

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.

The Board of Trustees and Staff of Valley Cottage Library wish our wonderful community Happy Holidays and a healthy, joyful New Year!

V = VIRTUAL PROGRAM H = HYBRID PROGRAM

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

I Have a Dream Day

featuring an ice carving demonstration

Celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr at the Library. A 'peace' ice sculpture will be carved live on the Library patio by local ice artist Robert Patalano of the Rockland Lake Ice Company. Following the carving, there will be a performance of the 'Black National Anthem' sung by Chad Jean Marie. Children can decorate an MLK peace heart in the Children's Room.

Cider and cookies will be served. Indoor and outdoor space available for watching the carving demonstration. Everyone welcome. (Snow date Saturday, January 21)

**Monday,
January 16
12:00pm**



Brooklyn Demme Restorative Screening & Discussion Events: Mother's Day and The Place Where People Gather

2 Thursdays: March 16 & 23 at 6:30pm

The film *Mother's Day* comes from the Lenape relatives to the North, Kanienkahaka/Mohawk and will be screened on March 16. It explores the idea that "every day is mother's day" for our individual mothers as well as for Mother Earth. Brooklyn's Lenape documentary, *The Place Where People Gather* will be screened on Thursday, March 23.

Each screening will be followed by a discussion with Brooklyn Demme.

Virtual Author Talk Series **V**

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

Namina Forna, *The Guilded Ones Series*

Thursday, January 12 at 2:00pm

Dana K. White, *Decluttering to Start Your New Year*

Tuesday, January 17 at 2:00pm

Randall Munroe, *What if? 2*

Tuesday, January 31 at 2:00pm



Lana Harper, *Back in a Spell*

Thursday, February 9 at 7:00pm

Grace M. Cho, *Tastes Like War*

Thursday, February 16 at 1:00pm

Cassandra Clare, *The Mortal Instruments Series*

Tuesday, February 28 at 8:00pm



ADULT PROGRAMS



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Scholar Led Book Discussions THURSDAYS AT 7:00PM

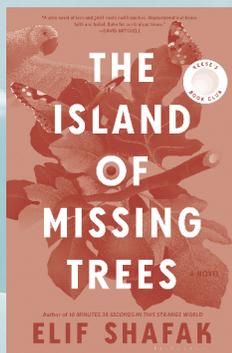
January 12: *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

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

Two teenagers, a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot, meet at a taverna on the island they both call home. In the taverna, hidden beneath garlands of garlic, chili peppers and creeping honeysuckle, Kostas and Defne grow in their forbidden love for each other. A fig tree stretches through a cavity in the roof, and this tree bears witness to their hushed, happy meetings and eventually, to their silent, surreptitious departures. The tree is there when war breaks out, when the capital is reduced to ashes and rubble, and when the teenagers vanish. Decades later, Kostas returns. He is a botanist looking for native species, but really, he's searching for lost love.

Years later a *Ficus carica* grows in the back garden of a house in London where Ada Kazantzakis lives. This tree is her only connection to an island she has never visited--- her only connection to her family's troubled history and her complex identity as she seeks to untangle years of secrets to find her place in the world.

A moving, beautifully written, and delicately constructed story of love, division, transcendence, history, and eco-consciousness, *The Island of Missing Trees* is Elif Shafak's best work yet.

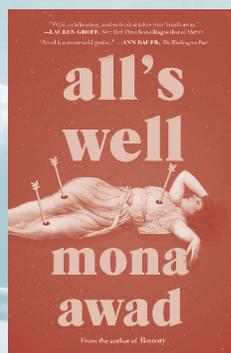


March 9: *All's Well* by Mona Awad

Led by David Turk, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Nyack College.

Miranda Fitch's life is a waking nightmare. The accident that ended her burgeoning acting career left her with excruciating chronic back pain, a failed marriage, and a deepening dependence on painkillers. And now, she's on the verge of losing her job as a college theater director. Determined to put on Shakespeare's *All's Well That Ends Well*, the play that promised and cost her everything, she faces a mutinous cast hellbent on staging *Macbeth* instead. Miranda sees her chance at redemption slip through her fingers.

