FOCUS Newsletter - Spring 2026

Valley Cottage Library

Serving the Residents of the Nyack School District

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

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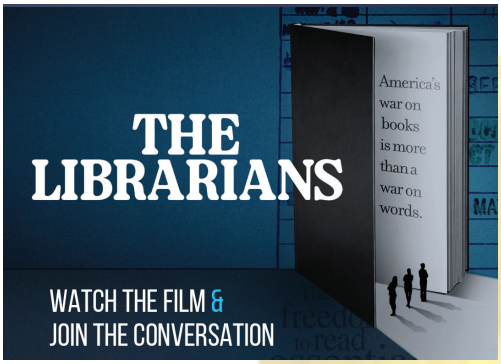
Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Celebrate National Library Week: April 19-25



The Librarians Film Screening

Monday, April 20 at 6:30pm

When Texas lawmakers seek to review a list of books, librarians find themselves on the frontlines of a national battle. Across the U.S., librarians face the impact of uniting against library collection standards that include restrictions on race-related and LGBTQIA+ content. Drawing on historical context, *The Librarians* explores the broader implications for education and public life.

Join us for a screening of the film and discussion afterward.

Presented by RCLS, Valley Cottage Library, and PBS.

Houseplant Cutting Swap: Beginning April 20*

Grow your community…of houseplants! Share your beloved but overgrown plants with your neighbors while diversifying your collection. Bring in a healthy, pest-free rooted or unrooted cutting to swap for something new. Our propagation station will be located near the courtyard windows throughout the week.

***Join Katie and Ashley from 5-6pm on April 20 to kick off our houseplant cutting swap with an informal gathering for houseplant enthusiasts!**

Call for Artists for the Fourth Annual Banned Books Trading Cards Application Deadline is May 31!

Visit valleycottagelibrary.org ('Banned Books Week' under the 'Events' tab)

or scan QR code for more information.

Art and Craft Supply Swap

Saturday, May 9, 12:00-4:00pm

Do you have art and craft supplies that you don't have a use for? Bring them to the library and swap them for supplies that you would use or would like to try.

Here's how it works:

- **Drop off** your unopened or clean, gently-used supplies from **Monday, May 4 through Friday, May 8** in the Library Gallery during operating hours.
- **Return** on **Saturday, May 9, 12-4pm** to browse supplies brought in by others, and take home what you want.
- Stick around and chat with neighbors, friends, and other art and craft enthusiasts.
- You do not need to donate something to take something.

Leftover supplies will be donated to the Nyack Center.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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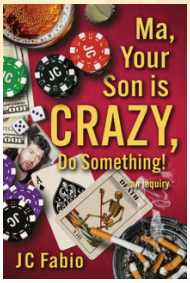
Latin Dance Class with Janet Serrao

Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14 at 11:00am

Get your heart pumping and your feet moving dancing to Latin Rhythms and more.
Register for each session separately.

Author Talk with Local Author JC Fabio

Saturday, April 11 at 2:00pm



Join local author JC Fabio as he discusses his book ***Ma, Your Son is Crazy, Do Something!*** Author's talk will include a discussion of the current state of organized crime's use of professional athletes as tools to influence betting, exploration of the book's protagonist, "JC," and the methods employed to run illegal gambling clubs, and the process of the author writing, researching and self-publishing.

Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, April 25, 10:00am – 4:30pm

This 6-hour course is open to ALL NYS licensed drivers. Participants are eligible to receive a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums and reduce up to 4 points. **Preregistration is required.** Please visit the library to pay and register. A check for $35 made payable to Ian Prastien is required to attend class.
Class starts promptly at 10:00am.

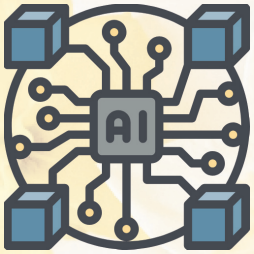
Watercolor!

Wednesday, May 6, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Join May's exhibiting artist Janice Baragwanath for an inspiring class on this beautiful, but challenging medium. Learn the properties of watercolor paints and what combinations will produce brilliant colors, how to prepare your paper, set up your palette, transfer your drawing, and apply flawless washes. Bring whatever supplies (if any) you are currently using. Class will include tips on the best materials. All levels welcome. Registration is required.

