking and strategies to gain a deeper understanding of how math works, all while having fun together! You'll go home with a packet of ideas and games to play at home all summer.

Fun Family Storytime

Monday, July 28 at 6:00pm

Ages 2 and up with adult(s). Wear your PJs and bring your favorite snuggly friend for this fun Family Storytime.

Family Scavenger Hunt: Disney August

Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Enjoy a family adventure by doing a scavenger hunt together throughout the library and when it's completed come to the Children's Room to choose a Disney sticker! No registration.

Sensory Motor Class

Saturday, August 2 at 11:00am

Ages Birth–10 years with adult(s). Join us for an interactive, inclusive, fun and hands-on sensory motor class. There will be sensory stations, gross and fine motor activities, group play, and crafts. Come learn and experience all of your senses!

RAP IT UP! A Virtual Storytime & Creative Workshop

Monday, August 4 at 6:00pm

Ages 4–10 years with adult(s). Join us for a special evening at the library with author Carole Boston Weatherford, current National Young People's Poet Laureate, and her son, Jeffery Boston Weatherford, an award-winning illustrator and spoken-word artist. Co-hosted by Reid Wisely Books & Brew, this virtual event includes a reading of their new book *RAP IT UP!* followed by a fun and engaging Verses & Vibes Workshop where kids will create their own raps. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. Please contact Children's staff to place a pre-order.

LEGO® Challenge, Family Style

Monday, August 11 at 6:00pm

Ages 3–12 years. 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 LEGOs® will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.



PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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

Jory John Picture Book Club

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 1–3

July 10: *The Smart Cookie* by Jory John and illustrated by Pete Oswald. Have you ever felt that you were not a very smart cookie? We will read and follow this cookie on a journey on what it really means to be smart. Then we will do a fun activity and eat some sugar cookies!

August 14: *The Cool Bean* by Jory John and illustrated by Pete Oswald. There is no doubt that you will enjoy this fun story about a bean looking to be cool. We will read how to be a cool bean and do a fun craft!



Graphic Novel Book Club with Building

Thursday, July 17 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 3–5

Minecraft Volume 1 by Sfé R. Monster and illustrated by Sarah Graley. A cool aspect of Minecraft is building! We will discuss the book and then use jelly beans to create a structure of your choice.



Who Would Win? Book Club

Thursday, August 7 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 2–4

Komodo Dragon vs. King Cobra by Jerry Pallotta and illustrated by Rob Bolster. We will learn about Komodo dragons and king cobras, and then we will discuss who has the advantage. Then you choose which reptile you would like to do a craft on.



Registration begins on June 11 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins June 18. 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 Age 6 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am–1:00pm

June 23–September 15 (Closed on September 1)

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.

Buttercup Babies

Fridays at 10:30am

June 27–August 15 (no program July 4, July 11)

Ages 2–17 months with adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Toddler Tiger Lily Tales

Tuesdays at 10:30am

June 24–August 5 (no program July 15)

Ages 18–35 months with adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

PreK Poppies Storytime

Wednesdays at 4:30pm, June 25–August 6

(no program July 16)

Thursdays at 10:30am, June 26–August 7

(no program July 17)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Weekly storytimes for 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.

Musical Munchkins

Mondays, June 30 & July 7 at 10:30am

Ages 1–5 years with adult. Miss Joanne will bring her guitar and lots of instruments, props and puppets, all designed to nurture children's love of music through singing and movement. Register separately for each week.

Music with Mr. Kurt!

Mondays, July 14, 21 and 28 at 4:30pm

Ages 6 and under with adult. Join 'Mr. Kurt' Gallagher in making music with his guitar and other fun instruments; moving, stomping and singing some silly tunes. Register separately for each week.

Bi-Lingual Storytime

Tuesday, July 15 at 10:30am

Ages 2–5 years. Join us for stories, songs and movement in both Spanish and English!

Early Literacy Adventure: *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

Thursday, July 17 at 11:30am

Ages 2–5 years. Parents and children will go on a station-based, fun-filled journey, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills, including ABCs, 123s, colors and shapes.

Bluey's Playtime Party

Friday, August 8 at 11:30am

Ages 2–6 years. Let's celebrate Bluey with books, games, crafts, dancing and more!

Sensory Art

Fridays, August 15, 22, & 29 at 11:15am

Ages 2–3 years. Let's do a simple sensory art project, full of colors! Each week we'll experiment with unique art materials and make something colorful out on the patio, weather permitting. Register separately for each week.

