

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.

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.

Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses



Two days, two libraries!

Saturday, September 27 &

Sunday, September 28, 12:00-3:00pm

Taking place at the Valley Cottage Library on Saturday, September 27 and at the Nyack Library on Sunday, September 28.

**Food Trucks ♦ Baked Goods ♦ Music ♦ Face Painting
Children's Activities ♦ Health & Wellness ♦ Community
Information ♦ Jewelry ♦ Art ♦ Crafts ♦ and more!**

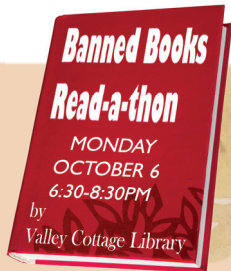
Banned Books Read-a-Thon

Monday, October 6 from 6:30-8:30pm

Celebrate the right to read with the Valley Cottage Library's Banned Books Week Read-a-Thon!

Books will be read in increments no more than 5 minutes. Sign up when you arrive and please be prepared with your choice of book passage. There will be a selection of books available to read from.

Original works from our third Banned Books Trading Cards Project will be on display in our gallery and Trading Card decks will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided.



Artists' Celebration for PFLAG Rockland's Love Unites Us Coloring Book Event

Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00pm

Featuring the debut of the **Love Unites Us**

Coloring Book, which showcases artwork from 40 local artists, live music, refreshments, and a special guest speaker, Alex Francisco. It's a free event open to all and a great way to show support for LGBTQ+ individuals and their families.



THE GREAT GIVE BACK



Children's Clothing Swap

Saturday, October 11, 11:00am-3:00pm

Come find something new-to-you at our Children's Clothing Swap!

How it works:

Drop off your unwanted children's clothing, in all sizes, from October 6-9. We'll be collecting children's clothes, shoes, coats, winter wear and Halloween costumes. Clothing must be in good condition, clean, no odors, rips, holes or stains.

Return on Saturday, October 11, 11:00am-3:00pm to "shop" for free for what your family needs. **You do not need to donate something to take something.** We'll have fun activities to entertain children while you shop.

The Great Give Back is a community service initiative for libraries and their patrons.

Collection for St. Paul's Food Cupboard in Valley Cottage

October 6-20

Help the Food Cupboard create

Thanksgiving food baskets for families by donating holiday food items like boxed stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams/sweet potatoes, and canned vegetables. Donations of non-perishable, non-expired items can be placed in the collection box by the Circulation Desk.



Give a Kid a Book

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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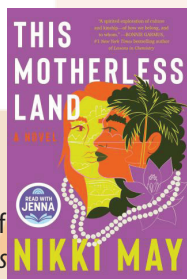
Scholar Led Book Discussions **H**

Thursdays at 7:00pm

October 9: *This Motherless Land* by Nikki May

Led by Vara Neverow, English Professor at Southern Connecticut State University.

Moving between Somerset and Lagos over the course of two decades, *This Motherless Land* is a sweeping examination of identity, culture, race, and love that asks how we find belonging and whether a family's generational wrongs can be righted.



November 13: *The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis

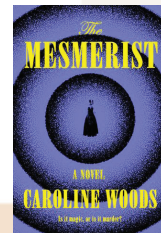
Led by Camille Serchuk, Professor of Art History at Southern Connecticut State University.

Egypt, 1936: When anthropology student Charlotte Cross is offered a coveted spot on an archaeological dig in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, she leaps at the opportunity. But after an unbearable tragedy strikes, Charlotte knows her future will never be the same.



December 4: *The Mesmerist* by Caroline Woods

Led by David Turk, retired English Professor. Before hypnotism, there was mesmerism. In 1894 Minneapolis, in the wake of a national financial crisis, spiritualism of every stripe is all the rage, and women are dying under mysterious circumstances. But until a new guest named Faith lands at the Bethany Home for Unwed Mothers, mute and refusing to explain her arrival, the sordid stories of unexplained deaths seem unconnected. Faith's reticence is quickly interpreted as malevolence, setting the house abuzz with whispers of dark magic. Abby, a staunch Quaker, lifelong supporter of progressive causes, and Bethany Home's treasurer, thinks the rumors of mystical powers swirling around Faith are nonsense, but she recognizes the danger of a good story.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Women and Money Roundtable **V**

Wednesdays, October 15, November 12, and December 10 at 1:00pm

Started in the spring of 2016, this monthly discussion group 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

Mondays, October 20, November 17, and December 15, 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



Limited Series: Latin Dance Class with Janet Serrao

(6 sessions) Thursdays, October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, & 20, 11:00am-12:00pm

Get your heart pumping and your feet moving dancing to Latin rhythms and more with Janet Serrao.

NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps

Wednesday,

October 22 at 6:00pm

The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program 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. Scan QR code above to register or visit pspapps.dhses.ny.gov/CitizenPreparednessCorps/.

Registration is required.

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



The Basics of Medicare

Friday, October 24 at 11:00am

This informative workshop will provide you with information on Medicare basics, important terminology, enrollment periods, plan types, and cost assistance. It is our mission to address concerns and examine how seniors can navigate the changes to Medicare, as well as learn about the benefits that they may be eligible for.

Grow Year-Round with Hydroponics and Aeroponics

Tuesday, November 18 at 1:00pm

Donna Alese Cooke, a distance learning instructor for Cornell University will teach us how to grow year-round with hydroponics and aeroponics. This presentation focuses on different soilless methods of growing herbs and vegetables, indoors and out, all year round. From countertop systems to towers, Donna will share her experience with different methods and what is available to the home gardener.

Teaching (or Doing Anything) in The New Crazy

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30pm

Glen Coleman (glencoleman.net) will facilitate a conversation about thriving and supporting each other in this moment of rapid change. Exponential technological growth, deepening polarization, and worsening mental health highlight the need for this conversation. This is not a debate. Rather, by drawing attention to our personal experiences, we can better appreciate the scale of the disruptions we face and discover ways to help each other — and create a feeling of community.

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. Algunos de los servicios también están disponibles en español.

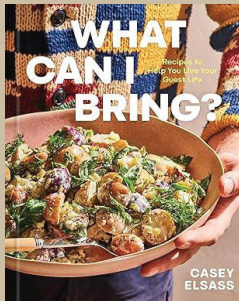
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COOKBOOK CLUB

Thursday, November 6 at 7:00pm

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

This month we will be cooking through *What Can I Bring?: Recipes to Help You Live Your Guest Life* by Casey Elsass. 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.



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 are back this fall with reading about chefs and food professionals! This will be led by librarian Analisa. For more information, email Analisa at acaso@rcls.org.

October 14: *Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten

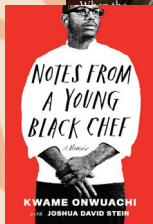
In her long-awaited memoir, Ina Garten shares her personal story with those hungry for a seat at her table.

November 11: *Notes from a Young Black Chef* by Kwame Onwuachi

Kwame Onwuachi's story shines a light on food and culture, not just in American restaurants or African American communities, but around the world.

December 9: *My Life in France* by Julia Child

The bestselling story of Julia's years in France—and the basis for *Julie & Julia*, starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams—in her own words.



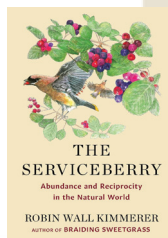
ON THE TRAIL BOOK CLUB

Select Thursdays at 8:30am

at Congers Memorial Park, 8 Gilcrest Rd. in Congers

Put on your walking shoes and join us On the Trail. Get your steps in while discussing fascinating true tales. Bring water & a friend! Our October date will be the last one of the season, so do not miss out! We have loved walking on the trail with you this season! Rain dates will be scheduled, if needed. Decisions will be posted one day prior to the scheduled event.

October 9: *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
As Elizabeth Gilbert writes, Robin Wall Kimmerer is “a great teacher, and her words are a hymn of love to the world.” *The Serviceberry* is an antidote to the broken relationships and misguided goals of our times, and a reminder that “hoarding won’t save us, all flourishing is mutual.”



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+.