How to Use Today's AI Tools to Simplify Life & Business

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30pm



A deep dive into how AI tools can be leveraged to simplify your daily tasks, enhance productivity, and bring a new level of efficiency to both personal and professional endeavors (ChatGPT, Midjourney, Perplexity, Anthropic's Claude, Gemini, Sora, ElevenLabs, Adobe Firefly, etc.).
Presented by Eddi Khaytman of PromoAmbitions.
Registration required.

Poets of Two Shores: A Poetic Bridge Across the Hudson River

Saturday, May 30 at 2:00pm

Poets of Two Shores
A Poetic Bridge Across the Hudson River

Juan Pablo Mobili (Rockland County Poet Laureate) & Melissa Joplin Higley (Village of Mamaroneck Poet Laureate) invite you to a poetry reading, as part of a series featuring poets from both shores of our river. Please come and listen to voices honoring the power of language and the importance of bringing communities together.

Phoenix Theatre Ensemble presents Afterplay

Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30pm

A chance meeting in a Moscow café brings together Sonja and Andre—two mature, lonely, socially awkward souls whose guarded small talk gives way to startling honesty. What follows is a funny, tender, and ultimately life-affirming encounter from one of the great masters of modern drama.
The production stars Off-Broadway theatre legends Elise Stone and Craig Smith.
Registration is required.

Blossoms & Brushes: Spring Painting Delight

Friday, June 12 at 1:00pm

Unwind this spring with a soothing painting session celebrating early summer florals with instructor, Claudia Marulanda. No skills needed.
Your canvas will be pre-drawn so you can simply enjoy adding color, texture, and your own personal touch. All supplies are provided, simply bring your curiosity and willingness to explore in this 1½ hour painting experience. Registration required.

Film Screening: The Big Cheese

Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30pm

Take a peek into the world of cheese with us and Scott & Joe of Nyack. A scrappy team of eccentric American cheesemongers defies tradition to take on the world's top cheese masters at the Mondial du Fromage, battling cultural clashes, personal struggles, and melting cheese in pursuit of respect, redemption, and a historic victory. A feature documentary directed by Sara Joe Wolansky.

WEEKLIES

Yarn Therapy

Tuesdays at 11:30am – 1:30pm

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

More Than Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, 1-3:00pm

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

Cookbook Club

Monday, May 4 at 7:00pm

Join Katie and Ashley for the cookbook club - part book club and part potluck. This month we will be cooking through ***Brunch Season: A Year of Delicious Mornings from the Buttermilk Kitchen*** by Suzanne Vizethann.

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 Book and Pub Club

Select Tuesdays at 7:00pm

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

April 21: ***Beautyland*** by Marie Helene Bertino

From the acclaimed author of *Parakeet*, Marie-Helene Bertino's ***Beautyland*** is a wise, tender novel about a woman who doesn't feel at home on Earth.

May 19: ***Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures*** by Merlin Sheldrake (also an On the Trail Book Club title)

Most fungi live out of sight, yet make up a massively diverse kingdom of organisms that supports and sustains nearly all living systems. Fungi provide a key to understanding the planet on which we live, and the ways we think, feel, and behave.

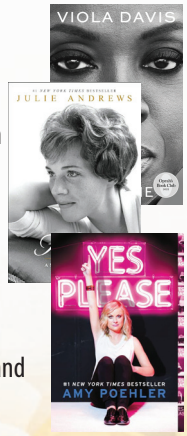
June 16: ***The Safekeep*** by Yael Van Der Wouden

Mysterious, sophisticated, sensual, and infused with intrigue, atmosphere, and sex, ***The Safekeep*** is "a brave and thrilling debut about facing up to the truth of history, and to one's own desires" (The Guardian).

Beyond the Book: A Biography Club

Select Tuesdays at 2:30pm

Led by librarian Analisa, 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 begin our theme of reading about actors. For more information, email Analisa at acaso@rcls.org



April 14: ***Finding Me*** by Viola Davis

"This is my story, from a crumbling apartment in Central Falls, Rhode Island, to the stage in New York City, and beyond. This is the path I took to finding my purpose but also my voice in a world that didn't always see me." —Viola Davis

May 12: ***Home: A Memoir of My Early Years*** by Julie Andrews

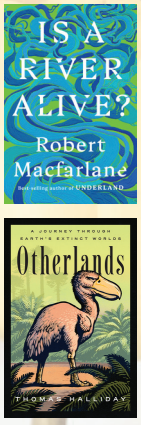
Julie takes her readers on a warm, moving, and often humorous journey from a difficult upbringing in war-torn Britain to the brink of international stardom in America.