That's when she meets three strange benefactors who have an eerie knowledge of Miranda's past and a tantalizing promise for her future: one where the show goes on, her rebellious students get what's coming to them, and the invisible doubted pain that's kept her from the spotlight is made known.



Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries

Saturday, January 14 at 1:00pm

A humorous look at our everyday lives based on selections adapted from the writings of Erma Bombeck, Delia & Nora Ephron, Jerry Seinfeld and Judith Viorst. Our mature troupe is composed of senior theater lovers, who have been involved in many aspects of Elmwood Playhouse in Nyack for many years.

Featuring: Maxine Bernstein, Ginny Borton, Ralph Bowers, & Gail Fleur. Conceived, produced, & directed by Candy Pittari & Gail Fleur.

Discussion of Soulmates & Strangers with author, Judy Umlas

Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00pm

Join author Judy Umlas in a discussion about her book, *Soulmates & Strangers* and her journey to self-publishing.



Special Limited Series

Online Gentle Yoga with Betsy Ceva

8 Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 at 11:00am

Join Betsy Ceva to gently explore and tune into the body with a meditative frame of mind while increasing flexibility, strength, and well-being. Betsy's classes incorporate a strong but gentle physical practice, deep attention to breath and a weaving of meditation and inner awareness into every moment and movement.

Have a mat or a large towel and wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing. No experience needed. This is a virtual program and registration is required to receive a Zoom link.

Writing Children's Picture Books

6 Tuesdays: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 7:30pm

Do you love picture books and have always wanted to write one? In 6 sessions you'll learn the ins and outs of the creative process along with the basic elements of writing for this genre which will result in a completed manuscript.

Join local author, Marie Monteagudo, in a 6-session workshop. Attendance to all 6 sessions is required.

Celebrate International Women with Debra Weiss Dance Company

3 Wednesdays: March 1, 8, & 15 at 6:30pm

Celebrate the dance, music, and poetry of women from the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia! The workshop is made up of 3 weekly sessions (March 1, 8, and 15). The first two sessions will be dance workshops, in which Artistic Director Debra Weiss will teach participants dances from Africa and Latin America. The sessions will include a dance warm up and cool down. The third week will be a performance with dance by Debra Weiss. The workshop participants will join Debra for two dance numbers making this program a true community celebration!

Yarn Therapy

Tuesdays at 11:30am

If you like to knit or crochet, join our "therapy" sessions. Bring your yarn and tools. Come on in to knit, crochet, and socialize. Bring friends or meet new people. Remote option available to those who prefer not to attend in-person.

If you require a remote login, contact Caroline at cpape@rcls.org at least 1 hour prior.

Defensive Driving Class

Friday, February 3 at 10:15am-4:45pm

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.

A check for \$30 made payable to Ian Prastien is required to attend class.

Preregistration is required. Please visit the library to pay and register.

Winter Sowing with the Nyack Garden Club

Tuesday, February 7 at 1:00pm

Learn the valuable skill of winter sowing. The perfect practice for those with limited indoor space and the desire to easily grow plants from seeds.

Retrospective:

Spirit of a People:

Collette V. Fournier 

Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30pm

Collette V. Fournier's "Retrospective: Spirit of a People" is a historic embodiment of four decades of her photography archives. The hour and a half presentation with a Q & A takes the viewer from black and white to color imagery and from film to digital capture. Fournier's serial works explore themes of The Amistad: From Mystic Seaport to Nova Scotia, Post Hurricane Katrina, Travels to West Africa, and her community. Registration is required to receive a Zoom link.

Shelf Indulgence

Book Club

Select Tuesdays at 2:00pm

New month, new genre! Join Anya and Megan the second Tuesday of every month at 2pm in person OR via Zoom to indulge in a good book while exploring different genres of literature.