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

WIKKIWANDER

Tuesday, July 1 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Use your imagination and engineering skills to create an amazing marble maze out of WikkiStix, then we'll try them out!

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, July 8–August 12

Ages 5–17 and their adults as observers. Join the Chess Club, open to beginner, intermediate and expert abilities! Chess will be taught by a rated player and coach who is a parent in our community, in a program that can develop and sharpen the cognitive, academic, emotional and social skills of children.

KATHERINE APPLGATE COLOR OUR WORLD WRITING CONTEST

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00pm

Attention readers ages 8–12! Join us for a writing workshop to help you work on your submission for this exciting contest. We will discuss the writing prompt, talk about our ideas, and workshop our stories. See valleycottagelibrary.org/vclteens for contest details and prizes.

SUMMER COLLAGE

Tuesday, July 15 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 1–4. We'll read *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni, then we'll create a beautiful colorful summer scene with magazine pictures and other materials.

COOL COLORFUL CAMOUFLAGE

Wednesday, July 23 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 2–5. Come to the library and we'll take a look at some amazing methods of camouflage! We'll have fun testing our eyes to find some very well-hidden animals in their natural environments!

LET'S BE DRAMATIC: SHORT PLAYS

Wednesday, July 30 at 3:30pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Try your hand at acting in an amusing play or two! We'll choose parts, color simple costumes, and read the plays together in fun performances for our adults. Please register each child separately.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!

Thursday, July 31 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 1–3. We will make dairy free vanilla ice cream with only a BAG. How? Well, science of course! We will make ice cream and enjoy it with some toppings!

SYMMETRY DRAWING

August

Ages 5 and up. Use art and math to complete the missing half of a picture, then color it in! We will have symmetry drawings ready for pickup to do any time. Send a picture of your completed symmetry drawings to vclkids@rcls.org by the end of the month to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

SUMMER SWEETS

Tuesday, August 5 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 1–4. We'll read *The Donut Chef* by Bob Staake, then we'll paint our favorite summer treats from ice cream to lemonade to watermelon – so many fun choices! [Note—we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

AUDIOBOOK CLUB: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Mondays, August 11, 18, and 25 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Come and listen to *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell, read by David Tennant, over 3 weeks as we color and talk about the (mis)adventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third.

INDOOR GAMES

Wednesday, August 13 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Join us for some indoor fun! We will play musical chairs, Pictionary®, and bowling.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten: This program promotes reading to newborns, infants, toddlers, and children up to Kindergarten. 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.

Registration for our Fall Programs will start on September 8. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins September 15.

TEEN CORNER

Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

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

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PAINT & PASS

Thursday, July 10 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!

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Mondays at 5:30pm (July 14 – August 11)

Join our adventuring party for new and veteran D&D players alike! Registration for Nyack School District students begins June 1. Out of district patrons can begin registering June 23. Space is limited.

TEEN SUMMER READING RUNS FROM JUNE 30 - AUGUST 9

1. Register using the QR code
2. Read a book and submit a Mini Book Review
3. Earn raffle tickets for reading pages



Visit valleycottagelibrary.org/vclteens for more info!

TEEN ORIGAMI 101

Thursday, July 17 at 3:00pm

Join instructor Samantha Heerlein to learn various origami folds and designs. Beginners welcome!



TEEN YOGA

Monday, July 21 at 7:00pm

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

AFTER-HOURS SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, August 1 at 5:00pm

Take over the library after closing to explore, solve riddles, and compete for prizes in this library-wide scavenger hunt! Pizza will be served.



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COMMUNITY READ: HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

Wednesday, July 30th at 6:30pm

Come watch the film on the big screen!

Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00pm

Have you been reading this book over the summer like everyone else? Come chat about what you've read so far and see what other people think. Pizza and passive crafts will be available. Teens and family members welcome.



TEEN TIME CAPSULE

Friday, August 15 at 2:00pm

Would you like to leave something for the future? Our brand-new teen room has a hidden door for a time capsule! Come meet with other teens to pitch your ideas and vote on what should be included. Snacks provided.



Digital Resource Spotlight

Tutoring when and where you need it...