June 9: ***Yes, Please*** by Amy Poehler

In ***Yes, Please***, Amy Poehler shares hard-won wisdom and hilarious stories from her life in and out of the spotlight.

On the Trail Book Club

Put on your walking shoes and join us On the Trail at **Congers Memorial Park, 8 Gilchrest Rd, Congers, NY**. 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.



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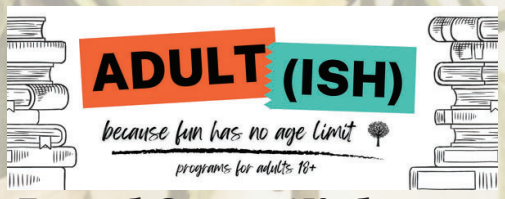
June 4: ***Otherlands: A Journey through Earth's Extinct Worlds*** by Thomas Halliday



Board Game Night

Select Thursdays every month at 7pm

April 30, May 21, & June 25

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

Creative Collage

Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00pm

Call it junk journaling, scrapbooking or vision boarding, we're going to collage! We'll provide magazines and craft supplies, bring your own journals and photos to include in your collages. Registration is limited.

Tech Tuesdays

2:00-4:00pm

We are now offering a drop-in technology assistance program! Drop into the Glass Room Tuesdays between 2-4pm 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.

VCWRITES

First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

April 2, May 7, & June 4

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 vclwrites@gmail.com.

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM SPRING 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! Send a picture of your completed craft to vclkids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Open Magna-Tiles® Play

March 28–April 4 and May 26-31

Drop in to play with our new Magna-Tiles® all week! No registration.

The Tiny Engineers Club

Tuesday, March 31 at 4:30pm
Saturday, April 18 at 11:30am
Tuesday, May 5 at 4:30pm

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.

Bilingual Family Storytime

Thursday, April 9 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!

Celebrate Earth Day!

April 15-22

Ages 3 and up. Children can drop in all week to create a fun craft to celebrate our amazing Earth. No registration.

"Find Your Joy" Book Covers Tournament

April 19-25

Ages 3 and up. In honor of National Library Week, Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries have selected 12 book covers (6 from each library) for a book covers tournament for all of you to participate! The goal is to judge the book cover by its appearance. Vote in-person at Nyack Library and/or Valley Cottage library, on our websites, or on our socials. May the best cover win!

Families + Games = Fun

Thursday, April 23 at 5:00pm

All ages. Come meet other families for a night of board games and card games with a variety to choose from.

Caring Cards & Crafts for Memorial Day

May 1-18

All ages. Drop in to create a card honoring local senior citizen servicemen and women on Memorial Day! Meals on Wheels will deliver them to seniors and brighten their day. No registration.

Guessing Jar

May 1-31

Ages 5-11 years. Can you guess the number of items in the jar? Come to the Children's Room and take a guess! Give your guess and phone number. The winner will win a prize and will be called during the week of June 1st.

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.

Pete the Cat Easy Reader Book Club

Tuesday, May 12 at 4:30pm

Ages 4-7 years. Calling all new and emerging readers! Let's read a ***Pete the Cat*** adventure together and then have fun with some themed literacy activities surrounding everyone's favorite mischievous cat.

Spring Frog Craft

Saturday, May 16, 10:00am–4:00pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in to cut, color and glue together an adorable spring Frog! No registration.

Pegboard Art

June 1-14

Ages 3 and up. Drop in to create pictures with golf tees on a big pegboard! No registration.

Fun Family Storytime

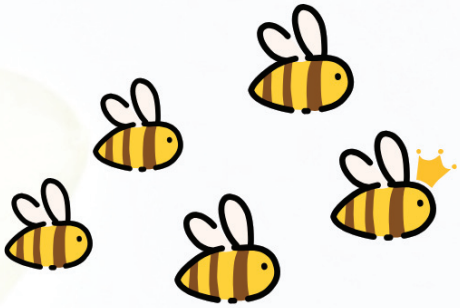
Monday, June 8 at 6:00pm

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

Busy Bee Craft

Saturday, June 13, 10:00am–4:00pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in to cut, color and glue together an adorable Bee Hive! No registration.



PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN: BOOK CLUBS

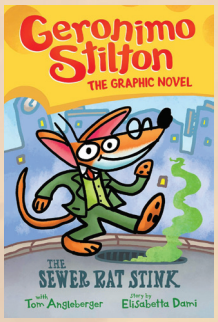
Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, April 9 at 4:15pm
Grades 3-5

The Sewer Rat Stink *(Geronimo Stilton Graphic Novel #1)* by Tom Angleberger and Elisabetta Dami.

We will discuss Geronimo's journey into the sewer and then do a Rat Craft!

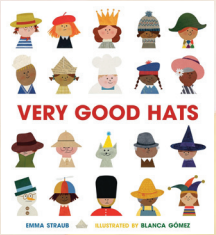


Picture Book Worms Book Club

Thursday, April 30 at 4:15pm
Grades K-3

Very Good Hats by Emma Straub, illustrated by Blanca Gómez.

We will read this beautiful book about all kinds of hats. Then we will make our very own hat!

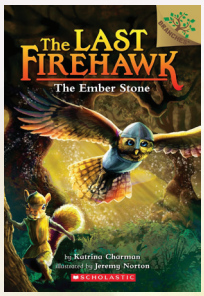


Fun Fiction Book Club

Thursday, May 7 at 4:15pm
Grades 2-4

The Ember Stone *(The Last Firehawk #1)* by Katrina Charman, illustrated by Jeremy Norton.

We will discuss Tag's journey to defeat Thorn, the powerful vulture. Then we will create a sponge painted owl!



Registration begins on March 18 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins March 25. 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 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am–1:00pm
March 23–June 22 (no program May 25)
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.

Spring Baby Tales

Fridays at 10:30am, April 17–May 15
Ages 2 mos.–17 mos. with adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30am OR 2:30pm
Please choose 10:30 OR 2:30
April 7–May 12 (no program April 21 and May 5)
Ages 18-35 mos. with adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

PreK Spring Stories

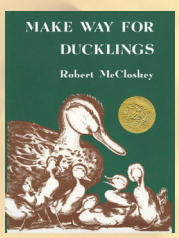
Wednesdays, April 8–May 13 at 4:30pm
Thursdays, April 9–May 14 at 10:30am
Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.
Ages 3-5. Books, games, songs and crafts! Parents and siblings are welcome to join us for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for each week.

LEGO™ Challenge for Ages 3-5

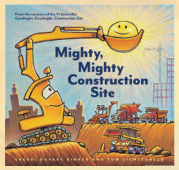
Thursday, April 2 at 10:30am
Ages 3-5. Build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups on a spring-themed project! Share your creation with the group and it will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

Play to Learn

Ages 3-5. Let's read some spring adventures then do some fun math, literacy, and crafty activities!



Friday, April 10 at 10:30am: ***Make Way for Ducklings*** by Robert McCloskey.



Friday, May 15 at 11:00am: ***Mighty, Mighty Construction Site*** by Sherri Duskey Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld.

Sensory Earth Day Art

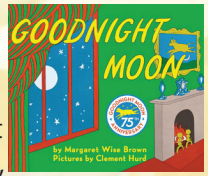
Tuesday, April 21 at 10:30am
Ages 2-4 years. Come join us for a communal sensory art experience using found objects from nature. Program will be held outside, weather permitting. Be prepared to get dirty!

Sing & Sign with Fran

Mondays, April 27, May 4 and May 11 at 4:30pm
Ages 4 and under with adult. Sing, sign, jump, dance and march your feet around the room with Ms. Fran! We will move and groove to our instruments and guitar while learning simple sign language. Register separately for every single week.

Early Literacy Adventure: Goodnight Moon

Thursday, June 4 at 10:30am



Ages 2½-5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, ***Goodnight Moon*** by Margaret Wise Brown and Clement Hurd, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills, including ABCs, 123s, colors and shapes.

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

SPRING GARLAND CRAFT

Tuesday, April 7 at 4:30pm

Grades K-3. Join us to make a fun craft together! We'll read ***Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms*** by Julia Rawlinson, illustrated by Tiphanie Beeke, then create a beautiful spring garland with colorful letters, flowers, pom poms, and more!