October 21: *Horror Movie* by Paul Tremblay

A chilling twist on the “cursed film” genre from the bestselling author of *The Pallbearers Club* and *The Cabin at the End of the World*.

November 18: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

Hurston's classic has since its 1978 reissue become perhaps the most widely read and highly acclaimed novel in the canon of African-American literature.

December 16: *Isola* by Allegra Goodman

Inspired by the real life of a sixteenth-century heroine, *Isola* is the timeless story of a woman fighting for survival.



ADULT (ISH)

because fun has no age limit

programs for adults 18+

Board Game Night

Select Thursdays at 7:00pm

October 30 and November 20

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

Autumn Coloring Night

Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of coloring, music, and relaxation! Supplies and snacks will be provided.



VCWRITES

First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

October 2, November 6, and December 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 acaso@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 FALL PROGRAMS 2025

Family Programs

Take and Make Crafts

Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup! 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.

The Tiny Engineers Club

Saturday, September 20, 12:00-1:30pm

Thursday, October 2, 12:00-2:00pm

Saturday, November 29, 12:00-1:30pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in during the times above and 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). No registration.

Homeschool Meet & Greet

Friday, September 26, 11:00am-12:00pm

All ages. Come for a social hour to meet other homeschooling families and share ideas and resources. Games and art activities will be available.

Give a Kid a Book

Between October 1 and November 1, the Children's Room will collect new, unused books for the Library Association of Rockland County's Youth Services. Books will be given as gifts to children through local charities during the holidays.

Fairy Gardens & Dinosaur Dens

Monday, October 13 at 10:30am

Grades K-5. Join Garden Arts for Kids to learn about different plants, root systems, sedums, seeds and bulbs as you plant them together with rocks, pods, crystals, volcano ash and pixie dust to create a magical home to keep!

Shape Monster Art

Saturday, October 18 from 12:00-1:30pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in and create a fun 'shape monster' art project to take home! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Fun Family Storytime

Monday, October 20* and

Monday, December 1 at 6:30pm

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.

*October 20 is a special glow in the dark storytime!

The Rock 'n' Rollers Halloween Concert

Saturday, October 25 at 11:00am

All ages. Wear your costume as we get in the spirit for Halloween! The Rock 'n' Rollers are a 6-piece rock band for audiences of all ages, playing classic rock as well as some originals. They rehearse and perform under the direction of Music For Life Creative Arts Therapy in Nyack, NY (musicforlifecenter.com).

Fancy Nancy Story & Tea Time

Monday, November 3 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-8 years. Your presence is requested for Story & Tea Time. Come in your most resplendent garments to commemorate the joyous occasion of the 20th anniversary of *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor. *Répondez s'il vous plaît.*

Celebrate Election Day!

Tuesday, November 4 all day

All ages. Drop by the Children's Room to vote for your favorite book character! A chance for children of all ages to be part of the democratic process and get a voting sticker. No registration.

Tape Town

Friday, November 7 at 11:00am OR 2:30pm

(please choose only one time)

Ages 2-6 years. Bring your (miniature) vehicle of choice and explore the masking tape streets of the wonderful world of Tape Town.

School Closing Craft

Tuesday, November 11 all day

Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Drop in all day to create a cool Fall craft. No registration.

2D Shapes Craft

Saturday, November 15, 12:00-1:30pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in and create a fun '2D shape animal' craft to take home! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Food-Free Gingerbread House

Tuesday, December 9 at 5:30pm

[Registration starts December 1 for this program only. Please register for only one Gingerbread program.]

Ages 2-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, food-free 3-D gingerbread house and a gingerbread house sticker sheet to take home! This program is great for families who need to avoid a gingerbread food-based craft.

Make a Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 11 at 5:30pm

OR Saturday, December 13 at 11:00am.

[Registration starts December 1 for this program only. Please register for only one Gingerbread program.]

Ages 3-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, edible gingerbread work of art as a family to take home!

Grandparents' Storytime

Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30am

All ages. Come for a special story time with stories, songs, and a craft.

Drop-In STEAM Building

Monday, December 22, Tuesday, December 23,

Monday, December 29, and Tuesday, December 30 10:00am-2:00pm

Ages 3 and up. Drop in for open play with Magna-Tiles® on Monday, and LEGOs™ and Duplos™ on Tuesday during the holiday break!