January 10: Animal Fiction

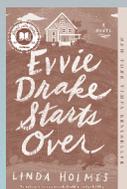
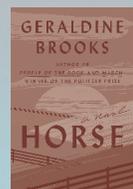
Gallop into the new year with Pulitzer winner Geraldine Brook's latest book *Horse*.

February 14: Uplift

Celebrate the day of love with popular romantic comedy *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes.

March 14: Dystopian Fiction

Slip into the surreal with speculative debut *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan.



Telling Your Story:

Memoir Writing for Beginners

Saturday, February 11 at 1:00pm

Local resident and personal historian/biographer, Alan Bergman will help participants bring their memories and stories to the forefront and capture them as narrative. Participants should bring a notebook and a photograph or object that they can write about.

Going Going Gone:

What the Next Generation Won't Remember

Thursday, March 2 at 1:00pm

During the past 20 years, we've gained smartphones, GPSs, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook and many other services and devices. However, we've also lost some things that we've grown up with. Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta will take a walk down memory lane and talk about products that are either disappearing, or completely obsolete.

Audience participation is greatly encouraged! You may also bring your old items for "Show & Tell!"

Cosmic Smashbooking

Monday, March 20 at 2:00pm

Cosmic Smashbooking™ is a healing, intentional art form that is used to connect with Inner Wisdom. This mixed media form of art journaling is easy & accessible with basic supplies and found objects from around your home. Come learn the basics and create your first Smashbook. No prior experience required. A supply list will be provided with registration.

THE BOOK AND PUB CLUB

Select Tuesdays at 7 PM

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

January 17

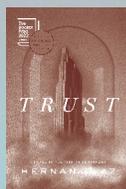
Trust by Hernan Diaz at Prohibition River, 82 Main St. in Nyack.

February 21

Nightcrawling by Leila Mottley at The Henry, 100 Main St. in Nyack.

March 21

Tell Me an Ending by Jo Harkin at TBD.



Curious Crafters

Last Monday of the month

January 30 at 7pm

February 27 at 7pm

March 27 at 7pm

Looking for company while your hands are busy with yarn or textiles? Join us for a knitting/crocheting/sewing/fiber arts session to share your projects and hangout. All are welcome!



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ADULT (ISH)

because fun has no age limit 

programs for adults 18+

Board Game Night

Thursday, January 26 at 7:00pm

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

Mixtape Music Bingo

Thursday, February 23 at 7:00pm

Time to hit rewind on your music knowledge with Megan and Anya. Listen to song clips, match them to your Bingo card, and you could win a cool prize!



VCWRITES

Thursdays at 7:00pm

January 5, February 2, March 2

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

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am – 1:00pm
January 9 – March 27

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

Winter Babies

Fridays at 10:30am
Session I: January 20 – February 10
Session II: March 3 – March 24

Ages 2 mos.-12 mos. or pre-walkers with adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each session.



Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30am
Session I: January 19 – February 16
Session II: March 2 – March 23

Ages 13-35 mos. or walkers with adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each session.

PreK Storytime

Session I: Tuesdays at 10:30am
January 31, February 7 & 14
Session II: Wednesdays at 4:30pm
March 1, 8, 15

Ages 3-5 years. (Children must be 3 years old by the start of the session.) Weekly storytimes with great books, songs and a craft! Parents & siblings welcome! Register separately for each session.

Finding a Friend: A Winter Mystery Game

Tuesday, January 24 at 10:30am
Ages 3-5 years. Oh no! A blizzard in the library has covered everything in snow! Let's solve some puzzles using ABCs, 123s, colors, and shapes to dig out of the "snow" and maybe discover a special friend along the way.

Musical Munchkins

Mondays, January 30 & February 6 at 10:30am
Ages 1-5 years with adult. Join Miss Joanne for a fun filled introduction to music! She'll bring her guitar and lots of instruments, props and puppets, all designed to nurture children's love of music through singing and movement.

Play-Doh™ Math Club

Monday, March 6 at 4:30pm
Ages 3-5 years. Let's have fun using Play-Doh™ to make some favorite wintry things, then we'll share them with the group. We'll also use Play-Doh™ to make patterns and pieces to do some simple math.