SCENT TEST

Thursday, April 16 at 4:15pm
Grades 3-6. FIRST, you will experience smelling different scents. NEXT, your job is to guess the item, while BLINDFOLDED of course. We will see who smells the best!

GROWING TOMORROW

Monday, April 27 at 5:30pm
Grades 1-5. Learn about the Svalbard Global Seed Vault as we decorate pots and plant some flowers that you can preserve to grow again next spring.

BOX MONSTERS

Monday, May 11 at 5:30pm

Grades 3-6. Let's read ***Sarabella's Thinking Cap*** by Judy Schachner to get our creativity flowing, and then we'll create a Box Monster toss game to take home!

LEGO™ CHALLENGE

Tuesday, May 19 at 5:00pm
Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the library.

READ TO KAYA THE DOG

Monday, June 1 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!

Registration for our Summer Programs starts on June10 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins June 17.

TEEN CORNER

Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

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

POETRY PARTY

Thursday, April 2 from 2:00-5:00pm

Drop in to the Teen Room for a celebration of all things poetic! Make a black-out poem collage, play poetry games, discover novels-in-verse, and more! If you would like to read or perform a poem, there will be an open-mic opportunity from 4-5pm. Snacks will be provided.

BOO! SPIRIT BATTLES TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, April 22 from 6:30-8pm

Come and play this easy-to-learn and fast-paced trading card game with ghosts and dice! Craft your team, bring your friends, and the battle is on! Tournament winners will receive a free starter pack to take home. Pizza provided.

MOSAIC SEED ART

Monday, May 4 at 4:30pm

Make your artistic vision come to life as a mosaic using a variety of seeds, beans, and grains.

SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, May 15 from 5:00-6:30pm

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

CRAFT WITH PRIDE

Wednesday, June 3 at 4:30pm

Come make a bracelet and show off your pride!

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK WITH JASON REYNOLDS

Thursday, April 30 at 7:00pm

Join us in conversation with bestselling author Jason Reynolds as we discuss his latest work, ***Coach***, the fifth–and last–entry in the highly popular *Track* series.

This will be livestreamed on Thursday, April 30 at 7:00pm in the Teen Room with snacks provided or visit valleycottagelibrary.org under the "Events" tab "Author Talk Series" to register and view at home.

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!

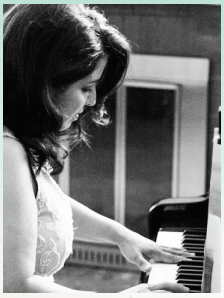
Sunday Concerts at 1:30pm

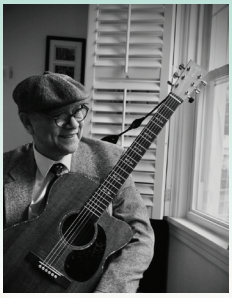
April 19: Itay Goren

May 3: Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn

May 17: Renée Guerrero: Mompou & Chopin

June 7: Ricardo Gautreau Trio





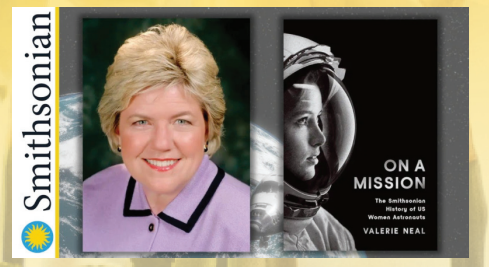
Virtual Author Talk Series

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

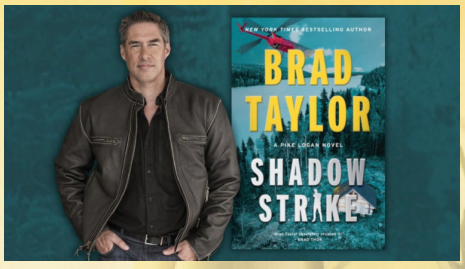
The History of US Women Astronauts with Valerie Neal