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 Grades K-3

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

October 16: *The Wild Robot on the Island* by Peter Brown. We will read the book together, then we will do a maze, play a matching game, and color!

November 20: *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)* by Dan Santat. We will read the book together, talk about it, then we will do a Humpty Dumpty craft!



Fun Fiction: Book Club for Grades 2-4

Wednesday, October 29 at 4:15pm

Geromino Stilton: Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye by Elisabetta Dami. We will discuss the book and play a newspaper scavenger hunt game!



Graphic Novel Nation: Book Club for Grades 3-6

Thursday, November 13 at 4:15pm

Karen's Witch (Baby-Sitters Little Sister Graphic Novel) by Ann M. Martin y Katy Farina. We will discuss the book and then create a witch hat craft!



Registration begins on September 8 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins September 15. 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 10:00am-1:00pm

September 8 – December 29

Ages 5 and under. Meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Autumn Baby Tales

Fridays at 10:30am

September 26 – December 5

(No program October 31 & November 28).

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

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30am

September 30–December 2

(No program October 28 & November 4)

Ages 18-35 mos. w/adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

PreK Fall Storytime

Wednesdays, September 24 – December 3 at

4:30pm (no program October 29 & November 26)

Thursdays, September 25 – December 4 at

10:30am (no program October 30 & November 27)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

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.

Tiny Explorers Library Quest

Monday, September 29 at 4:15pm

Ages 3-5 years. September is Library Card Month!

We'll read *The Library Fish* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli & Gladys Jose, create a library-themed craft, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the library's book drop area with the help of our friends in the Circulation Department.

Ten Apples Up on Top

Monday, October 27 at 10:30am

Ages 3-5 years. Join us for some fun math activities centered on the book, *Ten Apples Up on Top* by Dr. Seuss.

Bilingual Día de los Muertos Storytime

Wednesday, October 29 at 10:30am

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

Zumbini Time with Tina

Mondays, November 10, 17 & 24 at 4:30pm

Ages 5 and under. Come join Zumbini Time With Tina for Zumbini! Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development, best for children ages 0-5 with adult participation. Register separately for each week.

Early Literacy Adventure: Owl Babies

Friday, November 21 at 11:00am

Ages 2.5 - 5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell & Patrick Benson, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills, including ABCs, 123s, colors and shapes.

The Great Give Back Children's Clothing Swap

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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.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! If your child signs up for a library card in September, visit the Children's Room Desk for a special prize!

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

READ TO KAYA THE DOG

Mondays, October 6 & December 8 at 5:30pm

Grades 4-5. Come and make a new friend as you read your favorite book to therapy dog Kaya! Register separately for each program.

AUTUMN WREATH CRAFT

Tuesday, October 7 at 4:30pm

Grades 1-3. Welcome the season with Fall wreath making! We will read *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make a colorful paper wreath to take home.

SCRATCH WITH CODING4KIDS

Tuesdays, October 14, 21 & 28 at 5:30pm

Grades 2-5. Join us for a 3-week series of fun coding classes, where children will create their own games using the popular Scratch program, led by Coding4Kids. Children can bring their own laptop or Chromebook, or borrow the library's if needed. Please plan to attend all 3 classes.

EXPERIMENTS WITH GRAVITY

Monday, October 27 at 5:00pm

Grades K-3. Let's take a good look at the concept of gravity! We'll read *Galileo's Leaning Tower Experiment* by Wendy Macdonald and then try some experiments of our own to see whether our assumptions about gravity match the reality of our conclusions.

HAND-PAINTED TREE CRAFT

Tuesday, November 4 at 3:00pm

Grades 1-4. Let's read *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson and Tiphonie Beeke and paint fall trees. We will trace our hands for our tree base and add colorful leaves using paint brushes and cotton balls. [Note-we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

AUTUMN WELLNESS + TURKEY TAPE ART

Thursday, November 6 at 5:00pm

Grades 2-5. Join Ms. LaToya for a lively game of Movement Bingo, then create a very unique turkey using paint and tape!