Yoga and Music Play

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, & 21
10:30am: ages 3-5 years
11:15am: ages 18 months-35 months with adult

Join Michelle Solomon for a blend of music and yoga using animal poses. Children will enjoy movement, singing, playing instruments, and more in this lively program.



Family Programs

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Ages 12 and under. Win a prize each month for finding the seasonal shape (sleds, cars, planets, etc.) 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 to do at home! Send a picture of your completed craft to vcikids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. Crafts available while supplies last.

Winter Crafts at the Library

Ages 3 and up with adult(s).
Drop in all day - no registration.

Monday, January 16: Decorate a Martin Luther King Jr. Day peace heart.
February 7 – 14: Create a Valentine for someone you love.

Celebrate 'Take Your Child to the Library Day' with a Magic Show!

Saturday, February 4 at 11:00am

Ages 3 and up. The Magic Conductor's Reading Adventure: Join Steve the Magic Conductor to help search for clues to solve The Dining Car Mystery in this interactive magic show! Children will become Junior Train Engineers and watch in awe as everything aboard the dining car from spoons to a pitcher of milk are used in illusions, all to bring us one step closer to solving the mystery.

Teddy Bear Stories

Monday, February 13 at 6:30pm
Ages 2 and up with adult(s). PJs are optional! Bring your favorite snuggly friend for this fun Family Storytime.

Winter Carnival

Saturday, March 4, 10:00am – 1:00pm
All ages with adult(s). Welcome to a carnival in the winter. We will have mini golf, ring toss, bowling, and much more. We also can't forget, the POPCORN!!!

Bunny's Book Club

Monday, March 20 at 4:30pm
Ages 3-7 years. Celebrate the beginning of Spring with Ms. Jen! We'll read *Bunny's Book Club*, then we'll make a bunny craft. We'll also check out the library's book drop and take a tour of the Children's Room.



Registration for programs January 2 through March 25 begins on January 2 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins January 13. Registration is required for all programs (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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Grades K-3

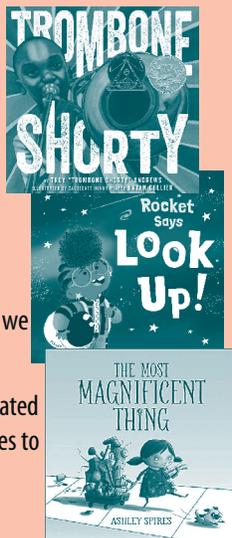
Select Thursdays at 4:30pm

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

January 12: *Trombone Shorty* by Troy Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier. Let us learn about music, then create a musical instrument of our own. (Reg. begins Jan. 2 for all patrons for this program.)

February 2: *Rocket Says Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon, illustrated by Dapo Adeola. Rocket says look up and look up we shall, then we will create a rocket ship to send to the stars!

March 2: *The Most Magnificent Thing* written and illustrated by Ashley Spires. We will enjoy reading about a girl who loves to build, then WE will get to building.



Graphic Novel Nation: Book Clubs for Grades 3-6

Select Thursdays at 4:30pm

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

January 19: *Dog Man* written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey. We will be introduced to Dog Man and do some superhero activities.

February 9: *Twins* by Varian Johnson, illustrated by Shannon Wright. Twin sisters are running against each other for class president. Why do you think you should be class president? Let's debate!

March 9: *The Witch Boy* written and illustrated by Molly Knox Ostertag. Sure, we all want to be a witch like Aster, but of course we need to learn some magic tricks first!



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

FUN WITH TESSELLATIONS

Ages 5 and up. What is a Tessellation? A tessellation is a combination of shapes that fit together perfectly without any gaps. The result is a symmetric design of repeating patterns, similar to a jigsaw puzzle. Every month the Children's Room will have a new tessellation project ready for pickup for children to do at home on their own anytime! Send a picture of your completed tessellation to vclkids@rcls.org by the end of that month to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Tessellations available while supplies last.)