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

tutor.com™

Virtual Author Talk Series

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

Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium

Dibuja tu mundo con Raúl the Third (Preescolar a 2.º grado)

Tuesday, July 8 at 2:00pm

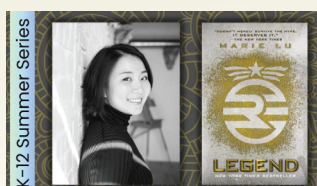


Drawing Your World with Raúl The Third (PK-2nd Grade)

Tuesday, July 8 at 4:00pm

Discerning the Truth with Marie Lu (9th-12th Grade)

Thursday, July 17 at 4:00pm



Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship with

Rex Ogle (5th-8th Grade)
Wednesday, July 23 at 4:00pm



MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES AT 1:00PM

JULY 7

A Complete Unknown

2024 | R | 2h 21m



JULY 14

Here

2024 | PG-13 | 1h 44m



JULY 21

Black Bag

2025 | R | 1h 33m



JULY 28

A Real Pain

2024 | R | 1h 30m



AUGUST 4

Last Breath

2025 | PG-13 | 1h 33m



AUGUST 11

Bitter Harvest

2017 | R | 1h 43m



AUGUST 25

Southside With You

2016 | PG-13 | 1h 24m



SEPTEMBER 8

September 5

2024 | R | 1h 35m



SEPTEMBER 15

All Of Us Strangers

2023 | R | 1h 45m



SEPTEMBER 22

The Count of Monte Cristo

2024 | 2h 58m



SEPTEMBER 29

The Accountant

2016 | R | 2h 8m



Concerts

BridgeMusik Summer Festival

Saturday, August 16 at 2:00pm

Celebrate the final weekend of the 2025 BridgeMusik Summer Festival, featuring BridgeMusik faculty and advanced students in works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Copland and Sousa. www.bridgemusik.com

Registration required.



Urban Survival

Sunday, September 14 at 1:30pm

Since 1996, Urban Survival has played all over the country at venues large and small including: Birdland (NYC), The Knitting Factory (NYC), Newberry Opera House (SC), The Jazz Factory (Louisville KY), Blues Alley (DC) and more. They have recorded two CDs, Urban Survival in 1998 and Storry Hill in 2004. The band was founded by Bass Player Jim Donica, Pianist Eric Olsen, and Drummer Chris Bowman. In 2024 they added sax player Bob Shaut. Urban Survival features music from both bassist Jim Donica and Pianist Eric Olsen. Describe as "jazz for the resilient" Urban Survival's music is dynamic, surprising, and beautiful and is a fusion of classical, avant-garde, and straight-ahead jazz influences.



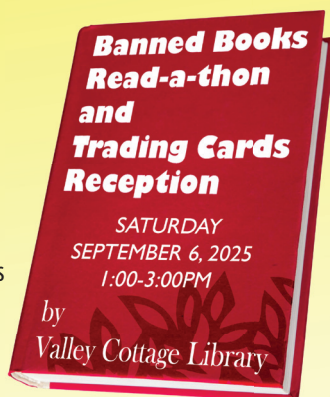
Save These September Dates!

Banned Books Trading Cards Project Art Reception

Saturday, September 6

1:00-3:00pm

Celebrate the right to read with the Valley Cottage Library's Banned Books Week reveal of our 2025 Banned Books Trading Cards. The original works from the trading card decks will be on display in our gallery. Trading card decks from 2023, 2024 as well as 2025 will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided.



Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses

Saturday, September 27 at Valley Cottage Library, 12-3:00pm

Sunday, September 28 at Nyack Library, 12:00-3:00pm

Join us for our second 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! Made possible, in part, by a grant from Nyack Tourism and the Village of Nyack.



IN OUR GALLERY

JULY: PAT SMYTHE
Colorful Memories

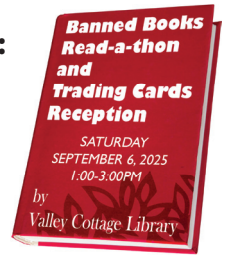


AUGUST:
PLEIN AIR
PAINTERS
Art Reception:
Thursday,
August 7,
10:30am-1:30pm



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

SEPTEMBER: BANNED
BOOKS TRADING CARDS
PROJECT
Artists' Reception:
Saturday,
September 6,
1:00-3:00pm



ARTISANS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE WANTED!



for our Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 6, 10am - 4pm



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

We are seeking artisans and craftspeople who are proficient in their craft. Items must be self-made and unique! Submit at least 10 digital photos of your work for consideration to cpape@rcsls.org. No phone calls please. Submission deadline is Monday, November 3.

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



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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet July 16, August 20, and September 17 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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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday
10am-9pm

Friday & Saturday
10am-5pm

Sunday
12-4pm*

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

Holiday Closings:

Friday, July 4 - Independence Day

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

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