DREAMCATCHERS

Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30pm

Grades K-3. As we learn about dreamcatchers, we will catch the bad dreams and let the good dreams pass through by making our very own!

LEGO™ CHALLENGE!

Tuesday, November 18 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.

DONUTS!!!

Thursday, December 4 at 4:15pm

Grades 3-6. We will make, bake, decorate, and eat mini apple donuts!

Registration for our Winter Programs will start on January 7. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 14.

TEEN CORNER

Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

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

ART FUSION

Select Mondays at 5:00pm

Join Art Fusion and make art with fun prompts and challenges. We will explore different styles and mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Bring your own preferred art supplies or use the library's. Program created and run by teen volunteer, Franchesca Luciano.

September 22: Portraits

October 13: Manga Style Drawing

October 20: Beyond the Canvas

November 3: Draw a Buddy

November 17: Vision Boards

December 1: Paint & Pass



MIDDLE SCHOOL CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Select Tuesdays at 4:00pm

September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16

All middle schoolers are invited to participate in our creative writing club! We will engage in fun writing games, prompts, and have the opportunity to discuss our writing. Snacks will be provided.

SUPERNATURAL STORYBOOK CIRCLE

grades 9-12 only

Select Sundays at 3:00pm

This new book club for high school students will dive into exciting works of fantasy, both classic and contemporary. Join the first meeting and cast your vote for the second title we will read! Program created and run by teen volunteer, Madeleine Pence.



September 21: *The Fellowship of the Ring*

by J.R.R. Tolkien

October 19: Member's Choice!

November 16: Member's Choice!

GAME NIGHT

Select Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm

October 8, November 5, and December 10

Come play some awesome board games at the library. Bring your favorite from home or play one of ours. Snacks provided!



SPOOKY SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, October 17

from 5:00-6:30pm

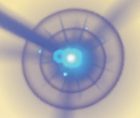
Join us for a Halloween-themed scavenger hunt after-hours! Pizza provided. Please be sure to arrive before the building closes at 5pm.



LASER TAG LOCK IN

Friday, November 21 from 5:00-6:30pm

Have you ever played Capture the Flag? Have you ever played it in the library after dark with a laser? Now's your chance! Pizza provided. Please be sure to arrive before the building closes at 5pm.



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!

Virtual Author Talk Series

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

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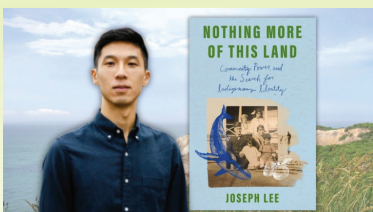
National Museum of the American Latino

Thursday, October 2 at 2:00pm



Award-Winning Journalist, Joseph Lee

Wednesday, November 5 at 2:00pm



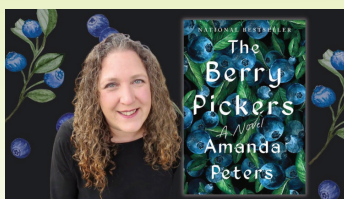
Leigh Bardugo, author of *Shadow and Bones* series

Thursday, October 9 at 7:00pm



Novelist, Amanda Peters

Thursday, November 13 at 7:00pm



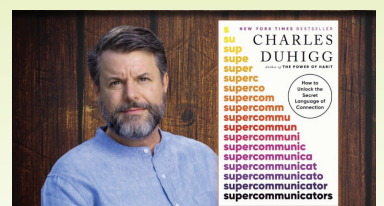
Philippa Gregory

Wednesday, October 29 at 2:00pm



Supercommunicator, Charles Duhigg

Tuesday, November 18 at 2:00pm



MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES AT 1:00PM

OCTOBER 13

A Real Pain

2024 | R | 1h 30m



OCTOBER 20

Cesar Chavez

2014 | PG-13 | 1h 42m



OCTOBER 27

Frida

2002 | R | 2h 3m



NOVEMBER 10

The Phoenician Scheme

2025 | PG-13 | 1h 41m



NOVEMBER 17

Snow White

2025 | PG | 1h 49m



NOVEMBER 24

The Wedding Plan

2016 | PG | 1h 50m



DECEMBER 1

Captain America: Brave New World

2025 | PG-13 | 1h 58m



DECEMBER 8

Housekeeping for Beginners

2024 | R | 1h 47m



DECEMBER 15

The Ballad of Wallis Island

2025 | PG-13 | 1h 39m



DECEMBER 22

Joy

2015 | PG-13 | 2h 4m



DECEMBER 29

Ordinary Angels

2024 | PG | 1h 58m



Sunday Concerts at 1:30pm

October 26: Masterwork Conversations: Shall We Dance?