ATTACK ON THE FORT!

Wednesday, January 18 at 4:30pm

Grades 2-5. Like the ancient Trojans and Greeks, we'll build forts and catapults and then have a friendly pom pom battle.

LEGO™ CHALLENGE

Select Mondays at 5:00pm

January 23 & March 13

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

GROUNDHOG GETS A SAY

Wednesday, January 25 at 5:00pm

Grades K-2. In preparation for Groundhog Day, we'll read *Groundhog Gets a Say*, then take a close look at how groundhogs live in burrows.

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS PROGRAM

Select Tuesdays at 4:30pm

January 31, February 28, March 21

Grades 1-3. Join Ms. Elizabeth at the library to make a fun craft together! Register separately for each session. [Note: we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

HOW TO CATCH A SNOWMAN

Tuesday, February 7 at 5:00pm

Grades K-3. Join Ms. Jen to read *How to Catch a Snowman* by Adam Wallace and Andy Elkerton, then plan and build your own snowman trap, and share it with the group!

ELECTRIC VALENTINES

Wednesday, February 8 at 5:00pm

Grades 3-5. Make a Valentine card for someone special that will light up once you create an electric circuit!

VALENTINE SWEETS

Tuesday, February 14

4:30pm: Grades K-2

5:15pm: Grades 3-5

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

LEGO™ CHALLENGE, FAMILY STYLE

Wednesday, February 22 at 5:00pm

Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks with your grownups and siblings on a group project! Share your creation with the group and then LEGO™ creations will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

ESCAPE QUEST

Thursday, March 23 at 5:00pm

Grades 2-5. Come join the mystery adventure of an escape quest where you will work as a team to discover clues, solve puzzles, complete tasks and have fun!



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.

The Valley Cottage Library is a proud champion of Nyack Basics!



Registration for our Spring Programs, March 26 - June 16, will start on March 15.

TEEN CORNER

Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

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

TEEN ART TIME

Starting December 22nd, come by the Teen Corner any time between 3 and 5pm on Thursdays to check out our brand new Teen Art Cart, relax, and enjoy some free crafting time.



TEEN MOVIE NIGHTS

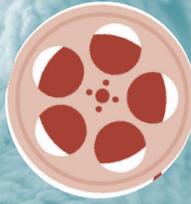
Select Mondays at 6:30pm

Come see some movies on the big screen! Popcorn provided.

January 9th: Shazam! (PG-13)

February 6th: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)

March 6th: Isle of Dogs (PG-13)



FREE BOARD GAME NIGHT

Mondays from 7-8:30pm

January 16th, February 13th, March 13th

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

Tuesdays from 4-5pm

January 10th, February 14th, March 14th

All middle schoolers are invited to participate in our graphic novel club. Join us for our December meeting, where we will be discussing *Snapdragon* by Kat Leyh and vote for our next read! Snacks will be provided.

LIVE CLUE

Tuesday, February 21st from 6pm-7:30pm

We will play a live-action version of the classic board game Clue!

Can you guess whodunit? Pizza will be provided.

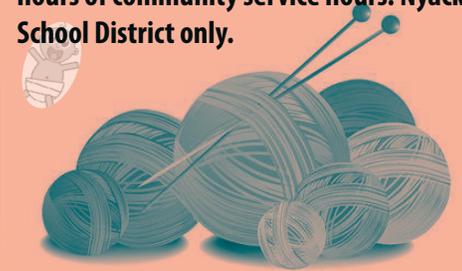
3-LINE ROMANCE CHALLENGE!

Submit a three-sentence love story on the VCL Teens webpage to enter the contest. The winner will receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card and be featured on our Instagram! Visit VCL Teens online for guidelines and submission information.

VCL'S WARM UP YOUR NEIGHBOR PROJECT

Through March

Help your neighbors in need and earn community service hours at the same time. Donate a hand-knitted or crocheted scarf or hat and receive a letter for 10 hours of community service hours. Nyack School District only.