Thursday, April 2 at 2:00pm



On Writing Action-Packed & Suspenseful Spycraft with Brad Taylor

Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00pm



Lush Lyricism and Intimate Confessions with Miranda Cowley Heller

Wednesday, April 22 at 2:00pm

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES AT 1:00PM

APRIL 6
Song Sung Blue
2025 | PG-13 | 2h 12m

APRIL 13
Roofman
2025 | R | 2h 6m

APRIL 27
Good Fortune
2025 | R | 1h 37m

MAY 4
Freakier Friday
2025 | PG | 1h 50m

MAY 11
Jurassic World Rebirth
2025 | PG-13 | 2h 13m

MAY 18
Spinal Tap II
2025 | R | 1h 23m

JUNE 1
Rule Breakers
2025 | PG | 2h

JUNE 8
The Life of Chuck
2024 | R | 1h 51m

JUNE 15
The Amateur
2025 | PG-13 | 2h 2m

JUNE 29
Now You See Me, Now You Don't
2025 | PG-13 | 1h 53m

2025 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you've had the chance to stop in the library and see the result of the hard work of the last few years! In June we debuted our expanded Teen Room and three small individual study rooms. Our study rooms proved to be an instant success and the Teen Room opened with much excitement just in time for the busy summer reading season.

Staff also were busy seeking new ways to connect with our patrons, and within our community. Our staff ventured out of the library walls and into the community with Sunhat Storytime at the Valley Cottage Hamlet Green to Congers Lake with the On the Trail walking book club. Staff also presented at conferences, both national and regional, showcasing our innovative programs and staff talent. And along the way we won the RCLS Adult Program of the Year award and received community grants and NYS funding for construction projects. These spotlights are but a few examples of how the entire staff shined throughout 2025 and gave their hearts to our community.

On a beautiful October Sunday, a newly installed bench was dedicated to Tom Protus Sr. who passed in 2023 after dedicating more than 50 years to watching over the Valley Cottage Library. This bench, and its twin, were the result of the collection of over 2,000 pounds of plastic by the library's Sustainability Committee.

Looking back on the year is gratifying to see how much gets accomplished with the convergence of dedicated staff, a devoted board, and a supportive community. Thank you!

Christy Blanchette
Library Director

Visit valleycottagelibrary.org under the 'About' tab for the full report.

FACTS AND FIGURES OF 2025

LIBRARY DETAILS	
62	Hours per week
4,248	Active Cardholders
103,536	Library Visits
13,917	Reference Questions Answered
8,414	Public Internet Use (not including wireless)
44,542	Interlibrary Loan Transactions
8,881	Wireless Sessions
97,486	Total Physical Items Circulated
23,983	Total Electronic Items Circulated
MATERIALS OWNED	
86,175	Adult, Children & Teen Books
16,930	Audio Visual Materials
89	Magazine & Newspaper Subscriptions (print)
73,971	Downloadable Books (Adult, Children & Teen)
34,351	Downloadable Audio & Video (Adult, Children & Teen)
478	Community Closet & Board Game Items
PROGRAMS	
359/5,901	Adult Programs/Attendance
346/5,724	Children and Teen Programs/Attendance
9,000	Children's Passive Programming Scavenger Hunt and Take & Make
HOMEBOUND SERVICE	
3	Deliveries of Materials to Residents
EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS	
137/2,253	Sessions/Attendance
ADULT DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS	
64	One-on-one Sessions
NOTARY SERVICE	
83	Appointments

IN OUR GALLERY

APRIL: BILL BATSON

Art Reception: Saturday, April 4, 1:00-3:00pm

MAY: JANICE BARAGWANATH

This is New York

Art Reception: Saturday, May 2, 2:00-4:00pm

JUNE: ERIC BENDER

Reflections

Art Reception: Saturday, June 6, 1:00-3:00pm

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

Great American Cleanup

Show your civic pride and help spruce up your community on **Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00am –1:00pm** as we host a neighborhood **Great American Cleanup** event. In conjunction with **Keep Rockland Beautiful**, the Library will be sending out groups of volunteers to help remove unsightly garbage from our hometown. All cleanup supplies will be provided. Community service letters will be available. **Register to participate at www.keeprocklandbeautiful.org.** Questions? Contact Ashley Maraffino at amaraffino@rcls.org. ***Event will take place rain or shine.***

We'll also be collecting used household batteries during our cleanup event for recycling. Drop off household batteries at our tent in the parking lot. Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00am –1:00pm.

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet April 15, May 20, and June 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:

Easter - Sunday, April 5
Memorial Day - Monday, May 25
Juneteeth - Friday, June 19

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