Presented by pianists Matthew Harrison and Vlada Yaneva. Moving to music is a primal instinct, a basic need to feel and move and express ourselves. From the pulse of our heart to the beat of our feet, we are guided by rhythm and inspired by melody. We dance alone, with a partner, and in long connected circles. We have always danced, we always will. In a matter of seconds, we can be transported from the dance floor to Buenos Aires, and moments later to another time with its formal Baroque steps. We might be flying and turning with a partner swept up in a Viennese Waltz, or jumping and stomping in a Polish village to a lively mazurka. Join us as our fingers dance across eighty-eight keys and feel the urge to perhaps stand up yourself and take a step or two . . . shall we dance?



November 2: Art Song and Opera Aria Appreciation with Matthew Marano

Part performance and part presentation, this appreciation class will break down a few components of what makes art song and opera aria so delicate, grandiose, and beautiful. We will touch briefly on the historical context, the musical context and the emotional psychological and human aspect of the music. In addition, I will be performing each of the songs that are talked about in the PowerPoint as well as additional music. So this will be a more immersive way of understanding, opera arias, and art songs through presentation and performance.



November 16: Classical Guitar with Jack Marcin

Jack Marcin Wisniewski is a Polish guitarist and composer whose musical journey began with a rescued guitar in 2000. He earned a Master's degree in classical guitar performance from the City University of New York and received a Fulbright Scholarship for music therapy research in Switzerland, where he collaborated with the Orchestra Mangolinistica di Lugano. As the bandleader of Grupo Aurora, he has been a vital force in New York's Latin music scene, blending traditional and contemporary sounds. In 2023 and 2024, he completed a world tour through Switzerland, Italy, USA, and Poland, submitted his recording Lágrima for Grammy nomination, and released his first CD, Clásico. His work has involved collaborations with the Polish Consulate in New York, The Ukrainian Institute Of America, and the Kosciuszko Foundation, showcasing his dedication to cultural diplomacy through music.

Get the latest news about Jack on social media @thejackmarcin | www.thejackmarcin.com



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 6, 10am - 4pm

we are still accepting vendor applications

We are still 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@rcfs.org. No phone calls please. **Submission deadline is Monday, November 3.** If accepted, the price for a space is \$30.

Join us for a fabulous display of local craftsmanship and talent and get some gift shopping done while you're here. Items for all budgets will be available.

IN OUR GALLERY

OCTOBER: LISA D'AMICO

Sonic Heroines

Art Reception

Tuesday

October 7

6:00-7:30pm



NOVEMBER:

JULIA

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Dream



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

DECEMBER: LYNN LAUBER

Faces of Nature

Art Reception:

Wednesday

December 10

4-6:00pm



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Valley Cottage Library Board of Trustees invites you to apply to become a Valley Cottage Library trustee. As a seven-member volunteer 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. Two seats will be open for election at the Annual Association meeting scheduled for **January 21, 2026 at 7:30pm**.

To apply, email a letter of interest and resume to vltrustees@rcls.org. Letters of interest and resumes received by October 10 will allow for the candidate to meet the Board at an upcoming Board meeting. The final deadline for letter of interest and resume submission is December 31, 2025. All candidates will be emailed an informational packet. If you need further information, please contact Christy Blanchette, Library Director.

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet October 15, November 19, and December 17 at 7:30pm. The public is invited. Visit valleycottage library.org to confirm the dates in the event of a schedule or venue change.

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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:

Thanksgiving Eve - close at 1pm

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Eve - close at 1pm

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