LASER TAG LOCK-IN

Friday, March 10th from 5-6:30pm

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 will be provided. *Permission Form Required*

Sunday Concerts at 1:30pm

Registration is required.

Young Masters Recital Series, founded by Carole Brill

Kyle Walker

January 22

Kyle is currently touring with a solo performance project entitled *Back to BlackNotes*, which features works of J.S. Bach juxtaposed with music of neglected composers who speak to issues of oppression and inequality.



Michael Noble &

Colin Brookes

February 5

"Elegant, stylish, and powerful" pianist, Michael Noble, will perform with "master of strong lines" concert violist, Colin Brookes.



Margarita Rovenskaya

March 19

Pianist Margarita Rovenskaya has performed extensively in the US and abroad, with recitals in Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall, Steinway Hall, Merkin Hall at the Kaufman Center, Zimmerli Museum, Ukrainian Museum, Teatro Machiavelli in Sicily, and Salmagundi Art Gallery, among others.



Grandpa Band

January 8

We love keeping old time rock and roll, blues, rockabilly, C & W, standards, and folk alive.



ITAY GOREN

March 26

As a piano soloist with orchestras Itay performed Concerti by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Liszt and Rachmaninoff. Past season performances included Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto with the Plainfield Symphony conducted by Charles Prince.



MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES AT 1:00PM

January 9

Where the Crawdads Sing

2022 | PG-13 | 2h 5m
Kya is a young woman who raised herself in the North Carolina marshlands after being abandoned there by her mother when she was a little girl. She feels detached from the small-town community near the marshes until two men show interest in her. However, when one of them later dies, she becomes the town's prime suspect.



January 23

Knives Out

2019 | PG-13 | 2h 10m
A detective investigates the death of the patriarch of an eccentric, combative family.



February 6

Farewell Amor

2020 | Unrated | 1h 35m
Reunited after 17 years, an Angolan immigrant is joined in the U.S. by his wife and daughter. Now strangers sharing a one-bedroom apartment, they discover a shared love of dance that may help them overcome the distance between them.



February 20

A Ballerina's Tale

2015 | Unrated | 1h 25m
A feature documentary on African American ballerina Misty Copeland that examines her prodigious rise, her potentially career ending injury alongside themes of race and body image in the elite ballet world.



March 6

Death on the Nile

2022 | PG-13 | 2h 7m
While on vacation on the Nile, Hercule Poirot must investigate the murder of a young heiress.



IN OUR GALLERY

January

Storytellers from Nyack and Nearby

Curated and recently displayed at the Historical Society of the Nyacks

Children's books by 14 Authors and Illustrators:

Jon Agee · Barbara Brenner · Carson McCullers
Beth Goff · Berta & Elmer Hader
Helen Hayes · Ben Hecht · Yaroslava Mills
Toni Morrison · Paul Peabody · Elizabeth Sayles
Mindy Warshaw Skolsky · Michael Witte



February

Denis Tanney



March

J. Eric Seward



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

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VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

You are invited to our annual Association meeting scheduled for **January 18, 2023 at 7:30pm.**

As an association library, we are a not-for-profit educational corporation supported by the public and administered by a seven-member Board of Trustees. Each year one or two trustees' 5-year terms end at which time the incumbent can run again and an eligible association member can also apply. An eligible association member is any registered voter residing in Valley Cottage. At this time, two seats are open for election; nominations will be posted on the library website following the December 31, 2022 deadline. At this meeting Association members will also vote on proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Association and approve the operating budget.

BUDGET VOTE

The library's **budget vote** will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023** from 10am-9pm. The public will be asked to vote on a modest increase for both the Nyack and Valley Cottage Library's budgets. A budget information session will take place on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023** at 7pm at the Valley Cottage Library. All eligible voters in the Nyack School District are eligible to vote. As someone invested in the Library's future we hope you'll make a stop at the Library to cast your vote. If you are unsure of your poll location, please call the Valley Cottage Library at 845-268-7700 or Nyack Library at 845-358-3370 x 218.

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